

OTTAWA IMMIGRATION LAW CONFERENCE
Ron Kolbus Lakeside Centre
102 Greenview Avenue, Ottawa (New Location)
Friday, April 17, 2026
More Changes & Dealing with Long Delays

AGENDA

- 9:00-9:10 **Opening remarks**
- 9:10-10:00 **Practice Strategies for Dealing with Long Delays** (Ayesha Kumararatne, Kumararatne Law, Ottawa; Camille Boireau, Galileo Partners, Montréal)
- 10:00-10:40 **Professional Responsibility in the Face of Long Delays** (John Norquay, Refugee Law Office, Toronto)
- 10:40-11:00 **Break**
- 11:00-12:00 **Non-Legal Advocacy: Using the Media and Other Strategies** (Maureen Silcoff, Silcoff Shacter/Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Toronto; David Fraser, CBC)
- 12:00-12:05 **Intro to Settlement Worker Luncheon Roundtables** (Lili-Anne Kondo, Community Legal Services of Ottawa)
- 12:05-1:00 **Lunch** (provided)
- 1:00-1:45 **Recent Changes to the *Citizenship Act*** (Bruce Allen, Allen & Hodgman, Beachwood, Ohio)
- 1:45-2:30 **Update on Sponsorships** (Sylvie Okros, Community Legal Services of Ottawa; Adrienne Smith, Smith Immigration Law/University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Toronto)
- 2:30-2:50 **Break**
- 2:50-3:30 **What's Happening with LMIA's?** (Alexandra Callinan, MGL Lawyers, Ottawa)
- 3:30-3:45 **Conference Wrap-up**
- 3:45-5:00 **Networking Reception**

CPD: 3 hours substantive; 2 hours professionalism