



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

Family Immigration For Experts

Speakers: Michelle L. Lazerow, Jason Abrams, Marc Ellis, Maurice Goldman, Nancy Peterson, Melvin Solomon, and Parastoo Zahedi

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on July 29: Family Relationships

- What constitutes the family for immigration purposes?
 - Spouse
 - Step-children
 - Children out of wedlock
 - Half brothers and half sisters
 - Adopted children
 - Widows
- CPSA
- Fiancé Visa - and International Marriage Broker Regulation Act
- VAWA self petitioners
- Special Immigrant Juveniles

SECOND Phone Session on August 19: Consular Processing vs. Adjustment of Status

- Preparation for interview (consular and USCIS)
 - Parties living together or separated at time of interview
 - Sham marriage
- DNA testing: parent/child
- Consulates re-adjudicating cases
- *Tran v. Napolitano*
- K-3

THIRD Phone Session on September 16: Marriage Cases

- Bona fide marriage
- How to prepare for interview
- Marriage while in proceedings
- Fraudulent first marriage
- 751's
 - Filing joint 751
 - Good faith waiver
 - Divorce at time of filing Form-751
 - NTA for not filing Form-751
 - Combining with NATZ application

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Michelle L. Lazerow (Discussion Leader) practices exclusively immigration law in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, primarily in the areas of business, family and naturalization; She has served on numerous AILA liaison committees on both a local and national level; She has also served on numerous conference committees, as Chair, Co-Chair and Committee Member. She has participated as a panelist on a large variety of immigration issues in conferences nationwide. Ms. Lazerow served 6 years on the board of AILF, has served as Chair of the Annual Immigrant Achievement Awards (D.C.) for 11 years and as Chair of the Immigrant Achievement Awards (Annual Conference, Utah); Ms. Lazerow graduated with a law degree and a post-graduate degree in corporate law, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, and a Master of Law, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Ms. Lazerow can be reached at mlazerow@visa4u.us

Jason Abrams Jason Abrams has been a partner with the firm Abrams & Abrams LLP since 2008. He specializes in employment-based and family-based petitions and applications, including H-1B, H-3, and L-1 nonimmigrant visas and all immigrant petitions, including skilled and unskilled workers, extraordinary ability, and multinational manager petitions. Jason also works on complicated situations involving fraud allegations or identity theft. Additionally, he appears in Immigration Court for adjustment hearings and Cancellation of Removal cases. Jason is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. For AILA, he is an active member of the New York Chapter and moderates two forums on the AILA Message Center for immigration attorneys. Jason also is chair of the New York Chapter's Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law. This committee gathers evidence on and works with law enforcement to stop nonlawyers from preying on their local communities through unlicensed legal work. As there is no recourse against a nonlawyer whose inexperience or deception ruins an individual's chance at an immigration benefit, this practice is a major issue in every community in New York. Jason sees many clients who have been victimized by the unauthorized practice of law. Jason was born in New York and graduated from Haverford College and Fordham Law School. He is fluent in both French and Spanish. He speaks frequently to other attorneys on employment-based immigration matters.

Marc Ellis Marc Ellis is an immigration attorney in Ho Chi Minh City. He specializes in helping clients overcome consular denials of family-based visas. He has been a member of AILA since 1997. He is licensed in Louisiana and in Vietnam.

Maurice Goldman is a partner in the law firm Goldman & Goldman, P.C. based in Tucson, AZ. The firm, a mother and son collaboration, offers more than 17 years of combined experience in the field of U.S. Immigration and Nationality Law. Mr. Goldman focuses on the following immigration-related issues: deportation, labor certification, national interest waivers, outstanding researches, foreign personnel transfers, investors, employee compliance families, marriages, citizenship, refugees, students, appeals, permanent residency, visas, immigration appeals. Goldman & Goldman, P.C. is listed in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers.

Nancy Peterson is a sole practitioner in St Paul, Minnesota. She has been practicing immigration law for the past 18 years. She represents persons in removal defense cases including appeals, family-based immigration, and naturalization, petitions under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), U visas and asylum. Nancy has presented at several immigration law seminars over the past ten years. She is involved as a mentor attorney at Advocates for Human Rights and was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2007. She also volunteers at a monthly immigration clinic with Minnesota AIDS Project. She is admitted to practice law in Minnesota, the US District Court of Minnesota and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is fluent in Spanish.

Melvin Solomon is managing partner of Parsekian & Solomon Immigration P.C. A nationally recognized immigration law specialist, Mr. Solomon offers more than three decades of practical, hands-on experience. He has lectured frequently and published extensively articles on various immigration law topics. Mr. Solomon has been named one of the Best Immigration Lawyers in the United States and in New Jersey by various national and state bar publications. Among Mr. Solomon's numerous publications is "Family-Sponsored Immigration", which can be found at the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Publications Online Bookstore. He also served as a speaker on a core curriculum panel entitled "Immigration Visa Processing Part 1: Family, Special Immigrant & Diversity Visa Lottery." For the past 12 years, Mr. Solomon has been an annual speaker at the National Conference of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Mr. Solomon is a graduate of Rutgers College and Rutgers University School of Law. He is a past Chairman of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Parastoo Zahedi is a solo practitioner who has been practicing immigration law since 1989. Ms. Zahedi's practice ranges from removal, asylum, and citizenship issues to all employment based immigration matters, and family based immigration. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, having served on the Executive Committee of the Washington D.C. Chapter as its Chair for 2007-2008. Before her election as Chapter Chair, she served as the Treasurer, Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair Elect. She is currently serving as the Liaison Chair with the Washington District Office of the USCIS. Previously she served on the AILA National ICE Liaison Committee for 2009-2010 and on the State Department Liaison Committee in 2008-2009. She is a mentor on asylum matters to fellow immigration attorneys nationwide, as well as a frequent panel member at legal education seminars, including the annual AILA conference as well as speaking to the criminal defense bar associations in MD, DC and VA. She received her J.D. in 1988 from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington D.C. She is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.



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