



Three-Part Telephone Seminar:

Physician Immigration For Experts

Speakers: Robert Aronson, Greg Siskind, Kristen Harris, Joseph Curran, Jennifer Minear, and Rita Sostrin

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SEMINAR OUTLINE

FIRST Phone Session on March 28 – The Physician Workforce and Expected Immigration Reform Measures

There should be a very interesting and timely session that could result in attracting a fairly large audience. While we are certainly making some interesting progress toward implementation of Comprehensive Immigration Reform, there is currently a very active and potentially successful initiative to create certain new measures intended to facilitate the immigration of foreign physicians. The whole purpose of this session is to lay forth these reform proposals so as to orient the immigration bar and other interested parties to certain changes that are currently under active discussion. So, this will be a very meaningful opportunity to set forth this reform agenda, to update stakeholders on the progress toward implementation, and to orient practitioners to possible changes that will impact their practices. I very much hope that this introductory session could be heavily marketed as this is the first public program dedicated to this topic.

SECOND Phone Session on April 18 – J-1 Waivers and H-1B Strategies

While this session will address some issues on J-1 waiver strategy, I would like us to focus mostly on H-1B considerations for physicians and, in particular, strategies for dealing with the H-1B cap. I want to review quite heavily strategies for H-1B exemptions and also the implications of the Hernandez-Schorr correspondence that creates a work-around, of sorts, to the H-1B cap.

THIRD Phone Session on May 2 – Permanent Resident Options for Physicians

We will be focusing here on employment-based strategies utilized by IMGs in attaining permanent resident status. While we will be talking somewhat about labor certification approaches, I want to focus mainly on non-PERM strategies used both by academic as well as clinical physicians. We will be reviewing various EB1 options, NYSDOT approaches as well as clinical National Interest Waiver cases, and Special Handling strategies. In my opinion, there have been a great many programs dedicated to the PERM process, so I want to use this session to focus on options for permanent residence that do not involve a test of the U.S. labor market.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

[Robert Aronson](#) (Discussion Leader) is the Managing Attorney 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).

[Greg Siskind](#) 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. He can be reached by email at gsiskind@visalaw.com.

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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), 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. Contact Kristen at kristen@rubmanlaw.com. Ms. Harris was recently selected as among the top "40 Under Forty" attorneys to watch by the Law Bulletin Publishing Co. from among a field of 1,200 attorney nominees. She was the sole immigration attorney selected for the peer-nominated award.

[Joseph P. Curran](#) has been exclusively involved in the practice of immigration and nationality law since 1985, with experience representing clients in all aspects of this area of law. He has served as counsel to numerous individuals, major corporations, universities, and research institutions, specializing in immigration issues impacting on business and family-based sponsorship in the New England area. Mr. Curran currently serves on the Massachusetts Bar Association Bar's Immigration Law Section, as well as chairing the MBA's Immigration Essentials Program. Mr. Curran is also a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, the Labor and Employment Substantive Law Committee, and AILA's Healthcare Committee. He has been an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association since 1985, and frequently lectures on immigration law to business groups, health care facilities, and academic institutions in the New England area. As a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association Health Care Professional / Physician Committee, Attorney Curran works closely with U.S. Congressmen and US Senators regarding legislative and regulatory policy, and works to address the needs of international healthcare workers. Mr. Curran recently edited the "Nurse Immigration Book", the comprehensive authority on nurse immigration.

[Jennifer Minear](#) is a Director in the Immigration Practice Group. Her practice focuses on employment-based immigration with a particular emphasis on the healthcare sector, including J-1 waiver and green card processing for foreign medical graduates. Jennifer prepares both immigrant and nonimmigrant petitions and applications on behalf of foreign workers. Her areas of expertise include H-1B and L-1 nonimmigrant petitions; PERM labor certification applications, I-140 immigrant petitions, national interest waiver petitions, and I-485 adjustment of status applications. Jennifer also advises and represents clients on family-based immigration matters, immigrant self-petitions under the Violence Against Women Act, and citizenship applications. Jennifer has published numerous articles on immigration issues ranging from J-1 waivers to green card options, to prevailing wage requirements. She has spoken, by invitation, at many national conferences and Continuing Legal Education Courses sponsored by the American Immigration Lawyers Association and other groups.

[Rita Sostrin](#) is a founding partner of Sostrin Immigration Lawyers, LLP. Prior to launching Sostrin Immigration Lawyers, LLP, she acquired over 15 years of immigration law experience working at top immigration law firms and serving in various leadership positions on behalf of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). Ms. Sostrin has become known as one of the leading experts in immigration law matters for individuals of extraordinary abilities as well as international physicians and researchers. She frequently receives invitations to speak at national and regional conferences and to write for legal publications. Having established an impressive record of winning complex cases in these areas of legal practice, Ms. Sostrin is routinely approached by the academic, medical, and arts and entertainment communities to engage her legal representation and counsel. Throughout her professional career, Ms. Sostrin has represented a diverse array of clients across the United States and abroad, handling all aspects of employment-based immigration for leading academic institutions, hospitals, and scientific laboratories. While her focus has centered on visas for the immigration of individuals with extraordinary abilities and international medical graduates and researchers, she also deals extensively with foreign nationals in other industries, including arts and entertainment, pharmaceutical, design, and manufacturing. With increasingly greater restrictions on immigration policies, Ms. Sostrin's experience in managing intricate cases is more invaluable than ever. Consequently, in addition to assisting her own clients, Ms. Sostrin's counsel is frequently sought by fellow colleagues within the legal community.



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