

# 28<sup>TH</sup> Immigration Law Summit - Day One



CO-CHAIRS: **Suzanne Bruce**, Counsel, National Litigation Sector  
*Department of Justice Canada*

**Barbara Jo Caruso**, *Corporate Immigration Law Firm PC*

**November 26, 2020**

**9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Total CPD Hours = 5 h Substantive + 1 h 30 m Professionalism <sup>P</sup>**

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Toronto, ON**

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## **Agenda**

### **DAY ONE:**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Suzanne Bruce, Counsel, National Litigation Sector  
*Department of Justice Canada*

Barbara Jo Caruso, *Corporate Immigration Law Firm PC*

**9:05 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Update from the Visa Office: Study Permits, TRVs and Applications for Rehabilitation**

Peter Christensen, Assistant Director  
Immigration Program Guidance, *Immigration,  
Refugees and Citizenship Canada*

Jocelyn Espejo-Clarke  
Counsel, National Litigation Sector  
*Department of Justice Canada*

Jessica Ravenhurst, *Garson Immigration Law*

**9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Question and Answer Session**

**10:00 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. 25 Developments from 2020**

Sarah Fagan, *Corporate Immigration Law Firm PC*

Ravi Jain, C.S., *Green & Spiegel LLP*

**10:35 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. Question and Answer Session**


**10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break**

**11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Port of Entry Permits and Business Travel during the Pandemic**

Darryl Dalton  
Chief / Passenger Operations District/Toronto Pearson  
International Airport, *Canada Border Services Agency*

Michael Prosia, Chief, Southern Ontario Region,  
*Canada Border Services Agency*

Gabriela Ramo, *EY Law LLP*

<b>11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Building Resilience for a Better Practice Today (40 m )</b></p> <p>Melissa Babel, C.S., <i>Babel Immigration Law PC</i></p> <p>Robert Israel Blanshay, C.S., <i>Blanshay Law</i></p> <p>Betsy Kane, <i>Capelle Kane Immigration Lawyers PC</i></p>
<b>1:40 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>1:50 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>When the Clock Runs Out for CEC, FSW, FSTW Applicants – Humanitarian and Compassionate Applications and Other Trends</b></p> <p>Ronalee Carey, <i>Ronalee Carey Law (Ottawa)</i></p> <p>Monmi Goswami, <i>Department of Justice Canada</i></p>
<b>2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>The COVID-19 Spousal Sponsorship Boom</b></p> <p>Michael Battista, C.S., <i>Battista Smith Migration Law Group</i></p> <p>Dorna Rahmanian, Assistant Director, <i>Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada</i></p>

**3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.**

**Question and Answer Session**

**3:40 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.**

**Professionalism** (40 m )

Christine Fisher, Counsel, *Law Society of Ontario*

Naseem Mithoowani, *Mithoowani Waldman  
Immigration Law Group*

Dupé Oluyomi, Counsel, National Litigation Sector,  
*Department of Justice Canada*

**4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Question and Answer Session**

**4:30 p.m.**

**End of Day One**