

[CILA Conference 2026: Delving Deeper into Canada's Immigration System*](#)

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* *Agenda: Topics and speakers are subject to change as the program is developed.*

Agenda Co-Chairs: Khatidja Moloo-Alam (CILA), Adrienne Smith (Advocacy), Marina Sedai (Economic), Chris Ezrin (DOJ)

8:45 – 9:00am: Start of Conference

9:00 – 10:00am: Opening Plenary

- Survivors guide to major changes in 2026
- Top 10 major changes in immigration

10:00 – 10:10am: Health Break

10:10 – 11:00am: Stream A - (Gala Room)

Ethics & Incompetence: how to meet your professional and ethical obligations and what to do when you see counsel who aren't (JRs on negligence)

10:10 – 11:00am: Stream B - (Kitchener/Oakville Room) - Temporary Resident Refusals: Visitor Visas, Visitor Records, Study Permits, PGWPs and TRPS: When to do reconsideration versus judicial reviews

11:00 – 12:00pm: Stream A - (Gala Room) - Federal Court 2026: Building a Strong Record, when is settlement appropriate, and mandamus

11:00 – 12:00pm: Stream B – (Kitchener/Oakville Room) - LMIA Update Lab: What's Changing, What Officers Are Refusing, and How to "Bulletproof" the File

Noon – 1:00pm: Lunch Break (Gala Room)

1:05 – 1:15pm: - Keynote Sponsor (Gala Room)



1:15 – 2:15pm: (Gala Room) - Citizenship & the First-Generation Limit: Advising families through legislative/constitutional uncertainty

2:15 – 2:45pm: (Gala Room)

- Bilateral POE (irregular, land and air crossing)
- CBSA – people who are ineligible to make refugee claims and how they are diverted to PRRA process

2:45 – 3:00pm: Health Break

3:00 – 4:00pm: Stream A - (Gala Room) - PRRAs & Removals: Navigating new rules for refugee claimants and stay motions due to Bill C-12

3:00 – 4:00pm: Stream B – (Kitchener/Oakville Room) - Work Permits Deep Dive: C-10/C11, maintained status, and “piggybacking” multiple filings without misrepresentation risk

4:00 – 4:55 pm: Stream A – (Gala Room) - Inadmissibility Masterclass: s.34–37, misrepresentation, and crisis management when CBSA gets involved

4:00 – 4:55pm: Stream B – (Kitchener/Oakville Room)

- PNP update
- Employer Compliance & Inspections: Building compliant programs and surviving an ESDC/IRCC audit

5:00 – 5:15 - Closing Plenary

5:15 – 5:25pm: Presentation of President’s Award (Gala Room)

5:25 – 7:00pm: Reception

