

Andrew M. Wilson Speaks at 2026 AILA Northern Border Conference on Employment-Based Immigration Law



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[Andrew M. Wilson](#), Lippes Mathias partner, chief advisory officer, and co-leader of the firm's [immigration practice team](#), spoke at the 2026 American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Upstate New York Chapter Northern Border Conference, held Oct. 1-2.

Wilson served as a panelist for "Hot Topics in Employment-based Immigration Law," a Business Track session held Oct. 2. The panel addressed visa application challenges at consulates, including heightened INA §221(g) delays, §214(b) and §212(a) denials, and public charge scrutiny; documenting nonimmigrant intent; preparing clients with sensitive case histories or prior denials for visa appointments and travel; the Adjustment of Status Policy Memo (PM-602-0199); AI-generated NOIDs and RFEs from USCIS; the status of the \$100,000 H-1B fee and its effect on Canadians; and I-9 compliance following the end of duration of status for F and J nonimmigrants and the end of TPS.

About Andrew M. Wilson

As chief advisory officer, Andrew M. Wilson oversees firm initiatives focused on engagement, mentorship, summer

programming, pro bono work, DEI, and other areas.

As an immigration attorney with more than 25 years of experience, Wilson focuses on building long-lasting relationships with clients as a trusted advisor as opposed to simply completing specific transactions and filings. He represents companies, major league sports teams, and individuals in all areas of immigration law, including nonimmigrant and immigrant employment-based immigration matters. This includes preparing case-specific strategies to address both short- and long-term objectives. Wilson has extensive experience with challenging H-1B, NAFTA/USMCA and O-1 extraordinary ability cases. He is often called upon by other AILA immigration attorneys to help with difficult NAFTA/USMCA matters. Wilson also handles all green card matters, including EB-1, EB-2, and PERM labor certification filings. In addition, he represents individuals and families with family-based immigration filings, as well as waivers for admissibility issues.

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