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CLE PROGRAM:

Lessons Across Borders: What the U.S. and Canada Can Teach One Another About Establishing a Successful Immigration and Asylum Policy

Saturday, February 3, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Vancouver Convention Centre,
West Level 1, Room 118
Vancouver, British Columbia
About the ABA Commission on Immigration

The Commission directs the Association’s efforts to ensure fair treatment and full due process rights for immigrants and refugees within the United States. Acting in coordination with other Association entities, as well as governmental and non-governmental bodies, the Commission:

1) advocates for statutory and regulatory modifications in law and governmental practice consistent with ABA policy;

2) provides continuing education and timely information about trends, court decisions and pertinent developments for members of the legal community, judges, affected individuals and the public; and

3) develops and assists the operation of pro bono programs that encourage volunteer lawyers to provide high quality, effective legal representation for individuals in immigration proceedings, with a special emphasis on the needs of the most vulnerable immigrant and refugee populations.

Guided by resolutions adopted by the ABA House of Delegates, the Commission works to coordinate and strengthen the ABA’s response to legal developments and to address the needs of immigrants and newcomers. Among our greatest concerns are the erosion of due process safeguards, the growing reliance on detention, and the lack of access to legal information and counsel for individuals in immigration proceedings, including vulnerable groups such as unaccompanied immigrant children and mentally disabled individuals. The ABA Board of Governors has designated immigration to be a legislative priority of the ABA in each Congress since 1992.
About the ABA Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities

The mission of the Commission on Hispanic Legal Rights and Responsibilities is to address the challenges and responsibilities facing Hispanics in and within the legal system of the United States. The Hispanic Commission is comprised of a chair, 10 members, liaisons from internal ABA entities and outside organizations, in addition to up to 3 special advisors. The Hispanic Commission shall:

1. Provide expertise and resources to develop partnerships among internal and external constituencies of the ABA in order to address the legal issues, that are common to other underserved populations, but within the context of the experiences of Hispanics throughout the United States.

2. Propose solutions and approaches for the legal profession to meet the opportunities and challenges of the Hispanic community that are exacerbated by such factors as, but not limited to, rapid population growth; language; citizenship and immigration constraints.

3. Monitor and promote policies that address the unique legal challenges and responsibilities facing Hispanics in the United States.

4. Develop and support community education efforts, in both English and Spanish, to inform Hispanics about their legal rights and responsibilities on key legal issues such as employment, housing, education, health care, criminal justice, voting rights, and immigration.

5. Create and advance models through the development of tool kits, social media and communication methodology to transform judicial constructs, legal structures and infrastructures to better address the needs of Hispanic communities, particularly in the areas of language and access to education, employment, and improved public images.

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## 2017–2018 COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION

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SCHEDULE

I. Welcome & Introductions
   Cyrus Mehta, Moderator
   Cyrus D. Mehta & Associates, PLLC (CDMA)
   New York, New York

II. Panelists
   Dr. Catherine Dauvergne
   Dean, Peter A. Allard School of Law
   Vancouver, British Columbia

   David Ware
   Ware Immigration
   Metairie, Louisiana and Seattle, Washington

   Gordon Maynard
   Maynard Kischer Stojicevic
   Vancouver, British Columbia

   Andres Pelenur
   Borders Law Firm
   Toronto, Ontario

   Margaret Stock
   Cascadia Cross Border Law
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III. Question & Answer Session

IV. Closing Remarks

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Speaker Biographies

Cyrus Mehta

Cyrus Mehta was appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Commission on Immigration in 2013. He is the founder and managing attorney of Cyrus D. Mehta & Associates, PLLC (CDMA). He represents corporations and individuals from around the world in business and employment immigration, family immigration, consular matters, naturalization, federal court litigation and asylum. He also advises lawyers on ethical issues. Based on 20 years of experience in immigration law, he is able to comprehend all kinds of problems and provide effective, ethical and strategic solutions to his clients. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School where he teaches a course, “Immigration and Work.”

Mr. Mehta is the Chair of the Ethics Committee of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and is a member of the American Bar Association’s Commission on Immigration Advisory Committee. He is also the former Chair of AILA’s Pro Bono Committee. Mr. Mehta is a frequent speaker at AILA conferences and has also served on several other AILA national and AILA-NY Chapter committees over the years. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Volunteers of Legal Services, Inc. He continues to serve as Special Counsel on immigration matters to the Departmental Disciplinary Committee, Appellate Division, 1st Dept, NY.

In 1997-1998, he was the Chair of AILA’s Young Lawyers Division and also won the 1997 Joseph Minsky Young Lawyers Award for outstanding contributions in the immigration field. He was presented the AILA 2010 President’s Commendation for leadership of AILA’s pro bono efforts. In 2011, Mr. Mehta won the prestigious AILA 2011 Michael Maggio Memorial Pro Bono Award for outstanding efforts in providing pro bono representation in the immigration field.

Mr. Mehta is a former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Immigration Council (2004-2006), and former Chair of the Committee on Immigration and Nationality Law (2000-2003) of the New York City Bar Association and Secretary of the same Association (2003-2007). Mr. Mehta continues to be included in Chambers USA, International Who's Who of Corporate Immigration Lawyers, Best Lawyers, New York Super Lawyers and receive an AV rating from Martindale Hubbell. He is also a member of the Alliance of Business Immigration Lawyers (ABIL), whose members have been recognized internationally in the field of business immigration, and are committed to the highest standards of professionalism.
Newspapers and television constantly seek Mr. Mehta out for his expert opinions on immigration law and policy. He is regularly quoted in mainstream, ethnic and foreign newspapers. He is also a featured speaker at immigration seminars of the Practising Law Institute (PLI), and has been the Program Chair of PLI's annual Basic Immigration program in recent years. Mr. Mehta is also the author of several influential articles that have appeared in professional publications such as Bender's Immigration Bulletin, Interpreter Releases, Immigration Briefings, and AILA's Immigration and Nationality Handbook, as well as frequent articles that appear on the firm's website, http://www.cyrusmehta.com/, and the firm's blog, The Insightful Immigration Blog. You can also follow Mr. Mehta's insightful immigration posts on Twitter.

Mr. Mehta graduated with a BA degree from St. Xavier's College, Bombay University, and subsequently obtained law degrees from Cambridge University, England (MA in Law), and Columbia Law School, New York (LL.M). In his spare time, Mr. Mehta plays the violin. Most recently, Mr. Mehta has been an active member of the Fight Notario Fraud task force. He has proposed a practice advisory on U visas, which the Commission is working to develop. He also reviewed and analyzed the recognition and accreditation proposed rule and drafted the Commission's comments on this subject. He is currently in the process of drafting the Commission’s comments to the proposed changes to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Responsibility relating to lawyer communications, services, advertising and solicitation. Finally, Mr. Mehta just last week, agree to draft an immigration-related article in the ABA Judges Journal.
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Dr. Catherine Dauvergne

Catherine Dauvergne is the eighth Dean of the Peter A. Allard School of Law, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Professor Dauvergne has been working in the area of refugee, immigration, and citizenship law over the past quarter of a century. For a decade she held the Canada Research in Migration Law. In 2012, Dauvergne was named a Fellow of the Trudeau Foundation in recognition of her contributions to public discourse in Canada. She has written three books that take a broad perspective on the theoretical underpinnings of these areas of law, including considering how human rights principles and discourses fit into a migration and citizenship framework. Dauvergne is also an editor or co-author of four other volumes, including Canada’s immigration and refugee law casebook.

Much of Dauvergne’s work engages feminist critique of the law, and the place of women in immigration, refugee, and citizenship laws. Dauvergne is currently a research collaborator with colleagues Ben Gold and Frat Ariel on the SSHRC funded project Finding a Place for Rights: An Independent Evaluation of the Impact of the Beyond the Border Initiative on Human Rights at the Canada-US Border.
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David Ware

David Ware graduated from Yale College, summa cum laude, in 1977. He received his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law in 1981, after spending a year abroad studying Mexican law pursuant to a Fulbright-Hayes scholarship. He is admitted to practice in the State of Louisiana, but as an attorney whose practice is limited to federal law, may lawfully practice in any state of the Union. He has practiced immigration and nationality law exclusively since 1982, either in solo practice or as a partner.

Mr. Ware has diverse experience in representing companies, universities, medical schools and many other entities, and individuals, regarding immigration concerns. He has for many years been elected to the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, and has been selected as one of the Best Lawyers in America since 2000. For 10 years, he has been placed among the top immigration attorneys in Louisiana by New Orleans Magazine, and in 2005 and 2008, City Business magazine selected him as one of the top 50 "Leaders in Law" in Louisiana, the only immigration attorney ever so chosen. He has also held the highest rating, AV, in the attorneys' directory, Martindale Hubbell, for over a decade.

Mr. Ware is a recognized leader among immigration attorneys in practice areas of interest to higher education and business immigration, and he has for many years served as a mentor in these areas for other immigration attorneys through the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Mentorship Program.

Mr. Ware has been active in the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs: Association of International Educators (NAFSA) since 1985. In addition to holding several AILA and NAFSA leadership positions, he has received awards for outstanding service to NAFSA Region III (South Central States) five times, as well as commendations for service from both the Miami Chapter of the Florida Association of International Educators, the Texas State NAFSA chapter (twice), and the Federal Bar Association Immigration Law Section. He presents approximately 50 times per year, serving as an expert speaker at AILA, NAFSA, NACUA, FBA, and many other organizations’ international, regional conferences and local conferences and meetings.

He currently is serving a third term on the American Immigration Lawyers' Association's Liaison Committee to the US Department of Labor, as well as the Healthcare Professionals/Physicians Committee. He also has served for several years on the Advisory Board of the Federal Bar Association’s Immigration Law Section, as well at the
Editorial Board of NACUA Notes, a publication of the National Association of College and University Attorneys.

He is a member of IMMLAW, the Immigration Lawyers’ Consortium, a select group of the finest boutique firms in the US. He serves on the International Medical Graduate Taskforce, dedicated to improving the legal situation of foreign physicians in the US.

Mr. Ware has participated as an expert in several legal proceedings over the decades. Most recently he served as expert in a domestic proceeding where the issue was the nature of Optional Practical Training accorded F-1 students following their studies.

Mr. Ware currently divides his time between his offices in Metairie, Louisiana and Seattle, Washington.
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Gordon Maynard

Gordon H Maynard graduated from the University of British Columbia Law School in 1987 and has been a member in good standing with the Law Society of British Columbia since 1988. He has practiced Immigration law exclusively since 1989 and with Maynard Kischer Stojicevic since its inception in 2002.

Gordon H Maynard’s practice is with respect to all categories of admission and enforcement processes, including representation of clients before administrative offices at ports of entry and abroad, administrative Tribunals in the IRB, before Federal Court for judicial review and appeal proceedings under IRPA and Citizenship Acts.

Mr. Maynard focuses in matters of temporary entry and permanent status, including entry of workers under NAFTA, GATS, and HRSDC LMIA processes and achieving resolution of issues of admissibility and issuance of appropriate authorizations. Mr. Maynard is knowledgeable and effective in the transitioning of temporary workers and students to permanent resident status through PNP, CEC and FSW programs.

Mr. Maynard’s clients include major businesses engaged in international transfer of personnel and private individuals seeking assistance and guidance in navigating the immigration law corridors.

From 1990 through to present date Gordon Maynard has been an active member of both the BC Provincial and National CBA Citizenship and Immigration Law Sections. With the Provincial Branch he has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chair and Branch Chair for three terms. For the National Section he has served as Provincial Section representative, member at large and as a table officer from 1990 through to 2004. He completed his term as Immediate Past Chair in 2004.

Mr. Maynard is a regular invited presenter at National and Provincial seminars for the education and professional development of the legal profession. Recent presentations have been made at the 2007 (Victoria), 2008 (Niagara) 2009 (Whistler) and 2010 (Halifax) National CBA Continuing Legal Education conferences attended by counsel, government Department representatives and judiciary from across Canada. Mr. Maynard has presented by invitation to AQAADI, the Quebec CBA and private sector Human Resources education programs.
Mr. Maynard has served on liaison committees with the Immigration and Refugee Board at the Provincial and National levels, has participated in Department consultations through the CICIP and in Ministerial consultations on behalf of the CBA.

On behalf of CBA Mr. Maynard has appeared regularly before Parliamentary Committees with respect to Immigration and Citizenship Law legislation reform and, with Michael Greene, is a co-recipient of the CBA Louis St. Laurent Award for distinguished or exceptional service to the objectives and goals of the CBA.

Mr. Maynard served as a member of Federal Court Rules Committee for several years, through to 2009.
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Andres Pelenur

Andres Pelenur is a Founding Partner of Borders Law Firm, Toronto, Ontario. Mr. Pelenur is certified by the Law Society of Upper Canada as a Specialist in Citizenship & Immigration Law. He is also an attorney-at-law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

His practice is centered on all aspects of Canadian immigration law, with extensive experience representing large multi-nationals with relocation and cross-border issues. He advises clients on Intra-Company transfers, NAFTA based permits, and Labour Market Impact Assessment applications, among others. He also advises clients on all permanent resident streams, including federal and provincial nominee programs, humanitarian and compassionate ground applications, as well as spousal and parental sponsorship applications.

Mr. Pelenur represents clients before Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Canada Border Services Agency, Employment and Social Development Canada, and Canadian consulates around the world.

In addition, Mr. Pelenur advocates on behalf of clients before the Immigration Appeal Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board and the Federal Court of Canada. He has published articles on immigration in various media and is fluent in both Spanish and Portuguese.

Mr. Pelenur received a Juris Doctor from the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Canadian Bar Association, the Ontario Bar Association’s Citizenship and Immigration Law Section, AILA, and the American Bar Association. From 2004 to 2015, Mr. Pelenur served as the Managing Partner of Borders Law Firm.
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Margaret Stock

Margaret Stock is an attorney bringing her singular knowledge of immigration law and national security law to bear on reform efforts through direct representation and policy-based advocacy. With a broad view of national security that goes beyond protecting the country from terrorist threats to include the protection of economic and political interests that ensure our prosperity, Stock articulates the crucial role of a healthy and efficient immigration system in responding to changes in the global economy and maintaining the foundational values of our democracy.

Stock’s experiences serving in the U.S. Army Reserve and teaching at West Point have led her to focus much of her work to date on the impact of immigration law on military personnel and their families. She has spearheaded the development of three groundbreaking programs that creatively adapt existing laws to better the lives of both immigrants and native-born military personnel. Beginning in 2008, she initiated and, in cooperation with the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security, implemented the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI) program, which allows the U.S. armed forces to attract and retain foreign nationals with language, medical, and other skills critical to military readiness and national security by expediting their path to citizenship.

Having seen firsthand the plight of limited-income military families in dire need of legal assistance, she created the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) MAP program, which pairs volunteer attorneys across the United States with those in need of their services. She also prompted the Naturalization at Basic Training Initiative, an intergovernmental program designed to promote and expedite the naturalization of military personnel by reducing processing times and providing naturalization ceremonies at basic training locations.

Through these programs, her written scholarship, and her contributions to policy debates (including as an expert witness before Congress), Stock is challenging our complex immigration laws in order to provide more humane and rational policies that will also serve American national security interests.

she is the author of Immigration Law and the Military (2012), and her prior affiliations include faculty at the United States Military Academy at West Point (2001–2010) and counsel to the firm Lane Powell (2010–2013).
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