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## ***AILA Law Journal Symposium on Shaping Immigration Policy through the Federal Courts***

### **AGENDA**

**March 21, 2024**

**Grand Hyatt Washington**

**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

As Congress remains deadlocked and unable to enact sweeping immigration reform, the federal judiciary has become a crucial site for the evolution of immigration law. President Biden, like his predecessors, has relied on executive actions to reshape key elements of the immigration system. Many of the initiatives have been challenged in the courts with mixed results. To what extent do plaintiffs have standing to challenge federal immigration policy? What does the future bode for *Chevron* deference? Each of the panels will discuss the current and future role of federal courts in shaping immigration policy in its various manifestations.

9:00 am-9:10 am

Introductory Remarks

**Cyrus D. Mehta**

*Editor-in-Chief, AILA Law Journal; Founder and Managing Partner, Cyrus D. Mehta & Partners, PLLC*

9:10 am – 10:00 am

Panel 1: Creating Pathways for STEM Workers Through Non-Legislative Means

**William A. Stock - Moderator**

*AILA Past President; Founding Member & Partner, Klasko Immigration Law Partners, LLP*

**Simon T. Nakajima**

*Assistant Director for STEM Immigration*

*White House Office of Science and Technology*

**Diane Rish**

*Editorial Board Member, AILA Law Journal; Senior Manager, Immigration, Salesforce*

**Amy M. Nice**

*Distinguished Immigration Fellow and Visiting Scholar, Cornell Law School*

10:05 am – 11:00 am

Panel 2: DACA Litigation and the Opportunity for All Campaign

**Kaitlyn A. Box – Moderator**

*Editorial Board Member, AILA Law Journal; Senior Associate, Cyrus D. Mehta & Partners, PLLC*

**Ahilan T. Arulanantham**

*Professor from Practice and Co-Director of the Center for Immigration Law and Policy (CILP), UCLA School of Law*

**Anil Kalhan**

*Professor of Law, Drexel University*

11:05 am – 12:00 pm

Panel 3: The Role of Federal Courts in Shaping Asylum Law: A Comparative Analysis

**Dree Collopy – Moderator**

*Author, AILA's Asylum Primer; Partner, Benach Collopy LLP*

**Rebecca Sharpless**

*Editorial Board Member, AILA Law Journal; Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, University of Miami School of Law; Professor of Law and Director, Immigration Clinic, University of Miami School of Law*

**Sabrineh Ardalan**

*Clinical Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Director, Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic*

12:05 pm – 1:00 pm

Individual Presentations

**Thomas Ragland – Moderator**

*Editorial Board Member, AILA Law Journal; Member, Clark Hill PLC*

Correcting Course on *Matter of Lozada* through the Federal Courts and Executive Action

**Rekha Sharma-Crawford** (*Partner, Sharma-Crawford Attorneys at Law*), **Sui Chung** (*Attorney, Immigration Law & Litigation Group*), **Sarah Owings** (*Attorney, Owings MacNorlin, LLC*), **Susan Roy** (*Immigration Attorney, Law Office of Susan G. Roy, LLC*)

“Circumvention of Lawful Pathways” or Circumvention of the Law?

**Jenna L. Ebersbacher**

*Associate, Brown Immigration Law*

Legislative History of the APA as a Tool to Minimize Government Use of the Foreign Affairs Exception

**Jean Binkovitz**

*Attorney at Law, Law Office of Jean Binkovitz, LLC*

Agency-Initiated Policy Changes in Response to Increased Immigration Litigation

**Kathryn Brady** (*Department Head*) and **Franchel Daniel** (*Senior Staff Attorney*) *Immigration Litigation Department, Legal Division, Muslim Legal Fund of America*