



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

Consular Processing For Beginners

Speakers: Rami Fakhoury, Kevin Aiston, Steven Garmo, Joel S. Guberman, Frances Hayden and Angelo Paparelli

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on April 29: Role of the State Department in Visa Processing

- Information gathering
- New FISA law
- Visa Waiver Program - eligibility, ESTA system
- 9 FAM - ground of inadmissibility
- Security Advisory Opinion (SAO)
- Discussion of select consular posts
- Hot topics update

SECOND Phone Session on May 27: Coordination between USCIS/ICE, CIA, FBI and DOS

- Investigations by Bureau of Diplomatic Security Service
- Data mining process, profiling programs - H and L cases
- Documents and Benefits Fraud Task Forces (DBFTF) and other multiple agency task forces
- Discussion of select consular posts
- Hot topics update

THIRD Phone Session on June 24: Set Up of Consular Posts: Who's Who Behind the Glass Wall, and How to Get Them to Work With You

- Practical guide to risk factors and self-audits
- Risk management profile - client, your firm, client counter-parties
- What to expect at two dozen foreign consulates
- Due diligence steps in your application
- Discussion of select consular posts
- Hot topics update

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About the Speakers

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Frances Hayden has been practicing law for more than 21 years. She is a graduate of the School of Law at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), as well as the California Bar Association. Ms. Hayden is fluent in Spanish and has her B.A. in Spanish Language and Literature from Western Washington University. For the past 15 years, she has focused on consular processing of non-immigrant visas at U.S. embassies and consulates worldwide, with a special emphasis on third-country national visa processing at border posts in Mexico and Canada. She and the attorneys associated with HaydenLaw travel with visa applicants to American consulates in Mexico and Canada several times each month. These trips keep Ms. Hayden on top of all current visa regulations and ongoing policy changes.

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