

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

Monday October 5 | Toronto | [Purchase Tickets](#)

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

Co-Chairs: Adrienne Smith (Advocacy), Marina Sedai (Economic), and Chris Ezrin (DOJ)

8:00- 8:30 am BONUS SESSION – To be Announced stay tuned!

8:45 – 9:00 am: Welcoming Remarks from Co-Chairs

9:00 –10:00 am: Opening Plenary (Gala Room)

A Survivors Guide to Major Changes in 2026

10:00 – 11:00 am: Ethics and Practice Management (Gala)

What is Incompetence? Practical Lessons on how to meet your professional and ethical obligations – Reporting Incompetence – Alleging Incompetence in a JR – Potential Civil Consequences and more.

11:00 – 11:15 am: Health Break

11:15 – 12:00 pm: Advocacy Stream - (Kitchener/Oakville Room)

Federal Court 2026- Building a Strong Record - evidentiary tips and tricks, when expert evidence is a good idea, strategies for facilitating settlement and mandamus criteria.

11:15 – 12:00 pm: Economic Stream – (Gala Room)

LMIA Update Lab: What’s Changing - Current Refusal Trends - How to “Bulletproof” the File

Noon – 12:50 pm: Trending Panel (Gala Room)



The Co-Chairs will announce this panel later. They are watching several issues that are trending and want to bring you the most current and relevant subject matter.

12:50-1:45 pm Lunch Break (Gala Room) Keynote Speaker or Networking Event TBD

1:45 – 2:30 pm: Border Update (Gala Room)

Canada – USA Ports of Entry - by plane, by car, by foot.

2:45 – 3:00 pm: Health Break

3:00 – 4:00 pm: Advocacy Stream - (Kitchener/Oakville Room)

PRRAs & Removals: How has Bill C-12 changed the landscape for refugee claimants - navigating new rules for refugee claimants and stay motions

3:00 – 4:00pm: Economic Stream B – (Gala Room) –

Work Permits – A Deep Dive

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

Inadmissibility Masterclass: s.34–37, misrepresentation, and crisis management when CBSA gets involved

4:00 – 4:55pm: Economic Stream B – (Gala Room)

PR Pathways for 2027: Selections, Constraints, and Who Wins

5:00 – 5:20 - Closing Plenary – Guest Speaker to Be Announced

5:20 – 5:30 pm: Presentation of President’s Award (Gala Room)

5:30 – 7:00 pm: Reception

