



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

Physicians For Beginners

Speakers: Christopher Wendt, Ingrid Brey, Lisa E. Claypool, Kristen A. Harris, Ann Lance, Bruce R. Larson and Hamel Vyas

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on December 23: Through the Looking Glass: Introduction to Medical Education and Licensure; Working with Hospital/Institutional Counsel

- System of Medical Education in the US
 - Who is an FMG?
 - Post-Graduate Medical Education
- Medical Licensure and Certification
- Interaction with the Immigration System
- Institutional Rules and Policies - Dealing with In-House Immigration Staff/Counsel

SECOND Phone Session on January 6: The J-1 Exchange Visitor Classification and its Discontents

- Getting Into the J-1 (The ABC's of ECFMG)
- Getting Around the J-1 for Training
- Getting Out of the J-1 Obligations - Waivers and more
 - Waivers
 - MAVNI
- Satisfying the 2 year home residency requirement
- The Physician National Interest Waiver

THIRD Phone Session on February 3: Other Common Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Solutions for Doctors

- H-1B's for Physicians
- O-1
- TN
- PERM
- Avoiding PERM
 - EB-1-1
 - EB-1-2
 - Schedule A, Group II
 - The "other" National Interest Waiver

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Christopher Wendt (Discussion Leader) has been immigration counsel at the Mayo Clinic since 2003. Previously, he was an associate with Butzel Long, P.C. in Detroit, Michigan, advising major corporations in all aspects of business immigration, including assisting with immigrant and nonimmigrant visas, regulatory compliance, governmental investigations, and administrative appeals. In addition, he served as Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan from 2001 to 2003. Chris obtained his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Michigan in 1998, where he received the Hessel E. Yntema Award for 1997-1998 for performance with distinction in courses and seminars in international and comparative law. He graduated cum laude from Beloit College in 1993, where he studied Government and Russian. He has served as Treasurer of the Minnesota/Dakotas and Michigan Chapters of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He coordinates the Mayo Clinic Legal Department immigration pro bono project, and currently serves on the board of directors of Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services and of Legal Assistance of Olmsted County. He was recently named an "Up & Coming Attorney" by Minnesota Lawyer.

Ingrid Brey practices immigration law in Michigan.

Lisa E. Claypool joined University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in October 2005 as Assistant Counsel, first with its clinical practice plan and, subsequently, in this position for the whole health system as part of UPMC Employee Relations. Lisa's practice has focused on business immigration law since her graduation from University of Detroit School of Law in 1994. Her experience includes twelve years of private practice, her last position being with Deasy & Whitehill, P.C. in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Prior to joining UPMC she was in-house with a large technology consulting company for three years. Lisa has been an author on business immigration topics and has participated as a panelist on business immigration related panels.

Kristen A. Harris is an attorney at the Law Offices of Rubman & Compennolle. Ms. Harris is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale University (B.A., M.A., anthropology) and holds a J.D. degree from the University of Michigan (1998). Her previous experience includes securities litigation at the Securities and Exchange Commission and international and domestic business transactions with Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg, a major Chicago law firm. She provides immigration expertise to professionals and their employers in the financial, healthcare, manufacturing and technology industries. She also represents individuals and families in green card and naturalization cases. She previously chaired the Chicago Bar Association's Immigration and Nationality Law Committee, served on the USCIS Chicago District Director Liaison Committee, and currently serves on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Liaison Committee. She is a native of Western Michigan. She speaks Spanish.

Ann Lance is the Senior International Personnel Advisor at Mayo Clinic. She has more than 30 years of experience at Mayo in academic medical education and extensive working knowledge of academic health care institutions. Ann was a key player in the design and formation of the current International Personnel Office and has more than 12 years of experience navigating employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant visa categories in the academic health care field. Her particular expertise includes: Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification, J-1 visa sponsorship, Medical licensure issues for international medical graduates (IMGs), and Permanent residency processing for IMGs, including interested government agencies waivers. Ann is an active member of NAFSA, Association of International Educators, a national organization for international education. She serves on various J-1 and ECFMG panels at the regional and national level. She also functions as a mentor on current immigration trends and institutional needs as well as a liaison for Mayo Clinic and its international population with various state and federal agencies.

Bruce R. Larson joined Mayo Clinic in September 2001 as senior immigration attorney in the Legal Department and director of the International Personnel Office, following more than 20-years as an immigration attorney with the federal government and in private law practice. A cum laude graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Law, he has served on the national board of governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and as adjunct professor of immigration law at the University of Georgia School of Law. He is listed in "Who's Who in America," "International Who's Who of Corporate Immigration Lawyers," "Dictionary of International Biography" and "Who's Who in American Law." Apart from his professional duties at Mayo, Bruce serves on the national board of directors of the Swedish Council of America and is former Honorary Consul of Sweden for the State of Georgia.

Hamel Vyas joined The Mount Sinai Medical Center located in New York City in January 2005 and is currently the Director of International Personnel in the Human Resources Department. She received a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science (with honors) from York University, Toronto, Canada in 1992 and her Juris Doctor from the Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, Delaware in 1995. Ms. Vyas began her immigration law career as an attorney in Buffalo, New York in 1997. In 2006, she served as Vice-President and Chair of the Advocacy Committee on the South Asian Bar Association of New York (SABANY), and has been a Board member since 2007. Ms. Vyas is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). In 2002-2003 she served on AILA's Board of Governors during her one-year term as Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Chair and in 2001-2002 was also AILA's YLD Co-chair. Ms. Vyas has spoken on numerous immigration panels and has also written on various immigration topics.