

**UIA Immigration and Nationality Law Commission
2025 Midyear Meeting**

Global Immigration in an Age of Digitalisation and Relentless International Travel

**Laura Devine Immigration
100 Cannon Street
London EC4N 6EU UK
Friday June 6, 2025**

(Free admission for participants of the UIA Business Law Forum and for members of the UIA Immigration and National Law Commission and of the UIA UK National Committee)

14:30 – 15:45 SESSION 1 – SERVICES FROM ANYWHERE; IMMIGRATION TO ANYWHERE? IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE IN THE CROSSHAIRS OF TECHNOLOGY OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

In the three decades since the commercial launch of the internet, technology has made it increasingly easier for services to be performed from anywhere, to be delivered to everywhere. While this concept expands the global reach of businesses for employees based in corporate offices, it can be a trap for the unwary employee who travels frequently for business or pleasure. This session shall discuss best practices for immigration compliance for travel on visa waiver or visitor visas.

MODERATOR: Clayton CARTWRIGHT, President of the UIA Immigration and Nationality Law Commission, The Cartwright Law Firm, LLC, Columbus, GA, USA

SPEAKERS:

Irene BOCCARDO, Aires, Worthing, UK

Ilda DE SOUSA, Kingsley Napley, London, UK

Hervé LINDER, UIA Deputy Director of Congresses, Ernst & Linder LLC, New York, NY, USA

Dirk NUYTS, President of the UIA LGBTQIA+ Committee, Xelex Law Firm, Zug, Switzerland and Brussels, Belgium

Inge TE PAS, Communications Officer of the UIA Immigration and Nationality Law Commission, Kroes Advocaten Immigration Lawyers, Amsterdam, Netherlands

15:45 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:15 SESSION 2 – ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATIONS AND E-VISAS – PATHWAY TO VETTING BY AI OVERLORDS?

For the last 15 years, the United States and Canada spearheaded electronic travel authorisation (ETA) programmes for visa-exempt travellers, while India pioneered the e-visa. However, commencing in 2024, the United Kingdom finally launched its own ETA programme, with the European Union to follow with its own programme for the Schengen Area in 2026. This session shall provide a multinational state of play concerning ETA programmes and e-visas, and insights on the future integration of AI into their respective processing.

MODERATOR: Matthew WILLS, Vice President of the UIA Immigration and Nationality Law Commission, Laura Devine Immigration, London, UK

SPEAKERS:

Shalini AGARWAL, In Se Legal, New Delhi, India

Hermie DE VOER, Everaert Advocaten Immigration Lawyers, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Calin IUGA, Iuga & Asociatii, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Sharadha KODEM, Kodem Law Firm, Irving, TX, USA

Mary Cecilia SWEENEY, Laura Devine Immigration, London, UK

17:15 – 20:00 DRINKS RECEPTION

21:00 DINNER Please e-mail Clayton Cartwright (ccartwright@lawcart.com) for details and to RSVP.

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