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## Consular Processing For Experts

*Speakers: Allen Kaye, Ted Chlappari, and Stephen Pattison*

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### SEMINAR OUTLINE

#### **FIRST Phone Session on December 26 - Bureau of Consular Affairs**

- The Visa Office
  - Function
  - Advisory Opinions Section
  - Other Sections of the Visa Office
- The National Visa Center
- The Kentucky Consular Center
- Non-Immigrant Visa Processing
  - Preparing the client for interview
  - Reasons for denial
  - Overcoming reasons for denial
  - Current problems
  - Current problem posts
- Communicating with Consuls in NIV cases
  - Email, etc.
  - Legalnet
  - Other methods of communication

#### **SECOND Phone Session on January 10 - Continuation of Bureau of Consular Affairs**

- Current problems - generally
- Special issues and concerns at different consular posts
- Administrative processing - what does it mean?
- L-1 visa problems - generally
- L-1 visa problems - India
- The "India disease"
- Consular Sections - How are they organized?
  - Anti-fraud
- Consular Tools
  - Foreign Affairs Manual



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- ALDACs
- SIGs
- What do Consuls know?
- What is "consular culture"?
- INA § 221 (g) Visa Denials
- INA § 214 (b) denials
  - Home ties and immigrant intent
  - Nationality
  - Marital status
  - Gender
  - Family ties
  - Economic and Professional ties
- Effective interaction with Consular Officers
  - Generally
  - Telephone
  - Email
  - Legalnet
  - Other methods of communications
- New Developments
  - Reissuing visas without a personal appointment

### **THIRD Phone Session on February 7 - Specific Countries**

- The role of the NVC in IV processing
- Overseas filing of I-130's; when is it possible, and where?
- The IV interview - what takes place, what issues are involved? (medical clearances, inadmissibilities)
- Police certificates - how to obtain
- K visas - special status as NIVs processed like IVs' - pitfalls for unwary petitioners and beneficiaries
- Affidavit of support issues
- DVs - how are they processed differently from IVs - if at all
- Priority date pitfalls/aging out for family members - strategies
- IV waivers - statutory authority, limitations (which are available for NIVs but not IVs)

### **ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**

[Allen Kaye](#) (Discussion Leader) is a nationally recognized expert in the field of U.S. immigration and naturalization law. He works with individuals and both large and small employers to assist with visas, I-9 audits and other immigration and naturalization issues. He also provides training seminars on immigration issues for HR professionals.

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[Stephen Pattison](#) is a Senior Counsel at Maggio + Kattar. Steve has more than three decades of experience in immigration law and consular affairs. Bringing a depth and breadth of experience honed in private practice and working for the U.S. Foreign Service, Steve serves as an invaluable resources to clients in consular processing and business immigration matters. Prior to joining Maggio + Kattar, Steve was in private practice in London, England following a twenty eight year career in the U.S. Foreign Service. He served in the consular sections around the world, including Beirut, Colombo, Bangkok, Bucharest, Brussels, and his last posting, Berlin, where he was Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs, the senior U.S. consular official in Germany. In Washington, Steve held positions with the Department of State that included the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and as country officer for Jamaica and the Bahamas in the Bureau of Latin American and Caribbean Affairs, and as head of the Coordination Division in the Visa Office within the Bureau of Consular Affairs. An accomplished and sought-after public speaker, Steve has been served on panels for national and international immigration conferences. He has also been widely published on a variety of topics, including consular processing, ethics, waivers, and all facets of business immigration. Steve earned his bachelor's degree in European History and Political Science from the Southern Methodist University summa cum laude and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was awarded a law degree from the University of Texas Law School in Austin, where he was a member of the Board of Advocates. Steve's foreign languages include German, Romanian, Thai and Arabic. Steve is admitted to practice in Texas and in the District of Columbia.



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