

# 31<sup>st</sup> Immigration Law Summit

## DAY ONE



CO-CHAIRS: **Barbara Jo Caruso, C.S.**, *Corporate Immigration Law Firm*

**Meva Motwani**, Counsel, National Litigation Sector,  
*Department of Justice Canada*

**November 21, 2023**

**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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### **Agenda**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.**

**Welcome**

*Barbara Jo Caruso, C.S., Corporate Immigration Law Firm*

*Meva Motwani, Counsel, National Litigation Sector,  
Department of Justice Canada*

- 9:05 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**      **Top 25 Developments from 2023**
- Jennifer Luu, Counsel, *Department of Justice Canada*
- Carrie Wright, *BARTLAW LLP*
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**
- 9:35 a.m.– 10:15 a.m.**      **Connecting and Following Up With IRCC**
- Daud Ali, *Corporate Immigration Law Firm*
- Benoit Desjardins, Acting Director, *Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada*
- Prathima Prashad, Counsel, *Department of Justice Canada*
- Aldo Tanferna, Operations Manager, *Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada*
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**
- 10:25 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**      **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**      **Top 15 Federal Court Cases this Year**
- Rishma Bhimji, Counsel, *Department of Justice Canada*
- Lou Janssen Dangzalan, *LJD Law Professional Corporation*
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.**      **Question and Answer Session**

**11:20 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.**

**Update on Express Entry, OINP, and Targeted Draws**

Mark Brunet, Senior Analyst - Data Analysis, Reporting and Targets in Operations Planning and Performance Branch, *Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada*

Remzi Cej, Assistant Director, Express Entry, Permanent Economic Immigration Branch, *Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada*

Luiza Cornea, Manager, Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program Branch, Global Talent and Settlement Services Division, *Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development*

Peter Mielke, Senior Director - Data Analysis, Reporting and Targets Division in Operations Planning and Performance Branch, *Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada*

Clara Morrissey, *BARTLAW LLP*

Ernest Wheeler, Director, Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program Branch, Global Talent and Settlement Services Division, *Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development*

Brenda Wong, C.S., *Business Immigration Law Group*

**12:05 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Question and Answer Session**

**12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**Lunch Break**

**1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

**Border Update**

Steven Cescon, Superintendent, Toronto Pearson International Airport, *Canada Border Services Agency*

Bill MacGregor, C.S., *Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP*

Maria Pacheco, Chief of Operations, *Canada Border Services Agency*

Michael Prosia, Director, Corporate, Programs and Integration Management Division (CPIMD) - Southern Ontario Region, *Canada Border Services Agency*

<b>1:45 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>1:55 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.</b>	<b>Keeping a Lock on Confidential Information (30 m P)</b>  Leslie Babel, President, <i>Digital Fire</i>  Melissa Babel, C.S., <i>Babel Immigration Law Professional Corporation</i>  Zeynab Ziaie Moayyed, <i>Visa Law Group</i>
<b>2:25 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session (10 m P)</b>
<b>2:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.</b>	<b>Recent IRCC Program Changes</b>  Lou Janssen Dangzalan, <i>LJD Law Professional Corporation</i>  Betsy Kane, C.S., <i>Capelle Kane Immigration Lawyers</i>
<b>3:35 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
<b>3:40 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.</b>	<b>Ethical Challenges in Immigration Practice, Including Those Arising From IRCC Technology, Portal Fatigue and Errors Etc. (40 m P)</b>  Ali Esnaashari, <i>Esna Law Professional Corporation</i>  Shoshana Green, C.S., <i>Green and Spiegel LLP</i>  Gabriela Ramo, <i>EY Law LLP</i>
<b>4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Question and Answer Session (10 m P)</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>End of Day One</b>