



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

## Physicians For Experts

*Speakers: Robert Aronson, Wendy Hess, Khorzad Mehta, Ellie Najfabadi, Suzanne B. Seltzer, Greg Siskind and Barry Walker*

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### Seminar Outline

#### FIRST Phone Session on September 30: J-1 Waivers

- What waiver options are available for J-1 physicians
- Choosing the "right" waiver option
- New developments in the Conrad State 30 Waiver Program
- Working with the states on J-1 waiver matters
- Overcoming problems at the Department of State for waiver clients
- Creating timetable for J-1 waiver case
- Physician's obligations upon receiving waiver

#### SECOND Phone Session on October 21: Nonimmigrant Visa Options For Physicians

- Required credentialing for H-1B purposes
- Special considerations for Canadian H-1B physicians
- Concepts of "extenuating circumstances" for waiver fulfillment
- H-1B cap/cap-exemption considerations for physician employers
- Current O-1 standards for "extraordinary ability"
- Allowable scope of activity for Canadian TN physicians

#### THIRD Phone Session on November 11: Permanent Resident Options For Physicians

- Labor Certification Application practice for physicians
- National Interest Waivers for physicians
- Strategically choosing between National Interest Waiver & Labor Certification Application
- Interplay of J-1 employment obligations and starting LPR case
- Balancing out immigration objectives with physician's professional aspirations
- Handling the academic physician

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### About the Speakers

**Robert D. Aronson** (Discussion Leader) is the Principal Attorney and Managing Director of Aronson & Associates. He has been practicing exclusively in the field of immigration law – and, in particular, employment-based immigration law – as a member of the firm since 1986. He brings passion, creativity, and a profound sense of client service to his immigration law practice. He is widely regarded as one of the leading immigration lawyers in the United States, and has developed a large national practice serving a broad range of foreign nationals and their employers, drawn from diverse economic sectors and geographic regions. He is particularly prominent in immigration law and policy for International Medical Graduates, which is one specific sub-set of employment-based immigration. Robert was initially admitted to the Bar as an attorney in 1977, and has spent the vast majority of his professional career practicing exclusively in immigration law. He is a Cum Laude graduate of the Indiana University School of Law (1976) and thereafter continued his post-graduate legal studies as a Fulbright Fellow at the law schools of Harvard University (Cambridge, MA) and Moscow State University (Russia).

**Wendy Hess** is Partner of the Law Offices of Goldblum and Hess. She has limited her practice to immigration, nationality and consular law since 1980. She has extensive experience representing research institutions, universities, multi-national corporations, health care institutions, information technology firms, and large consulting firms (and, importantly, the foreign nationals they seek to employ) in securing appropriate immigrant and nonimmigrant visas. She also has extensive experience representing employers, both large and small, in employer sanctions matters, as well as representing individuals in all immigration litigation matters. After graduating in 1980 from George Washington University's National Law Center, Wendy worked with the Traveler's Aid Society in Chicago where she obtained outstanding immigration-related litigation experience. She then joined the Board of Immigration Appeals in Falls Church, Virginia, as a Staff Attorney, where she acquired valuable appellate immigration-related experience.

**Khorzad Mehta** is a supervising attorney at the Murthy Law Firm. Having earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from The Ohio State University in 2001, Mr. Mehta earned his law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 2004. In law school, he participated in the Immigration Law Clinic to assist noncitizens seeking asylum and refugee status in the United States. Since October 2003, Mr. Mehta has assisted many international physicians with J-1 waivers, H and O nonimmigrant petitions, labor certifications, and National Interest Waivers and Extraordinary Ability based immigrant petitions. Before joining the Murthy Law Firm in June 2008, he also aided individual families and U.S. employers outside the health care industry with employment- and family-based immigrant and nonimmigrant visa matters. Mr. Mehta is fluent in conversational Gujarati and Hindi and has intermediate to basic fluency in French and Marathi. He is admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio.

**Ellie Najfabadi** is a corporate immigration attorney of the Law Firm of Carl Shusterman. She recently lectured over 100 immigration attorneys regarding applications for employment-based permanent residence through labor certification. Ms. Najfabadi is truly a citizen of the world. Born in Iran and educated in India, she is fluent in both Farsi and Hindi. Working for the United Nations in Spain, she honed her Spanish and served as a Spanish interpreter for the U.S. Immigration Court. Later, she worked as an immigration legal assistant while attending law school in the evening. She has over 20 years of experience in immigration law. She represents numerous Fortune 500 corporations, million dollar investors, health care employers, international medical graduates, outstanding professors and researchers and persons in a wide variety of occupations. She formerly served as the Chairperson of the Immigration Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

**Suzanne B. Seltzer** heads the New York office of Klasko, Rulon, Stock and Seltzer, LLP. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (B.A., magna cum laude, 1989); Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., cum laude, 1993), Ms. Seltzer is also a staff Editor, Georgetown Immigration Law Journal. She is well known for her representation of universities, hospitals and research institutions and their medical and research personnel in obtaining extraordinary ability and national interest waiver immigrant petitions, O-1 nonimmigrant visas, and waivers of the two-year home country residence requirement. Ms. Seltzer also was given the Cornerstone Award by the Lawyers Alliance for New York in recognition of her outstanding contributions to pro bono work on behalf of victims of human trafficking.

**Greg Siskind** is the founding partner of Siskind Susser and has been practicing immigration law since 1990. Since he started Siskind Susser in 1994, he has become one of the best-known immigration lawyers in the country. After graduating magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University, Gregory Siskind went on to receive his law degree from the University of Chicago. For the past several years, he has been an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He recently served as chairman of the AILA Physicians Committee and now chairs the Foreign Medical Graduate Taskforce. Greg is a member of the American Bar Association where he serves on the Council of the Law Practice Management Section. He is also a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, the Nashville Bar Association and the Memphis Bar Association. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and on the executive board of the Jewish Family Service agency in Memphis, Tennessee. He recently was named one of the Top 40 executives under age 40 in Memphis, Tennessee by the Memphis Business Journal and as one of the 101 best lawyers in Tennessee by Business Tennessee Magazine. Greg regularly writes on the subject of immigration law. He has written several hundred articles on the subject and is also the author of the book *The J Visa Guidebook*, published by Lexis-Nexis, one of the nation's leading legal publishers. He is also a technology columnist for *Immigration Law Today* published by the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

**Barry Walker** was born in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, on December 23rd, 1951 and is admitted to practice in the state of Mississippi. Mr. Walker has been a practicing attorney since 1979. Since 1992, his practice has been concentrated in employment-based nonimmigrant and immigrant cases. He practices before the US Department of Labor, US Immigration Service, and US State Department. He represents employers and employees in the processing of H-1B specialty occupations, O-1 visas for persons with Extraordinary Ability, L-1 intracompany transfer, E-1/E-2 treaty trader and treaty investor nonimmigrant visa cases. He regularly represents health care facilities and foreign medical graduates in J-1 waiver cases. He processes labor certification for skilled workers and college graduates. He prepares and processes visa petitions for aliens of extraordinary ability, and outstanding professors and researchers. He has obtained approval of national interest waivers in each of the four Immigration Service Regional centers and has been successful in this procedure in over 100 cases. Attorney Walker is a regularly invited speaker on immigration matters involving Foreign Medical



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Graduates and is author of business employment and foreign physician immigration topics. Mr. Walker holds a Master Degree in International Law and Trade from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana where he was a distinguished graduate. His curriculum included the study of Immigration Law. He obtained his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Mississippi and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mississippi State University. Mr. Walker is also fluent in spoken and written Spanish.