



Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Time	Fundamentals/ Family (HYATT: Grand B-D)	Special Sessions/Business (HYATT: Grand A)	Removal
Registration: 7:00 am-8:00 pm (Marriott: Pacific Ballroom Foyer), Exhibit Hall: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Marriott: Pacific Ballroom)			
8:00 am–9:00 am	Introducing Essential Terms and Concepts	Overcoming Perfectionism and Procrastination in Immigration Practice (Wellness)	
9:00 am–9:30 am	Networking Break		
9:30 am–10:30 am	The Alphabet Soup of Nonimmigrant Visas: Part I	The Business Case for Global Immigration: Building a Practice Beyond Borders	
10:30 am–11:00 am	Networking Break		
11:00 am–12:00 pm	The Alphabet Soup of Nonimmigrant Visas: Part II	The Ethical & Strategic Dimensions of Marketing and Business Development (Ethics)	
12:00 pm–1:30 pm	Lunch Break		
1:30 pm–2:30 pm	Family-Based Immigration	Immigrants' List Panel: The Political Landscape for Immigration (Not CLE Eligible)	
2:30 pm–4:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Happy Hour (Marriott: Pacific Ballroom)		
4:00 pm–6:30 pm	Chapter Events (Marriott)		
6:30 pm–7:30 pm	TPS & Parole Programs: Current Status & Strategies for our Clients (HYATT: Grand A)	Visa Solutions for Streamers, Gamers, and Content Creators (MARRIOTT: San Diego AB)	Ethics in Removal Proceedings: Protecting Your Practice (Ethics) (HYATT: Grand B-D)
7:30 pm–8:00 pm	Networking Break		
8:00 pm–9:00 pm	Complex Naturalization: When to File, When to Wait, and When Not to File (HYATT: Grand A)	AI at the Gates: How AI is Reshaping Business Immigration Processing (Technology) (MARRIOTT: San Diego AB)	Motions to Reopen, Reconsider, and Remand (HYATT: Grand B-D)



Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time	Fundamentals (HYATT: Coronado)	Business (MARRIOTT: Grand Ballroom)	Removal (HYATT: Grand B-D)	Family (HYATT: Grand A)	Special Sessions (MARRIOTT: San Diego AB)
Registration: 7:00 am-4:00 pm (Marriott: Pacific Ballroom Foyer), Exhibit Hall: 7:00 am - 5:30 pm (Marriott: Pacific Ballroom)					
7:30 am–8:30 am	Marriage-Based Adjustment of Status	A Business Immigration Lawyer’s Guide to Removal Defense	Nuts and Bolts of the Administrative Procedures Act & Mandamus	Detention for Family-Based Practitioners	Consular Practice - Services for U.S. Citizens
8:30 am–9:00 am	Networking Break				
9:00 am–10:00 am	Consular Processing Part I: Nonimmigrant Visas	Surviving the Storm: Strategic Status Preservation	Advanced Trial Skills: Preparing for Individual Merits Hearings	My Adjustment of Status has been Denied, Now What?	Using Immigration History to Address Today’s Challenges and Plan for the Future
10:00 am–10:30 am	Networking Break				
10:30 am–11:30 am	Consular Processing Part II: Immigrant Visas	Getting to Green Card: Retaining Talent in a Shifting Legal Landscape	Challenging Unlawful Arrests and Preserving Due Process in Immigration Court	Challenging Racial Bias and Discrimination in Enforcement (Bias)	Make Your Voice Heard: Get Involved in AILA’s Political Engagement (Not CLE Eligible)
11:30 am–1:30 pm	Lunch & Exhibit Hall Break (MARRIOTT: Pacific Ballroom)				
1:30 pm–5:30 pm	Naturalization: Completing the Immigration Journey Ends at 2:30 pm	Plenary: President's Address and Keynote Hot Topics with AILA National Officers (Marriott Grand Ballroom)			
5:45 pm–7:15 pm	Membership Meeting and Awards (HYATT: Coronado Ballroom, 4th floor) (In Person Only, Not CLE Eligible)				



Friday, June 19, 2026

Time	Fundamentals (HYATT: Coronado)	Business (MARRIOTT: San Diego AB)	Removal (HYATT: Grand B-D)	Family (HYATT: Grand A)	Agency Updates (MARRIOTT: Grand Ballroom)	Business Strategy Track (MARRIOTT: Marina FG)
Registration: 7:00 am-4:00 pm (Marriott: Pacific Ballroom Foyer), Exhibit Hall: 7:30 AM - 4:30 pm (Marriott: Pacific Ballroom)						
8:00 am–9:00 am	Employment Compliance and Worksite Enforcement	“Made in America” Increasing U.S. Immigration	Navigating the Complexities of Mental Illness in Removal Proceedings	Trust but Verify: Navigating FOIA Requests, Fraud Risks & Ethical Boundaries (Ethics)	DOS	EB-5 Regional Center Updates: Preparing for the September 2026 Deadline
9:00 am–9:30 am	Networking Break					
9:30 am–10:30 am	Introduction to I-9 Compliance	Drafting Successful PERMs for Unique Roles	Who is Even Eligible for Bond Anymore?	Juneteenth 2026: More Than Free, Black Immigration Lawyers on Power, Purpose, and Persistence (Not CLE Eligible)	CBP	Beyond the H-1B: Strategic Use of the J-1 Visa for Employers and Professionals
10:30 am–11:00 am	Networking Break					
11:00 am–12:00 pm	Professional NIVs: An Overview of H-1B and Its Alternatives	Navigating F-1 Maintenance, Travel, and Renewals in a Shifting Landscape	Immigration Policy a Year into Trump’s Second Term: What’s Happening and Where We’re Headed	Intricacies of LGBTQ+ Family-Based Cases (Bias)	DOL	H-1B at a Crossroads
12:00 pm–1:30 pm	Lunch and Exhibit Hall Break (MARRIOTT, Pacific Ballroom)					
1:30 pm–2:30 pm	Employment-Based Immigrants: The Preference Categories	At the Embassy: Recent Trends	Habeas Corpus: Challenging Prolonged or Unlawful Detention	The Interview Tango: Leading, Following & Knowing When to Step Off	USCIS	Beyond <i>Kazarian</i> and <i>Dhanasar</i> : Winning Strategies in EB-1 and EB-2 NIWs
2:30 pm–3:00 pm	Networking Break					
3:00 pm–4:00 pm	PERM I: Basic Concepts and Essential Steps for Filing	The Disappearing Visa: When USCIS Approval Isn’t the Endgame	What is Going on at the BIA?	USCIS Suspects Your Client of Marriage Fraud: Now What?	EOIR	Harnessing the H-2B Visa Program to Solve Labor Shortages
4:00 pm–4:30 pm	Networking Break					
4:30 pm–5:30 pm		Who Wants to be an Immigration Law Millionaire? (In Person Only)	The Defender’s Complicated Toolbox	Ethically Practicing Family-Based Immigration in a Hostile Policy Environment (Ethics)	ICE	
7:00 pm–9:30 pm	The American Immigration Council's Immigration Impact Awards (separate registration required) (HYATT: Coronado Ballroom, 4th floor)					



Saturday, June 20, 2026

Time	Fundamentals (Marriott: Marina DE)	Business (MARRIOTT: Grand Ballroom)	Removal (HYATT: Grand B-D)	Family (HYATT: Grand A)	Special Sessions (MARRIOTT: San Diego AB)	Humanitarian (MARRIOTT: Marina FG)
Registration: Closed, Exhibit Hall: 7:30 am - 1:00 pm (Marriott: Pacific Ballroom)						
8:00 am–9:00 am	PERM II: Preparing for the I-140	Port Pressure and Scrutiny: Latest Trends in CBP and Visa Adjudications	Understanding and Challenging Third-Country Removals	Citizenship by Law or Legacy	Reacting to Mistakes with Emotional Intelligence (Wellness)	Advanced VAWA Practice
9:00 am–9:15 am	Networking Break					
9:15 am–10:15 am	Removal I: Essentials of Immigration Court Practice	Strategic Responses to USCIS Employment-Based Denials	Analyzing Criminal Convictions for Immigration Consequences	Family Reunification After Deportation	Next-Gen Immigration Operations: From Intake Bots to Approval Forecasts (Technology)	Making Us & Ts Work for You
10:15 am–10:45 am	Networking Break					
10:45 am–11:45 am	Removal II: Immigration Court Procedure	Form I-9 and E-Verify: Avoiding Compliance Pitfalls and Discrimination Liability	Strategies to Avoid Expedited Removal	Complex Age-Out Issues & Derivative Child Eligibility	Protecting and Defending Your Client - and Yourself!	CAT: What Else is There When Asylum and Withholding of Removal are Barred?
11:45 am–12:45 pm	Lunch Break					
12:45 pm–1:45 pm	Asylum I: Overview	Government Knocking: Preparing for FDNS, DOL, and ICE Visits	Parade of Horribles: Federal Statutes that Punish Immigration Status Violations	Complex Affidavits of Support	From Law Degree to LawGPT: Building Your Own AI Co-Counsel (Technology)	Asylum: Defining and Refining Political Opinion and Particular Social Groups
1:45 pm–2:00 pm	Networking Break					
2:00 pm–3:00 pm	Asylum II: Mechanics of an Asylum Application	Evolving or Regressing? What Agency Guidance Really Means in 2026		Targeted Attacks Against Child Victims: Combating Allegations of Fraud	Duty of Care and Tools for Remaining Healthy in the Current Regulatory Climate (Wellness)	TRIG and Other Criminal Bars to Asylum
3:30 pm–10:00 pm	Saturday Night Party at the Zoo (San Diego Zoo-shuttles provided, separate registration required)					