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Prior to entering private practice, Robert served as a child advocate with the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights and later worked with the American Bar Association's South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project, assisting unaccompanied minors seeking legal protection in the United States. He was subsequently selected as one of the first Justice AmeriCorps attorney fellows and

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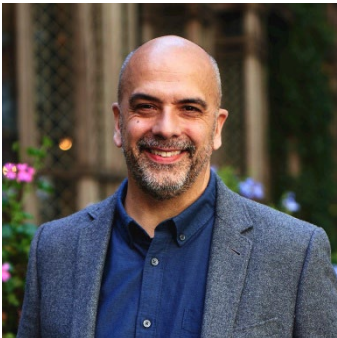
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James studied particle physics and electrical sciences at Cambridge University and holds patents involving neural networks, natural language understanding (NLU), and pragmatic AI. For more than 30 years, his international law practice has focused on consular and immigration matters involving technology startups, entertainment, customs, and taxation. Through his writing, speaking, and podcasts, he explores the intersection of law, emerging technology, and individual rights, with an emphasis on practical and accountable uses of AI.

A recipient of multiple AILA Presidential Commendation Awards and the 2026 National Technology and Innovation Award, James is also co-founder of the AI venture BorderBrain.com His work is grounded in a simple premise: technology should remain a tool in the service of human judgment and justice.



Larry Drumm founded Drumm Immigration Law in 2024. He is a regular AILA speaker on business immigration and advises companies and individuals on investment, talent, and employment-based visas. Before launching his own firm, he directed large-scale immigration programs for Fortune 50 clients. A former AILA Northern California Chapter Chair, he remains active at the national level, having served for two years on the AILA Fall Conference Committee for the Law Practice Technology and Innovation Summit Track, and has previously served as CSC Liaison Chair, on the CBP National Committee, and was the UPL Committee Chair. He regularly speaks on AI and technology issues as they impact immigration practitioners.



Steven Hubbard, Ph.D. is the Senior Data Scientist with the American Immigration Council. is the Senior Data Scientist at the American Immigration Council, where he conducts research and data visualization projects related to immigration. Most recently, he was a Zolberg Fellow at The New School and the International Rescue Committee, conducting research on Syrian refugees living in Jordan. He has a strong interest in data visualization as a tool for communicating complex information and supporting data-driven decision-making. Steven has more than 20 years of experience in teaching, research, and administration at New York University, the University of Iowa, and Hamline University, and began his career as a city planner in rural southwest Iowa.



Saira Hussain is a Senior Staff Attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, focusing on litigation and legislative advocacy at the intersection of racial and immigrant justice, government surveillance, and technology. Representative cases include challenging border searches of electronic devices; social media monitoring of noncitizens and dissidents; and local law enforcement's use of surveillance technologies like energy monitoring software, automated license plate readers, and surveillance camera networks against protesters and immigrant communities.

Saira also speaks and writes about biometric surveillance and surveillance at the U.S.-Mexico border. Her work has been covered by the Washington Post, NPR, The Guardian, and The Intercept, among other media outlets.

Previously, Saira was a Staff Attorney at the Asian Law Caucus, where she focused on disentangling federal immigration enforcement from local law enforcement through policy advocacy, litigation, and coalition-building. She started at the Asian Law Caucus as a Berkeley Law Public Interest Fellow, representing immigrants in deportation proceedings.

Saira has been recognized with a Monarch Award by the Pacific Asian American Women Bay Area Coalition and as a Dale Minami Public Interest Fellow. She serves as an Advisory Committee member for the Contra Costa Immigrant Rights Alliance. Saira received her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. She speaks Spanish and Urdu.



Jeff Joseph is President of Immigration Strategy and Manifest Law, a native AI law firm. Jeff has over 30 years of experience in all facets of immigration. He has managed large global immigration programs; represented investors and high-net-worth individuals and families; and counseled employers on compliance, H-2B seasonal visas, federal litigation of immigration matters, and complex immigration cases.

Jeff currently serves as the President of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). He is a past Chapter Chair of the Colorado Chapter of AILA and served for six years as a director on the AILA National Board of Governors. He also served as Vice Chair of the Immigration Law Section of the Federal Bar Association and President of the Colorado

Chapter of the FBA. In 2004, he received the Joseph Minsky Young Lawyer Award from AILA.

Jeff has successfully litigated cases against multiple federal agencies. When the State Department halted visa processing across the world during the COVID-19 pandemic, he successfully argued that it was unlawful, resulting in the visa ban being overturned. When the Department of Labor attempted to raise wages for H-1B workers to levels that would have made it impossible for small businesses, nonprofits, and universities to pay for foreign talent, he successfully filed a suit that resulted in the Department of Labor withdrawing the wage rule. He also filed a successful suit to overturn the Department of Homeland Security's narrow interpretation of "specialty occupation" jobs, the primary visa category for highly skilled foreign workers. This case resolved a decades-long argument over how the government interpreted the job role of "market research analyst" for purposes of visa eligibility. The win broadened eligibility for many analyst roles, including the computer analysts on whom many U.S. employers depend to fill technology positions.

As a thought leader in the field, Jeff has delivered more than 300 lectures to professional organizations on a wide range of immigration law topics. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History, with a minor in Criminology, from the University of Florida, graduating with honors in 1999. He earned his Juris Doctor, also with honors, from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in 2002.



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Jack has incorporated artificial intelligence into his immigration practice at TKO and previously as part of his solo practice, Jrada Immigration PC. His work has included building a client portal to streamline case communication and information collection, as well as developing mock adjudication models to anticipate how government agencies may use AI in evaluating immigration filings. These efforts reflect his broader focus on using technology to improve efficiency, consistency, risk assessment, and client service while maintaining appropriate professional oversight.

Jack focuses primarily on business immigration and has prepared or advised on thousands of consular applications over the course of his career. He has also supported hundreds of foreign nationals through the PERM labor-certification process and developed substantial experience navigating Department of Labor requirements. Before joining TKO, Jack spent approximately eight years as an Associate in Fragomen's New York office, followed by experience at Greenberg Traurig's New Jersey office and then in his sole practice. These roles have given him a broad perspective on the legal, operational, and technological considerations involved in delivering immigration services.



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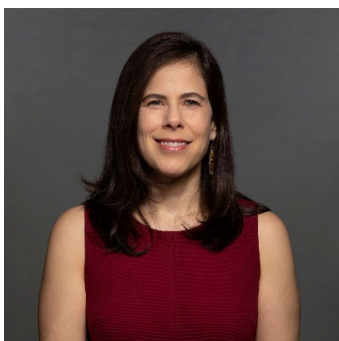
Konstantinos has provided strategic advice on internet governance and public policy to companies, governments, and international organizations. A recognized public speaker, he has delivered talks worldwide, including at TEDx, and has published in Politico, the Atlantic Council, Brookings, Slate, TechDirt, and EurActiv.

He holds two master's degrees and a doctorate and is the author of a book on domain name regulation. Konstantinos serves on the board of the Global Network Initiative (GNI) and is a member of the Advisory Network at the Freedom Online Coalition (FOC). He also co-hosts the Internet of Humans podcast. Fluent in English, Greek, German, Italian, and French, Konstantinos is based in Geneva.



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After serving as AILA's US Department of Labor Liaison Committee Chair, Vince is now serving as AILA's USCIS Benefits Policy Committee Vice Chair. Vince received his B.A., *cum laude*, in Political Science from Yale University, M.A. in Higher Education Administration from the Boston College School of Education, and J.D. from the Boston College School of Law. Vince has been voted among "The Best Lawyers in America" since 2010, listed with "Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders: Corporate Immigration," and ranked by "Chambers & Partners Immigration Legal Rankings – Nationwide and Global."



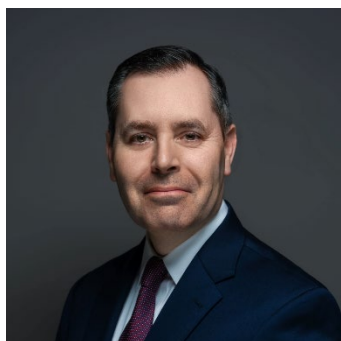
Rachel Levinson-Waldman is Director of the Brennan Center for Justice's Liberty and National Security Program, where she works on issues at the intersection of national security, civil liberties, privacy, surveillance, law enforcement, and technology. Her work includes analysis of government surveillance technologies, social media monitoring, predictive policing, information collection in the immigration context, and the impact of emerging technologies on constitutional rights. She regularly comments in national media and has authored numerous publications on surveillance, privacy, and government use of technology.

In 2024, she served as an Ian Axford Fellow in Public Policy at New Zealand's Office of the Privacy Commissioner, where she examined government use of social media for information gathering, investigations, and risk assessment. Prior to joining the Brennan Center, she served as counsel to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and previously was a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She clerked for Judge M. Margaret McKeown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Rachel earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and her B.A. from Williams College.



Brian Gerald McInerney is a former Head of Consular Training and Director of Field Operations in the Visa Office at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs in Washington, D.C. He joined the Department of State in 2002 and served in a variety of leadership positions, including Director of the Information Management and Liaison Office in the Visa Office, Senior Watch Officer in the State Department Operations Center, and Deputy Director of Orientation and Coordinator for incoming Foreign Service Officers. His overseas assignments included service as Consul General at the U.S. Embassy Baghdad, Nonimmigrant Visa Chief in Ciudad Juárez, Consular Chief in Cape Town, Consular Officer in Santo Domingo, and Consular and Political Officer in Dublin. Brian earned his undergraduate degree from Xavier University and his JD from DePaul University College of

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Jonathan Micale is the Consulting Principal for Integra Strategic Advisors where he advises immigration practitioners and global mobility managers to navigate the complexities of the immigration benefits process. Jonathan is a 25-year immigration practitioner and former US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) operational executive who is recognized as a leading authority on the processing and adjudication of applications and petitions for immigration benefits. Jonathan has both private and public sector experience as an immigration attorney and has participated in the policy design and implementation of some of the most significant immigration benefits programs over the last 21+ years.

At USCIS, Jonathan led five separate adjudication divisions covering nearly all USCIS form types. During his tenure as senior leader at USCIS, Jonathan served in numerous cross functional leadership roles and most recently included serving as the first permanent Director for the Humanitarian, Adjustment, Removing Conditions & Travel (HART) Service Center. The HART Service Center is the only virtual agency office staffed by a geographically distributed workforce. As a result of Jonathan's leadership, the HART Service Center achieved significant improvements in efficiency, productivity, employee retention, and timeliness for HART adjudicated forms.

Jonathan also served as the Deputy Director for the Vermont Service Center (VSC). At the VSC, Jonathan implemented programs to digitize thousands of paper A-files and successfully resolved numerous contractor performance issues associated with the receipt and ingestion of immigration applications and petitions. In addition, Jonathan previously served in various leadership positions including Associate Center Director for the Texas Service Center (TSC), Service Center Operations (SCOPS) HQ Acting Chief of Adjudications, and SCOPS HQ Acting Division Chief for the Center Operations and Resources Division (CORD). In each of these roles, Jonathan was recognized as an agency-wide leader for his ability to evaluate qualitative and quantitative data for immigration benefits and explain it in layman's terms to senior agency leaders so that they could make data-driven decisions.

Jonathan first joined the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as charter employee of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, a DHS headquarters program office in 2004. In 2006, Jonathan transferred to USCIS, and in February 2007, Jonathan became an Immigration Services Officer upon graduation from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Brunswick, Georgia.

Jonathan attended the George Washington University, Elliot School of International Affairs in Washington, D.C. and graduated from Syracuse University, College of Law. Following graduation, Jonathan practiced exclusively in immigration and nationality law, representing clients in both business immigration and deportation/removal defense matters.

Jonathan is a member of the Connecticut Bar.



Petra Molnar is a lawyer and anthropologist specializing in migration and human rights. A former classical musician, she has been working in migrant justice since 2008, first as a settlement worker and community organizer, and now as a researcher and lawyer. She writes about digital border technologies, immigration detention, health and human rights, gender-based violence, as well as the politics of refugee, immigration, and international law.

Petra has worked all over the world including Jordan, Turkey, Philippines, Kenya, Colombia, Canada, Palestine, and various parts of Europe. She is the co-creator of the Migration and Technology Monitor, a collective of civil society, journalists, academics, and filmmakers interrogating technological experiments on people crossing borders. She is the Associate Director of the Refugee Law Lab at York University and a Faculty Associate (and former Fellow) at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. Petra's first book, *The Walls Have Eyes: Surviving Migration in The Age of Artificial Intelligence*, is published with The New Press in 2024 and the recipient of multiple awards. Her second - and open access - book *Border Necrotechnics: Automation, Surveillance, and the Racial Politics of Migration Control*, is published with Palgrave Macmillan in 2026.

Petra is the author of numerous academic and popular press publications on technology and migration and one of the

first and leading international voices on these issues. Her work has been widely featured in The Guardian, Al Jazeera, Time Magazine, and the New York Times, among others, and she is frequently quoted in international and local media as well as various policy briefings at the national and international level. Petra helped to draft the influential report on digital borders and racism by the UN Special Rapporteur on Discrimination, Racism, Xenophobia and Related Forms of Intolerance Professor Tendayi Achiume and a report on the human rights-based approach to digital border governance for the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner.

Petra is also the co-author of “Bots at the Gate,” an internationally recognized report on the human rights impacts of automated decision-making in immigration and refugee systems. Her recent report, Technological Testing Grounds, foregrounds the perspectives of people on the move in Greece and Europe as they interact with violent surveillance technologies. Petra holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, a Masters of Anthropology from York University, Centre for Refugee studies, and an LL.M in International Law from the University of Cambridge.



Zara Najam is a global mobility and immigration leader with more than fifteen years of experience spanning legal practice, in-house program leadership, strategy and operations, and product management. She currently works on Google’s U.S. Immigration team, where she supports immigration programs and initiatives designed to provide greater clarity, consistency, and support for employees and business partners.

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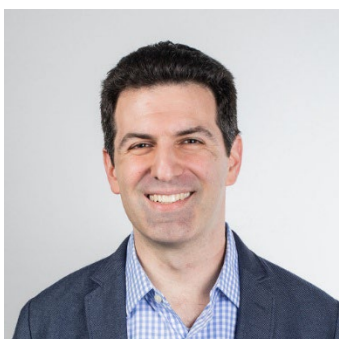
Zara serves as Chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association’s Global Migration Section. In this role, she works with immigration professionals across jurisdictions to strengthen collaboration, share global developments, and build greater connections between international practitioners, U.S. immigration attorneys, and in-house counsel.

Zara brings a practitioner and corporate perspective to discussions about the government’s use of artificial intelligence. She is particularly interested in how automated systems, cross-border data sharing, identity verification, and technology-assisted decision-making affect global mobility programs and the experiences of travelers and foreign nationals. Her work emphasizes the importance of transparency, meaningful human oversight, and practical advocacy as technology becomes increasingly embedded in immigration processes.



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Claire currently serves on AILA’s Department of State Liaison Committee as Vice Chair, is Past Chair of the Northern California Chapter of AILA, and previously served as AILA NorCal’s liaison to the USCIS San Francisco Field Office for many years. Claire is a frequent invited speaker on topics such as L-1/EB-1C visas, local USCIS issues, practice management and technology, and DOS/consular practice.



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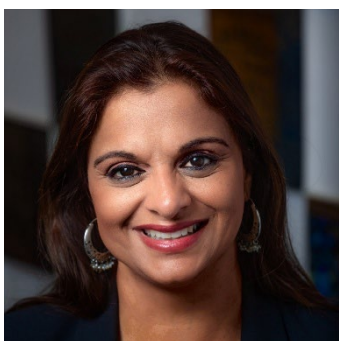
Doug Rand is the Director of Talent Mobility Fund (TMF), which funds organizations removing barriers to existing legal immigration pathways. Doug previously served as Senior Advisor to the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) during the Biden administration and as Assistant Director for Entrepreneurship in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) during the Obama administration. He has also been a Senior Fellow at the Federation of American Scientists and an advisor to the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence. As an entrepreneur, he was the co-founder and president of Boundless, and the co-founder and CEO of Playscripts, Inc. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and the Yale School of Management, and received master's and undergraduate degrees from Harvard, where he studied evolutionary



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Paromita has led national advocacy, education, and training efforts, provided legal assistance to hundreds of people in immigration detention, and trained and mentored hundreds of attorneys. Her expertise is often sought by journalists, academics, and advocates. She has also authored numerous reports and resources, including co-authoring *The Tech Behind ICE: Oligarchs, Immigration Enforcement and the Threat to Democracy* (2026), *HART Attack: How DHS' Massive Biometrics Database Will Supercharge Surveillance and Threaten Rights* (2022), and *Who's Behind ICE: The Tech and Data Companies Fueling Deportations* (2018). Her work has been featured in NPR, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Nation, the Guardian, PBS and other major outlets.

Paromita is a 2023 Rockwood National LIO Yearlong Fellow, was a member of the Aspen Digital Council for a Fair Data Future, and received the 2020 Outstanding Clinical Alumni Award from Suffolk University Law School. Previously, she served as Associate Director of the National Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Detention Project Director at the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition in Washington, DC, and staff attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services. She is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School and McGill University in Montreal, QC.



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interpretations and develop educational conferences and committees. She currently serves on the USCIS HQ Benefits Liaison Committee, the AILA Student Visa Taskforce, and on the Government Use of AI Virtual Conference Planning Committee. In 2013 and 2026, she was awarded an AILA President's Commendation Award, in recognition of her many contributions. When not advocating for immigrants or leading the firm, Lisa loves to travel. She has traveled much of the world and has studied in Kenya and lived in Taiwan.