

1987 Midyear Meeting • Special CLE Seminar

January 29–31, 1987 • Acapulco, Mexico

Returning to the Pierre Marques Hotel in Acapulco, Mexico, the Board of Governors, other members and guests met during January 29–31 for the 1987 Midyear Meeting. Once again the Pierre Marques proved to be a good setting for the many productive working sessions that were conducted there.

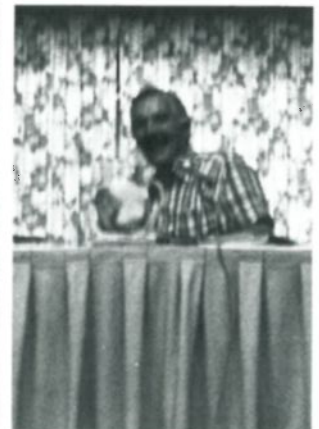
Beginning on January 29, AILA sponsored a special Midyear CLE seminar on "Reviewability of Consular Decisions," with AILA past president Robert E. Juceam serving as moderator for the seminar sessions.

In the morning, panelists addressed the historical "Development of the Doctrine of Consular Administrative Nonreviewability." Cornelius D. Scully, III, Director, Office for Regulations, Legislation, and Advisory Assistance, Department of State, provided a view from the State Department; AILA past president Leon Wildes provided a practitioner's perspective.

The afternoon panelists discussed the practical considerations of consular determinations and the "how to's" of overturning a negative decision. Stephen K. Fischel, Chief, Regulations and Legislation Division, Visa Office, addressed the issue of initial determinations, overturning the decision, and the role of the Advisory Opinion Section in the Visa Office. AILA member Sam Bernsen discussed the concept of consular absolution in visa cases, and Richard Peterson, Consul General, U.S. Embassy, Mexico, focused on the decision-making process in the field.

On the evening of the 29th, an authentic Mexican cocktail party was held as AILA welcomed everyone to Mexico.

The next morning at 9:00 a.m., representatives of 21 of AILA's 29 chapters met for



Robert E. Juceam (left) moderates the Midyear CLE Seminar on "Reviewability of Consular Decisions." Panelists Leon Wildes (middle) and Cornelius "Dick" Scully, III, Director, Office for Regulations, Legislation, and Advisory Assistance, Department of State, (right) discuss the "Development of the Doctrine of Consular Administrative Nonreviewability."



The AILA Committee on Asylum and Refugees (Deborah Anker, co-chair; middle) meets during AILA's Midyear Meeting in Acapulco.

their special three-hour Midyear Meeting. Chapters Chairs discussed issues ranging from the format for future meetings and attendance and input at national liaison committee meetings to the issue of admitting prospective members of uncertain qualifications. They concluded their meet-

ing by congratulating members of the Southern Florida Chapter for their work with the Florida Bar Association in producing a pamphlet on the difference between lawyers and *notarios publicos*.

Immediately following the Chapter Chairs meeting, at 12 noon, AILA sponsored a special luncheon with guest speaker Richard Peterson, Consul General, U.S. Embassy at Mexico City. Mr. Peterson discussed in general terms nonimmigrant and immigrant visa processing at Mexico.

Friday afternoon and Saturday morning were devoted to the regular meetings of the Board. Highlights included a report on the success of the AILA/Law & Business seminars on the new immigration law, an update on AILA's involvement in the IRCA regulatory process and general discussion regarding the legalization procedures, and a report on preliminary interest from foundation sources to fund a joint AILA/rights group project to train and provide legal assistance related to legalization. National committees presented reports on their activities, and the Conference Program Committee provided information on the upcoming 1987 Annual Conference.

In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, several of AILA's national committees met informally to conduct their own midyear meetings.

Before adjourning and leaving Acapulco's sunny weather, members and guests had ample time to taste the local flavors and admire the colorful Mexican wares. ■

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