

Chairs Report

All Star One GC Meeting September 2024

Phil and Ali are greatly looking forward to chairing in 2025 and have begun planning a conference that honors our All Star One traditions and continues the trend of increased attendance under Michelle and Matthew's leadership in 2024. We will be working with the Island and utilizing its marketing tools (and the conference's marketing committee) to keep this momentum rolling. We will be reaching out to key volunteer positions in the coming weeks and we're excited to be working closely with all of you.

Our committed speaker is New Hampshire attorney Ron Abramson. Ron began his career with the New Hampshire Public Defender's Office in 1993 before establishing himself as one of New Hampshire's preeminent immigration lawyers. In a career spanning over three decades, Ron has handled a multitude of immigration, criminal defense, civil litigation, and international legal matters. He has received numerous awards, been recognized as a top immigration attorney, served as an international trade consultant, and has taught law courses, both in the United States and abroad.

As a native of Chile and a naturalized United States citizen himself, immigration is close to Ron's heart. He has successfully obtained all manner of business and family-based visas; has successfully brought post-conviction relief cases in state and federal courts; has taught at local, regional, and national training programs; and has litigated several appeals before the New Hampshire Supreme Court, Board of Immigration Appeals, and U.S. Circuit Courts. Ron's work involves helping clients with investigations undertaken by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services [USCIS], U.S. Customs & Border Enforcement [ICE], the U.S. and New Hampshire Departments of Labor [DOL], Social Security Administration, State Department [DOS], and other federal and state agencies.

Given his keen personal and professional understanding of the challenges and hardships resulting from an outdated legal framework, Ron regularly advocates for meaningful, comprehensive immigration reform. When the media have questions about high-profile immigration cases, they often call Ron. Ron has appeared countless times on television, radio, and throughout local, national, and international print media.

The exact nature of Ron's program for us will greatly depend on the results of the election in November, but he currently intends to focus on the following topics:

- Background and history of immigration in the United States.
- Common facts and fictions in our perception of immigration laws and policy.
- What laws and policies are being pursued by the new administration.
- What could we fashion as an ideal immigration system?