



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

## Physician Immigration For Experts

*Speakers: Greg Siskind, Robert Aronson, Ingrid Brey, Kristen Harris, Elahe Najfabadl, Elissa Taub, Robert Whitehill, and Charles Wintersteen*

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### SEMINAR OUTLINE

#### **FIRST Phone Session on November 29, 2012 – J-1 Waiver**

- The state of play - major program changes, slot usage trends and more
- The plight of the J-2 - challenges facing spouses and children
- Not quite over - re-triggering 212(e); procuring second waiver approvals
- Transferring employers before the waiver requirements are satisfied

#### **SECOND Phone Session on December 27, 2012 – H-1Bs**

- The Texas license rule - how it works; the beginning of a trend?
- Cap exemption challenges for the IMG
- Running out of time - strategies for extending the IMG's H-1B beyond six years
- Alternatives to the H-1B

#### **THIRD Phone Session on January 3, 2013 – Green Cards and Legislative Developments**

- PERM versus NIW - choosing the best strategy for your client
- Green card backlog strategies
- STEM legislation
- Budget cutting and IMGs - GME training slot cuts, federal J-1 waiver program eliminations
- IMG reforms - S. 1979 and the new Congress

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

[Greg Siskind](#) (Discussion Leader) is a partner in Siskind Susser's Memphis, Tennessee, office. After graduating magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University, he received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Chicago. Mr. Siskind is a member of AILA, a board member of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, and a member of the ABA, where he serves on the LPM Publishing Board as Marketing Vice Chairman. He is the author of several books, including the J Visa Guidebook and The Lawyer's Guide to Marketing on the Internet. Mr. Siskind practices all areas of immigration law, specializing in immigration matters of the health care and technology industries.



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[Robert Aronson](#) 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)

[Ingrid Brey](#) is an AV-rated attorney, is listed in *Super Lawyers* and has been named by *Super Lawyers* as one of the top 50 Women Super Lawyers in Michigan for 2012. She has been named by *Best Lawyers in America®* as the 'Detroit Area Best Lawyers Immigration Lawyer of the Year for 2011'. She received her undergraduate degree in 1974 from Michigan State University. A *cum laude* graduate of The Thomas M. Cooley Law School (1977), she also holds an LL.M. from The Georgetown University Law Center (1985). Ms. Brey is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association (AILA) in which she has served on various national committees, including Department of State, Nebraska Service Center and as Chapter Chair for Michigan in 1999 – 2001. She also chaired AILA's Physician Committee in 2003-2004. She has written numerous articles on immigration law, including a Chapter entitled "Immigration" in ICLE's *Employment Law in Michigan: An Employer's Guide* (2012). As well, she has presented nationally on immigration – particularly in the field of health care, including at AILA's 2011 Fall Conference in Denver, Colorado, on the topic "*Intersection of Labor Law and Immigration*".

[Kristen 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 healthcare, financial, manufacturing and technology industries, as well as in the educational sector. She also represents individuals and families in green card and naturalization cases. Ms. Harris serves as Advocacy Co-Chair of the International Medical Graduate Taskforce ([www.imgtaskforce.org](http://www.imgtaskforce.org)), a national group of professionals in medicine and law who are dedicated to helping Americans in rural and other physician-shortage areas obtain the basic medical services through immigration-based solutions. Ms. Harris previously chaired the Chicago Bar Association's Immigration and Nationality Law Committee and has served on the USCIS Chicago District Director Liaison Committee, as well as the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Liaison Committee. She is a native Midwesterner and speaks Spanish.

[Elahe Najfabad](#) is one of the leading corporate immigration attorneys in the United States. She recently lectured over 100 immigration attorneys regarding applications for employment-based permanent residence through labor certification. She has earned the highest rating ("AV") in legal ability and ethics from the prestigious Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory. Ms. Najfabad 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. She has spoken at numerous National Conferences of the American Immigration Lawyers Association about J waivers and the immigration of physicians to the United States.

[Elissa Taub](#) is an attorney in the Memphis office of Siskind Susser PC, where she practices exclusively in the area of physician immigration and immigration for those in the arts, fashion and sports industries. Prior to joining the firm in 2007, Elissa was an associate at two large law firms where she represented corporate clients in a variety of complex litigation matters, including antitrust, white collar criminal and class action litigation. Elissa earned her Juris Doctor degree from Villanova University School of Law in Villanova, PA where she graduated magna cum laude, Order of the Coif. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis, where she also studied German. Elissa is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and The Florida Bar. She may be reached via email at [etaub@visalaw.com](mailto:etaub@visalaw.com).



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[Robert Whitehill](#) has focused his practice exclusively on immigration and nationality law for more than two decades. Chair of the firm's Immigration Group, he serves the immigration needs of individuals and employers, including those skilled and highly trained in: the sciences, the arts, medicine, commerce and industry. Bob also assists: employers in securing non-immigrant work visas for new hires and permanent residence for permanent personnel, health care institutions with immigration issues of foreign-born professional staff, institutions in developing and implementing system-wide immigration policies and protocols, multi-national companies in bringing in executives, managers or individuals with specialized knowledge, universities with foreign-born faculty, researchers, and graduates, including Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh, entrepreneurs forming start-up enterprises or relocating to the U.S. in securing treaty-based visas, individuals seeking status based on family or asylum.

[Charles Wintersteen](#) has concentrated his practice in Immigration and nationality law since November 1991. Mr. Wintersteen is a graduate of DePaul University College of Law and holds M.A. and B.A. degrees from the University of Colorado and the University of Oregon, respectively. Mr. Wintersteen is admitted to practice before the Illinois Supreme Court, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Eleventh Circuits. Mr. Wintersteen is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and is active as a board member, volunteer trainer, and pro bono advocate for several community and immigrant rights organizations in Chicago.

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