

Speaker Bios



Juan José "JJ" Amell is the founder of Amell Law, a Houston-based immigration firm serving clients across the United States in business immigration, global mobility, and trademark law. He advises high-achieving professionals including medtech founders, investors, athletes, and entrepreneurs on U.S. immigration strategy and market entry. JJ is a recognized leader in legal innovation and has served on the ALIN Innovation and Technology Committee and the Planning Committee for the AILA Tech Summit. He frequently contributes to national CLE programming on artificial intelligence and legal technology and is often invited to speak to bar associations and legal

organizations on technology-driven practice models, immigration strategy, and leadership. JJ also collaborates with professional sports organizations on athlete immigration matters and cross-border legal strategy.



Michele N. Carney is an attorney in Seattle Washington, with a focus on preventative ethics and immigration removal defense. She currently serves on the AILA's Law Journal and Ethics Committee, where she is a past chair, and has previously chaired the Innovation and Technology Committee. Michele is active in the ABA, contributing to the leadership Board/Committees of Ethics & Professionalism and the Legal Technology Resource Center. She also serves on the Legal Technology Task Force, Committee for Professional Ethics, Adjunct Disciplinary Counsel, as well as the Practice of Law and Character & Fitness Boards for the Washington State Bar Association. In addition,

Michele is a member of the AILA Washington Chapter Wellness Committee.



Michael A. Harris is a Florida Bar Board Certified Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law based in Miami, Florida. He is the managing attorney at HARRISLAW, a law firm centered on business and investment-based immigration law. Most of his representation involves matters in the EB-5 Program for individual investors, regional centers, and developers who have sought to raise EB-5 capital in a variety of industries in over a dozen states. He has been awarded an AV Preeminent Peer Rating from Martindale-Hubbell; a Top EB-5 Immigration Lawyer by EB5Investors Magazine; and listed in Best Lawyers and Chambers and Partners. Michael is a past Florida Bar

vice-chair of the board certification committee on Immigration and Nationality Law and has served as a member of the executive committee and board of directors of AILA South Florida. He is currently a member of AILA National's Tech and Innovation committee and past member of AILA's EB-5 committee. Michael received his Juris Doctor degree from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale in 2007. He earned his bachelor's in political science and English from the University of Florida, and attended The George Washington University for two years in Washington, D.C.



Amélie Vavrovsky is the Founder and CEO of Formally, a legal tech company that enhances legal workflows including visa and immigration applications. Amélie also serves as a Venture Partner at Unshackled Ventures and a CodeX Fellow at Stanford Law School, where she researches the transformative impact of AI on legal systems. Her academic work includes roles as a Graduate Research Fellow at Stanford's Human-Centered AI Institute (HAI) and Lead Graduate Researcher at the Stanford Digital Civil Society Lab, focusing on ethical AI, cybersecurity, and digital rights. She holds two graduate degrees from Stanford University: an MS in Systems Design (E-IPER)

and MA in Cyber and Tech Policy. She completed her undergraduate studies in International Relations at Brown University. A Forbes 30 Under 30 honoree, Amélie is widely recognized for her leadership in legal tech and her commitment to building ethical, Al-driven solutions for the future of law.