

## Family Class and Business Updates

March 25, 2021

12:45-1:00 pm	Signing into the Portal/Registration
<b>1:00</b> – 1:05 pm	Welcome, Introduction and Brief Orientation – Ron McKay, RCIC
1:05 – 1:45 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Andrew WLODYKA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Class Advocacy before the Immigration Appeal Division and the Federal Court – Marriages of Convenience, Misrepresentation, and Excluded Relationships</li><li>• Q &amp; A</li></ul>
1:45 – 2:25 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jane DESMOND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Class – Parents/Grandparents and Super Visas</li><li>• Q &amp; A</li></ul>
2:25 – 3:10 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Makan MAHOUR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Class – Spouses/Common-law Partnerships (In Canada and Abroad) and Excluded Relationship(family Class Processing)</li><li>• Q &amp; A</li></ul>
3:10 – 3:20 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 Minute Rest Break</li></ul>
3:20 – 4:00 pm	<p><b>AURAY CAPITAL/Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton &amp; Cie, S.E.N.C.R.L.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of Statistics for Business Immigration Programs and Quebec Investor Update</li><li>• Q and A</li></ul>

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4:00 – 4:45 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dominic THERRIEN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business Immigration Processing Options</li><li>• Q and A</li></ul>
4:45 – 5 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ron McKay</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Announcements regarding Ashton College’s Advanced Certificates, Refresher Modules, Immigration Legal Assistant Program, Mentorship Courses, and Next CPD Seminars</li></ul>

### About the Presenters

#### Andrew Wlodyka



**Andrew Wlodyka** graduated from UBC in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations. He received his Bachelor of Law degree from UBC in 1977 and was called to the Bar in British Columbia in 1978. Through his practice at Wlodyka MacDonald Teng, Andrew represents individuals and corporations in all aspects of Canadian immigration. He represents clients who wish to apply for permanent residence in Canada under the independent, family and business categories. He also handles applications for work and study permits and visitor visas.

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Andrew has served on the Immigration Appeal Board, where he was promoted to Assistant Deputy Chair of the Immigration Appeal Division, Immigration and Refugee Board. He is an associate editor for the Immigration Law Reporter, and an immigration law lecturer.

Andrew's expertise in the immigration and citizenship area has been recognized by the Canadian Legal expert Directory.

### **Stephane Boisselle**



Stephane Boisselle is General manager at AURAY Capital, a leading financial intermediary for the Quebec Immigrant Investor Program.

During a career that spans over two decades in the financial sector, Stephane has established his reputation for building strong relationships with his clientele and delivering on his promises.

Stephane began his career in the securities industry as a trader and in equity research for a Canadian bank. He later moved on to Canada's largest financial services cooperative to manage teams in corporate financing. He now devotes his energy on promoting business immigration programs for AURAY Capital.

**Dominic Therrien**



**Dominic Therrien** has been a lawyer since 2002 and has a wealth of international experience as he lived and worked in the United States, France, and Mainland China. He represents many Canadian and international companies, including financial institutions, with respect to their business clients' immigration needs as well as in regard to labour mobility.

Throughout his legal career he has assisted hundreds of families in immigrating to Canada.

In addition to obtaining a Quebec law degree and a Certificate of Qualification in common law, he pursued undergraduate studies in political science at the University of Montréal, and graduate studies in international politics at the prestigious Université de la Sorbonne (Paris, France). Dominic was called to the Law Society of Quebec (2002), to the Law Society of British

Columbia (2010), and to the State Bar of California (2019). Dominic practices law in both of Canada's official languages, French and English.

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### Jane Desmond



**Jane Desmond** has been an immigration consultant and instructor for sixteen years. Jane has built a solid reputation amongst her peers. Her experience, coupled with her work in the community, have afforded her extensive legal exposure and understanding. Furthermore, her in-depth knowledge and insight have been sought by television networks – OMNI News, Globo (the largest television network in Brazil), and various local ethnic media outlets – to explain the implications of the changes in government policies and regulations in immigration.

Jane has successfully managed a Toronto-based consulting company, which represents clients before Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada, the Immigration and Refugee Board throughout Canada, and in many of the Canadian visa posts abroad..

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### Makan Mahour



**Maken Mahour** is a US Immigration Attorney, and a licensed Canadian Immigration Consultant. He advises and represents clients on a broad range of immigration matters, including permanent residency applications, asylum and detention hearings, and appeals. He has successfully represented clients in North Carolina, Baltimore, Washington and Canada.

Maken has a diverse international experience as he has lived in Iran, Canada, United States, and England. He has also had the opportunity to complete part of his Law degree at Oxford University. Outside of work, Maken runs and operates his charity called “Good Karma” where he reaches out to the undeserved and the less fortunate population.

### Ron McKay



**Ron McKay** has been involved professionally in the practice of immigration from 1986 to present. He previously served as a locally-engaged Overseas Immigration Officer and later

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worked as an Immigration Consultant at the Vancouver based law firm of Clark Wilsons LLP. In the capacity of Immigration Consultant he is presently employed by the CANGO and GUANGSON Immigration Consulting Firms. For the last three years, he has been employed as the Director of Immigration Programs at Ashton College.

Ron McKay is a Past President of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (“CAPIC”) and a Past Chair of the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (“ICCRC”). He has previously served on multiple stakeholder committees involving Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, the Canada Border Services Agency, Service Canada, the Immigration and Refugee Board and Continuing Legal Education.

In regard to this CPD Seminar – Ron McKay will serve as the emcee/moderator.