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Scott D. Pollock has practiced U.S. immigration law since 1985. He is the founder of Scott D. Pollock & Associates, P.C., a nationally recognized immigration law firm in Chicago that is rated AV (very high to preeminent) by Martindale Hubbell. He has been selected as a Leading Illinois Attorney for immigration law for since 2004, a distinction reserved for the top 5% in the field as determined by other attorneys in Illinois. He was also selected for inclusion by Law and Politics on its “Illinois Super Lawyer” lists since 2007 which is also based upon distinction among his colleagues in the field of U.S. immigration law. He is listed in Who’s Who of Corporate Immigration Attorneys.

Mr. Pollock is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). He served as AILA’s Chicago Chapter chair (1997-98), a member of its Nebraska Service Center Liaison Committee (1999-2000), national chairperson of its Consumer Protection/Authorized Representation Task Force (1995-97), a member of AILA’s Consumer Protection Committee (2003-2004), the Business Litigation Committee (2009-10), Amicus Committee (2010-13), Federal Litigation Steering Committee (2011-12), Students & Scholars Committee (2011-2014), and on numerous local chapter committees, including chairperson of its Asylum Office Liaison (2002-03) and Office of the Immigration Judge Liaison (2004-2006), and a member of the District Director Liaison Committee (2010-2014). He also served as the chairperson of the Chicago Bar Association’s Immigration and Nationality Law Committee (1990-91) and a member of the Illinois State Bar Association’s Section Council on International and Immigration Law (2004-2015), and as the Section Council Chair for 2013-14. He has been a member of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Inc. since 1985. He is a member of NAFSA- Association of International Educators and World Chicago (previously the International Visitors Center of Chicago). He presently serves on the board of directors of Refugee One in Chicago, previously served for five years on the board of Refugee One’s predecessor organization, the Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Ministries (IRIM) in Chicago, is designated by the Mexican Ministry of External Affairs as a consulting attorney for immigration matters to the Consulate General of Mexico in Chicago, consults with other foreign consulates, and has been a consulting attorney for the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society’s naturalization assistance project in Chicago. He has served four times as a faculty member for the American

Immigration Council's Litigation Institute. He has been recognized as an expert witness on immigration law in several courts, and has provided expert witness opinions and testimony in disciplinary proceedings of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois (ARDC).

Mr. Pollock's active legal practice includes all areas of immigration law and procedure, including immigrant and nonimmigrant visas, political asylum, deportation/removal defense, waivers of inadmissibility, employment authorization and employer compliance/sanctions, appeals and litigation. He is a frequent speaker on immigration topics. His clients include universities, religious organizations, financial, manufacturing, health care and high tech companies, and individuals. He is fluent in Spanish and enjoys variety and challenges. His firm's mission is to provide personal and effective legal service, master complex U.S. immigration laws and procedures, and identify strategies to achieve the goals of its clients, while contributing to the progressive advancement of the profession and immigration law.

Personal Information

Born April 24, 1958 in Washington, D.C.
Married with 2 children.

Education

1985 Brooklyn Law School, Juris Doctor, *cum laude*.

1981 Antioch College, B.A. in English Literature

Employment experience

1990-present – Scott D. Pollock & Associates, P.C., Chicago, Illinois, Attorney at Law.

1988-1992- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Immigration and Refugee Legal Services program, Attorney and Program Director.

1985-1988 – Minsky, Feiertag, McCormick & Hallagan, P.C., Chicago, Illinois, Attorney at Law.

Court Admissions

United States Supreme Court (11/15/99).

U.S. Courts of Appeal- First (4/1/03), Second (3/14/06), Third (5/19/14), Sixth (8/23/04), Seventh (5/3/96), Eighth (8/7/96) and Ninth (6/4/02) Judicial Circuits

Federal District Courts- Northern District of Illinois, Western District of Michigan (11/5/01), Eastern District of Michigan (9/21/12), and Eastern District of Wisconsin (5/11/05).

New York Supreme Court (3/5/86)

Supreme Court of Illinois (11/6/86).

Professional Activities

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) – member 1987-present, Chicago Chapter Chair (1997-98), executive board member (1994-2000); Chair, Consumer Protection Authorized Representation Task Force (CPAR) (1995-97); Nebraska Service Center Liaison Committee (1999-2000); Consumer Protection Committee (2002-03); Chicago Chapter Asylum Office Liaison Chair (2002-03); Border Security Issues Committee (2003-04); Chicago EOIR Liaison Subcommittee Chair (2004-06); Business Litigation Committee (2009-2010); Amicus Committee (2010-13); Federal Litigation Steering Committee (2011-12); Students and Scholars Committee (2011-13).

Chicago Bar Association – member 1985-present; Immigration & Nationality Law Committee Chair 1990-91.

Illinois State Bar Association –Appointed member, International & Immigration Law Section Council- 2002-2015; Secretary 2004-05; Vice-chair 2005-06, Vice-chair 2012-13; Chairperson, 2013-14.

National Lawyers Guild National Immigration Project – member 1985-present.

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Inc. (CVLS) – 1997-present, co-founder of the AILA-CVLS pro bono immigration law clinic.

Refugee One, Chicago, IL 2014-present, member of the Board of Directors.

Archdiocese of Chicago Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education, advisory board member 2014-present.

Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Ministries (IRIM), Chicago, IL, 2002-2007, member of the Board of Directors.

Association of International Educators (NAFSA)

Recognitions

May 13, 2013 Chicago Daily Law Bulletin “Amicus Curious” column feature: “A go-to attorney for immigration law”

2013 Society of the Divine Word Verbum Award

2009 Joseph Minsky Beacon of Light Award for mentoring- AILA Chicago Chapter

Martindale Hubbell AV Rating and list of Preeminent Attorneys

Illinois Leading Lawyers, Law Bulletin Publishing

Illinois Super Lawyers

Who’s Who of Corporate Immigration Attorneys

Speaking engagements and training workshops

Upcoming: 06-19-19 “Identifying and ethically handling fraud in marriage based cases,” with attorneys Edward Neufville, Silver Springs, MD, Barbara Marcoulier, Seattle, WA, and Alan Pollack, NY, NY, AILA Annual Conference 2019, Orlando, FL.

03/15/19- “2019 Update on immigration developments, issues, and strategies for international students and educators,” International Educators of Illinois annual conference, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.

03/12/19- “Time to retaliate, civilly: learning the fundamentals of the game,” with attorneys Thomas Ragland, Washington, D.C. and Rekha Sharma-Crawford, Kansas City, MO, American Immigration Lawyers Ass’n national federal litigation conference, Chicago, IL.

03/11/19- “Admissibility and Removability for Business Practitioners,” with attorneys Robert H. Cohen, Columbus, OH, Jeff Joseph, Denver, CO, and Theresa Corcoran, Chicago, IL, AILA Chicago Chapter Annual Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL.

10/17/18- “Legal issues under the current climate,” Association of International Educators (NAFSA) Region 5 Annual Conference, with Jodi B. Simek, Director of International Programs/Principal Designated School Official (PDSO), University of Wisconsin- Whitewater, Schaumberg, IL.

10/12/18- SVD-SDP&A 23rd annual religious immigration workshop for the Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL

09/21/18- “What happens in District Court after you file the Complaint: Hurry up and Wait.” Panelist with William Stock, Philadelphia, PA and Brian Scott Green, Baltimore, MD, 2018 AILA Federal Court Business Litigation Conference, Washington, D.C.

08/27/18- “F-1 to Employment,” presentation to F-1 students, Midwestern Career College, Chicago, IL.

08/24/18- “Religious Workers: Best Practices for Winning R-1 and EB-4 Cases,” AILA webinar with co-panelists Joel Pfeffer, Pittsburgh, PA and Lisa N. Ellis, Seattle, WA.

07/09/18- “Immigration update- immigration in the news, border issues, the travel ban, and opportunities for pro-bono representation,” presentation and discussion with Elite Lawyers Networking (ELN) group at the Union League Club, Chicago, IL.

06/13/18- Overview of Family Based Immigration, with attorneys David F. Vedder, Daytona Beach, FL, Aimee Maldonado, Houston, TX, Kevin Crabtree, Oakland, CA, AILA Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

03/12/18- “We’ll See You in Court”, business immigration litigation panel with Leslie Dellon, American Immigration Council, Washington, D.C. and Noelia Rodriguez, Chicago, IL, AILA Annual Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL.

03/09/18- “2018 update on immigration developments, issues, and strategies for international students and educators,” presenter at annual conference of the International Educators of Illinois (IEI), Harper College, Palatine, IL.

02/26/18- Annual Immigration Law Update, webinar with Prof. Cindy Buys, Southern Illinois University Law School, Tejas Shah, Chicago, IL, and Juliet Boyd, Chicago, IL, Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago, IL.

02/16/18- “Transitioning from F-1 to H-1B,” presentation to international students at the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS), sponsored by UIS Office of International Student Services, Springfield, IL.

01/17/18- “What to do when the Government says No?”, panel discussion with attorney Gretchen Ekherdt, Chicago, on responding to difficult Requests for Evidence and Notices of Intent to Deny, Chicago Bar Association, Chicago.

12/04/17- “EB-4 Religious Workers and Other Special Immigrants,” videotaped presentation for American Immigration Lawyers Association’s Online Paralegal Training Course, AILA Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

10/13/17- SVD-SDP&A annual immigration workshop #22 for the Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL.

10/10/17- “Recent immigration developments and issues for the non-immigration practitioner,” presentation to the International and Foreign Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association.

06/24 /17-“ The “How-To” Guide to FOIA: Obtaining Information from Different Agencies”, discussion leader with attorneys Melissa Crow, American Immigration Council, Washington, D.C. and Michael Sharma-Crawford, St. Louis, MO, 2017 AILA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

05/05/17- “Expanding your practice to include employment based immigration and federal litigation”, presenter with attorneys John Shine, Chicago, IL, Matt Dillinger, Chicago, and Dan McCreary, Chicago, IL, AILA Greater Chicago Chapter’s annual Ethics Conference at the Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, IL.

04/30/17 – “Immigration Defenses” presentation as part of a Know Your Rights community forum sponsored by Democratic Party of Evanston (DPOE) at St. Nicholas Church, Evanston, IL.

04/27/17- “The Intersection of Immigration Law and Elder Law,” presentation at Illinois State Bar Association’s 4th Annual Elder Law Bootcamp: Basics and Beyond, Chicago, IL.

04/22/17- Community presentation on “Know Your Rights and developments in immigration law” for the immigrant community, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Rock Falls, IL, with attorney Louis Pignatelli, Rock Falls, IL.

04/18/17- Workshop for medical residents with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) authorization, Loyola Stritch School of Medicine, Maywood, IL.

04/07/17- “Recent immigration developments, issues, and strategies for international educators and students,” International Educators of Illinois (“IEI”) at Kendall College, Chicago.

04/02/17- “Laws and Regulations Relating to Refugees”, facilitator at “Welcoming the Stranger” information and action event at the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Evanston, IL.

03/13/2017- “Know Your Rights” panel discussion for law students at Northwestern Law School, with attorneys Bharathi Pillai, Roger Baldwin Foundation of ACLU, Inc., Sufyan Sohel, Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), and Cliff Zimmerman, Dean of Students, Northwestern Law School, Chicago, IL.

03/13/2017- “Ethics- Policing the Profession and the Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law,” panel discussion with attorneys Melissa Chavin, London, U.K., Nicolas Melissas, Director, Chicago USCIS Fraud Detection and National Security (FDNS), and Scott Kozloff, Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois, 2017 Midwest Regional Conference of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Chicago, IL.

02/19/2017- “The President’s Executive Orders and Know Your Rights” presentation with attorney Charles Wintersteen, Ismaili Center, Chicago, IL.

11/29/2016- “Immigration Law Basics- An Overview of Law and Practice Issues” to the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois, Chicago, IL

10/21/2016- SVD-SDP&A Immigration Seminar # 21, annual update with focus on religious workers, students, and religious visitors issues for the Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL.

08/26/2016- “Waivers in Removal Proceedings”, panel discussion on statutory discretionary waivers with attorneys Olsi Vrapı, Albuquerque, NM and Andres Ortiz, Los Angeles, CA, for AILA’s 2016 national Waivers Conference, Chicago, IL.

06/24/2016- “Don’t Let Your Vote Count Against You”, panel discussion on immigration consequences of unlawful voting and false claims to U.S. citizenship, with attorneys Vikram Badrinath, Tucson, AZ and Kelli Stump, Oklahoma City, OK, 2016 Annual Conference of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.

02/23/2016- Issues and Strategies Regarding Naturalization and the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, presentation and discussion to immigrant service provider organizations, DePaul Law School, Chicago, IL.

01/22/2016- Annual Immigration Law Update, webinar, Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago, IL with attorneys Tejas Shah and Juliet Boyd.

10/09/2015- SVD-SDP&A Immigration Seminar # 20, annual update with focus on religious workers, students, and religious visitors issues for the Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL, with Joseph Kolb, Deputy Admissions Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

10/02/15 Presenter- “Civil Rights/Impact Litigation,” National Latino Law Students Association (NLLSA) Annual Conference, Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, with attorneys Matt Piers and Ricardo Meza.

09/21/2015 Presenter- “Federal Litigation Update- EAD’s, STEM OPT, Special Immigrant Religious Workers, and FOIA- Chicago Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Chicago Bar Association.

09/17/2015- Presenter, “Religious Workers- Case preparation and strategies for R-1 and EB-4,” American Immigration Lawyers Association national teleseminar, with attorneys David Grunblatt, New York, and Lisa N. Ellis, Seattle.

03/27/2015- Presenter- Immigration Law and Practice. Careers in International Law Symposium, International Law Society, Southern Illinois University Law School, Carbondale, IL, with attorneys Michelle Rozovics and David Aubrey.

01/15/2015- Presenter- Immigration Law Basics for HR Professionals- Visa Options, Employment Authorization, Employer Sanctions and I-9 Compliance, sponsored by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Southwest Michigan Chapter, Cornerstone Chamber of Commerce and Western Michigan University SW.

11/13/2014- “Post-graduation employment and visa options for law students,” presentation at the Thomas Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana, with attorney Tejas Shah;

11/5/2014- Presenter for “Annual Immigration Law Update” with attorneys Tejas Shah and Juliet Boyd, Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago, IL webinar telecast;

10/21/2014- Presentation on “Immigration Issues in Employment Matters: Visa Status, Employment Authorization and I-9 Compliance. What to do if the U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids your client’s business?” “ Part of CLE approved course to the Northwest Suburban Bar Association, Westwood Tavern, Schaumberg, IL;

10/17/2014- Presentation on “Getting into College- Dealing with F-1 Students,” as part of the American Immigration Lawyers Association Chicago Chapter’s annual Fall Conference for business immigration attorneys, with attorney Bob White of Masuda Funai, Chicago, and .

10/10/2014- SVD-SDP&A Immigration Seminar # 19, annual update with focus on religious workers, students, and religious visitors issues for the Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL;

06/18/2014- “Counseling Corporate Clients on Employment & Training Opportunities Within F-1 and J-1 Status,” presenter with Elizabeth Goss, Boston, MA; Ester Greenfield, Seattle, WA; and Jeanne E. Kelley, Boston University International Students and Scholars, Boston, MA, AILA Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

03/10/2014- “Religious Workers and U.S. Immigration Law,” presentation to the American Immigration Lawyers Association New Members Division, Chicago, IL.

10/11/2013- SVD-SDP&A Immigration Seminar #18, annual update and immigration workshop for immigration managers with the Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL.

08/14/2013- “Removal Proceedings,” presenter for the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) 6-day training for accredited representatives and legal workers.

06/27/2013- “What to Do When Things Don’t Go As Planned: Dealing with Family-Based Petition Denials,” presenter with attorneys Peter L. Ashman, Las Vegas, NV and Theodore Murphy, Philadelphia, PA, for the 2013 American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

03/15/2013- “Breakfast with the Experts: Litigation,” presenter with Lisa Palumbo, Supervisory Attorney, Immigrants and Workers’ Rights Practice Group, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, at the American Immigration Lawyers Association Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL

03/08/2013-03/10/2013- Faculty member for 2013 AILA & American Immigration Council Litigation Institute, Washington, D.C.

03/09/2013- “F-1 Students at Troubled Schools,” presenter with attorneys Anna Stepanova and Kalpana Peddibhotla, national webinar for the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

02/13/2013- “New I-9 Form, Best Practices and Tips for Employers,” presenter with Prof. Mark Wojcik, John Marshall Law School, Juliet Boyd, Pat Kinally and Judd Azulay, Illinois State Bar Association webinar.

02/04/2013- “Question and Answer Follow-Up on Provisional Waivers Rule,” presenter with Laurel Scott, Houston, TX, national webinar by LawLogix.

01/23/2013- “New Provisional Waivers for Unlawful Presence,” presenter with attorney Laurel Scott, Houston, TX, national webinar by LawLogix.

11/07/2012- “Immigration Issues and Concerns for All Attorneys,” Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) webinar. Moderator and presenter on immigration and employment law issues.

10/12/2012- Immigration Seminar # 17, Society of the Divine Word (SVD), Techny, Illinois.

6/1/12- NAFSA Association of International Educators Annual Conference in Houston, Texas. Presenter on panel dealing with Immigration Visits by Government Agents and Best Practices with attorneys Scott Cooper (Troy, MI) and Kathleen Gasparian (New Orleans).

5/24/12 and 5/25/12- Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. 12th Annual Convening, Austin, Texas. Presenter on panels dealing with “Hot Topics in Religious Immigration” and “ABC’s of Employment Based Immigration”;

05/14/12- Presentation to members of the Chicago Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association on recent Board of Immigration Appeals significant decision *Matter of Arabally and Yerabelly*, 25 I&N Dec. 771 (BIA 2012) (holding that a departure on advance parole by an applicant for adjustment of status does not trigger the bar for unlawful presence under INA § 212(a)(9)(B)(i)(II)).

05/03/12- “Does your client employ immigrants?”, presenter at Illinois State Bar Association’s Continuing Legal Education Program “Is Your Client Foreign Born? Good Lawyering in a Global Legal Environment.” ISBA Regional Office, Chicago.

01/09/12- “Introduction to District Court Litigation: Mandamus and APA Review of Denials,” presenter to AILA Chicago Chapter’s Young Lawyers Division, Chicago.

12/7/11- “Identifying immigration remedies and case management,” presenter at Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) 6-day training, Chicago.

11/22/11 “ABC’s of Employment Based Immigration,” national webinar co-presenter with attorney Deborah Smith, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC).

07/19/11 “Strategies for Responding to Recent Trends in Adjudications,” discussion leader, along with attorneys William Stock, Philadelphia, PA and Megan Kludt, Northampton, MA, for a national AILA Web Seminar.

05/13/11 “Beyond the Unauthorized Practice of Law,” presentation at AILA Chicago Chapter’s Ethics CLE, Chicago, IL;

03/04/11, “FOIA and Delayed Naturalization Litigation,” presentation with attorneys Kip Steinberg and Emily Creighton at the AILA Litigation CLE Conference, Atlanta, GA;

01/31/11, “Immigration Law and Ethics, Part II- Role of and Challenges for Immigration Counsel,” presentation to attorneys at the Illinois Supreme Court’s Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, Chicago, IL

10/8/10-10/10/10- faculty member, 2010 Litigation Institute, American Immigration Council, Leesburg, VA.

10/8/10- Immigration Seminar #15, Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL;

10/5/10- “Bars and Waivers,” panelist with attorneys Susan Schreiber, Shirley Sadjadi and Catholic Charities accredited representative Sarah Flagel, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Chicago, IL;

9/27/10- “Immigration Law and Ethics, Part I- Introduction to Immigration Law, Categories and Concepts,” presentation to attorneys at the Illinois Supreme Court Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission, Chicago, IL.

8/18/10- “Identifying Immigration Solutions and Immigration Case Management,” faculty presentation at the 2010 6-day training for immigration legal workers, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Chicago, IL.

7/3/10- designated leader on panel “Dirty Little (or Big!) Secrets: Criminal Grounds of Inadmissibility and Removability” at 2010 AILA Annual Conference on Immigration Law in Bar Harbor, Maryland, with co-presenters Nancy Falgout (Houston), Michael Greenberg (Boston) and Jeremy McKinney (Durham/Raleigh).

6/3/10- presenter on “Religious Students to Religious Workers- New Rules,” poster presentation at the 2010 Annual National Conference of NAFSA- Association of International Educators” in Kansas City

4/9/10- panelist on “Responses to RFE’s, Appeals to the AAO and Federal Court Review” panel at American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Midwest Conference, with attorneys Craig Oswald, Asst. U.S. Attorney, James Martinkus and Nell Barker;

3/26/10- panelist on U.S. immigration law and international adoption panel at Illinois State Bar Association CLE on “Divorce, Deportation and Disciplinary Complaints” Continuing Legal Ed program, Chicago;

3/14/10- presenter on Religious Workers- New Immigration regulations- Chicago Bar Association with attorney Elizabeth Rompf Bruen;

12/14/09 “Waivers and Relief,” Designated leader and panel presenter at “Goin’ to the Crossroads of Immigration and Criminal Law: Convictions, Removability and Relief,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Fall Topics CLE conference, Boston, MA with attorneys Howard Silverman and Linda Osberg-Braun.

12/03/09 “Permanent Porting Under AC-21 in the Twenty-First Century Economy,” AILA National Webinar, speaker with attorneys Susan Cohen of Boston, Karen Selking of Chicago, and A. James Vasquez-Aspiri of San Francisco.

08/19/09, “Case Management and Identifying Immigration Remedies,” trainer for Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Chicago, IL

08/11/09, speaker, “Employment Based Immigration for Recruiters, Top Echelon’s Chicago Recruiters Group, Park Ridge, Illinois.

08/10/09, speaker, “Responding to USCIS Allegations of Fraud”, American Immigration Lawyers Association Chicago Chapter, Chicago Bar Association, Chicago.

06/05/09, “Bad Behavior in Vegas: Overview of Criminal Grounds of Inadmissibility and Deportability,” designated panel leader, 2009 Annual Conference on Immigration Law, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Las Vegas, Nevada (with attorneys David W. Leopold and Jennifer Rotman).

04/16/09, speaker, “International Students and F-1 Student Status”, Chicago Bar Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Committee.

04/06/09, panelist, “Responding to Requests for Evidence- Best Practices”, 2009 AILA Annual Midwest Region Conference, Chicago, IL.

12/11/08, panelist, “For the defense- What difference can consular notification make?” Illinois State Bar Association midyear meeting CLE on Article 26 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, Chicago, IL.

11/17/08, speaker, Employer compliance, I-9 requirements and enforcement issues, SVD Pastors Conference, Techny, IL.

11/17/08, “From IRCA to ICE- an Overview of Workplace Enforcement”, presenter at Federal Bar Association 3rd annual workplace enforcement conference, Loyola Law School, Chicago, IL

10/10/08, SVD Immigration Law Seminar #13, Society of the Divine Word, Techny, Illinois.

09/12-14/08, American Immigration Law Foundation Litigation Institute, faculty member/trainer, Chevy Chase, MD.

06/11/08, "Case Management and Identifying Immigration Remedies," trainer for Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights 6-day training, Chicago, IL

04/14/08, "Litigation for Business Immigration Attorneys," speaker on panel with Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Oswald and AILA attorneys Donald B. Kempster and Erin Cobb, 2008 AILA Annual Midwest Regional Conference "The Evolution of Immigration Law & Policy 2007-08.

02/29/08, "Business Immigration," discussion group leader at American Immigration Law Foundation National Immigration Litigation Strategy Meeting, Phoenix, AZ.

01/16/08, "U.S. Immigration Law and Employer Compliance," Lorman Education Services, moderator and presenter with attorneys Gabrielle Buckley (Vedder Price), Margaret H. McCormick (Minsky, McCormick & Hallagan, P.C.), Betsy Stelle Morgan (Baker & McKenzie LLC) and Jennifer Sultan (U.S. Department of Justice), Chicago, IL.

11/06/07, "Case Management and Identifying Immigration Remedies," presenter at Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights' 6-day training for immigration legal workers, Chicago, IL.

10/11/07, SVD Immigration Law Seminar #12, Society of the Divine Word, Techny, Illinois.

10/10/07, "Business Immigration Update- EB-1 and other Options for the Best and Brightest." Presenter with immigration attorneys Roy Watson and David Grunblatt, ILW (Immigration Lawyers on the Web) national teleconference.

09/18/07, "Court Advocacy Skills Training- direct and cross examination," Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), co-trainer with attorney Susan Schreiber for attorneys and legal workers with BIA recognized not-for-profit agencies.

05/15/07, "Essential information for every international student," Zarem/Golde ORT, Skokie, IL, presentation to international students and educators.

03/12/07, "Practitioners' Focus on Form I-129- visa categories and issues," American Immigration Lawyers Association, Young Lawyers Division, Chicago Chapter, presenter.

11/07/06, "Practical Tips for Consular Visa Interviews for F, J & M students," Association of International Educators (NAFSA) Region V Conference, Madison, WI, session chair and speaker.

10/13/06, Immigration Law Seminar #11, Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL.

09/21/06, "U.S. Treaty and Nationality Based Employment Options," International Bar Association 2006 Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, speaker, author and U.S. co-panelist with lawyers from Australia, Belgium Canada, the Netherlands, India, the U.K. and Russia, for a comparative study of those countries' nationality based employment authorization laws.

06/24/06 "Study Break: Keeping F, J and M Students in Status," AILA 2006 Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, discussion leader and contributing author.

05/19-05/21/06, American Immigration Law Foundation (AILF) 3-day National Litigation Institute, Chicago, Illinois, faculty member.

11/11/05, "A Survey of Asylum Case Law and Impact of the Recent Real ID Act," speaker at seminar "Presenting an Asylum Case: Tips for Trial and Judicial Review," Illinois State Bar Association Law Ed Series, Chicago. Other speakers included 7th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Diane Wood, Immigration Judge Robert D. Vinikoor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sheila McNulty and attorneys Patrick M. Kinnally and Juliet Boyd.

11/8/05, "Religious Students, Religious Workers, Immigration Issues and Initiatives," presenter at the Association of International Educators (NAFSA) Region V conference, Springfield, IL;

10/14/05, "Immigration Law Seminar #10," Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL;

07/13/05, "Case Management and Immigration Remedies," Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, presenter on immigration case and office management issues, and on spotting immigration options for not-for-profit immigration counselors.

06/23/05, Getting The Facts on Your Client, Using the Freedom of Information Act and Obtaining Criminal Documents for Immigration Cases," AILA 2005 Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, panelist and contributing author.

11/30/04, "Freedom of Information Act Use in Immigration Cases," panel member, AILA national teleconference.

10/08/04, "Immigration Law Seminar #9," Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL;

05/21/04, "A Nation of Immigrants: Overview of Immigration Law and Practice for Legal Assistants," Roosevelt University Legal Assistant Program's Continuing Legal

Education seminar- Teacher for all-day seminar consisting of Powerpoint presentation and group exercises.

04/13/04, “Immigration Court Training”, small group trainer on bond and removal proceedings for legal workers, sponsored by the Illinois Refugee and Immigrants Rights Coalition and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network;

04/08/04, “Departing the U.S.: Counseling LPR and Nonimmigrant Clients Before Departure,” discussion leader for AILA national teleconference series.

01/16/04, “Immigration Issues for Health Care Lawyers”, teleconference presentation to the Health Care Law Section Council, Illinois State Bar Association.

12/09/03, “New Entry-Exit Procedures,” faculty member for AILA Monthly Teleconference, speaking on SEVIS, Nonimmigrant Visa Waiver Procedures and Visa Waiver Program entrants to the U.S.

11/11/03, “Advanced Immigration Issues for Advising Religious Seminary Students,” session coordinator and presenter, NAFSA Region V conference, Milwaukee, WI

10/10/03, “What if my Client Does not Qualify for H-1B Classification – An Advanced Level Workshop About Alternatives to H-1B Status” (presentation on F-1 Student Visa employment options), 2003 AILA Chicago Chapter’s Fall Seminar, Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, IL

10/10/03, “Immigration Law Seminar #8”, Society of the Divine Word, Techny, IL

10/07/03, “Immigration and Nationality Law as a Career”, presentation to law students as part of a Law Careers Day at John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL

06/19/03, “Priority Date Issues: ‘When Can Grandma Come?’”, 2003 Annual Conference on Immigration Law, American Immigration Lawyers Association, New Orleans, LA.

03/31/03- moderator, “Immigration Practice and Process in the Era of Homeland Security”, Illinois State Bar Association, International & Immigration Section Council, Chicago (speakers included Department of Homeland Security Interim District Directors and O’Hare Airport Port Director).

03/28/03 – “Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and New Regulations for International Educational Programs and Students”, Chicago Bar Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, Chicago, Illinois.

02/01/03- “Taller Informativo – Asilo Politico Para Colombianos,” presentation on employment based immigration and political asylum options, sponsored by Grupo Colombia Vive, Chicago, Illinois.

01/26/03 – “Special Registration Rules and Exemptions,” presentation to Yellow Cab Management, Inc. taxicab drivers, Chicago.

01/24/03- “Introduction to the INS’ Administrative Appeals Office (AAO),” Conference on “Defenses to Deportability: From the IJ to the Supreme Court”, Chicago Bar Association and American Immigration Lawyers Association, Chicago.

11/20/02 – “Immigration Case Management”, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), Chicago.

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