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Immigration and Refugee Law Primer

Citizenship and Immigration Law / Young Lawyers Division

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Webinar

Agenda: 9:00 am Webinar Commences

12:00 pm Webinar Concludes









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45 minutes of professionalism content

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Join your peers for this essential review of common issues in immigration and refugee law and leave equipped with the tools you need to approach these issues with confidence. Our expert faculty will help you get up to speed on business immigration, family class applications, and refugee claims, and will provide you with valuable insights in a unique "Things I Wish I Knew When..." session.

You will also gain a greater understanding of the processes regarding:

- Work permits and Labour Market Impact Assessments
- The interplay between temporary and permanent residency
- Spousal/Family sponsorship
- Refugee claim matters

Register now to gain valuable strategies to assist your clients!

Program Chairs: Ayesha Kumararatne, Kumararatne Law

Angela Ogang, AngeLAW

9:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:05 am Business Immigration Matters

Jacqueline Bonisteel, Corporate Immigration Law Firm Professional Corporation (Ottawa)

Yomna Khatib, KPMG Law LLP

- What you need to know about work permit applications
- Understanding Labour Market Impact Assessments
- Key employer compliance issues
- Temporary vs. permanent immigration programs
- Transitioning temporary foreign workers to permanent residents
- Selecting the best program for investors, entrepreneurs, and self-employed persons

9:45 am Refugee Claim Matters

Nicholas Hersh, Community Legal Services of Ottawa (Ottawa)

Heather Neufeld, Heather Neufeld Law (Ottawa)

- Convention refugees vs. persons in need of protection – legal distinctions
- Claiming refugee protection at the border in light of COVID-19 and The Safe Third Country Agreement
- Navigating the refugee claims and hearings process

10:25 am Health Break

10:35 am Sponsorship of Family Members

Ronalee Carey, Ronalee Carey Law (Ottawa)
Marvin Moses, Moses Law Office

- Overview of sponsorship programs for spouses, dependant children, parents and grandparents, and other relatives
- Overcoming bars to sponsorship and inadmissibility
- What is the spousal public policy?
- Insights on application processing times

11:15 am Top Things I Wish I Knew When...

Robert Israel Blanshay, Blanshay Law **Nandi Deterville**, Deterville Law Office

Katie J. James, Claims Counsel, Primary Professional Liability Claims, Lawyers' Professional Indemnity Company (LawPro)

- Managing files and clients as a junior lawyer
- Starting my own law practice
- Dealing with ethics/professional responsibility matters
- Staying up-to-date on immigration law changes
- Preparing for virtual hearings
- Seeking leave for judicial review, or appealing decisions/orders
- Reporting to LAWPRO when and what to expect
- LAWPRO policy overview
- Immigration Claims and Practice Management tips

12:00 pm Program Concludes

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