



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

“Latest Developments relating to Consular/Visa Issues & Border Security”

Speakers: with Bernard Wolfsdorf, Avi Friedman, Robyn Bishop, Steve Fischel, Leslie Gerson, Mary Grandfield, Peter L. Gordon, Allen E. Kaye, Gloria Leong, Gregg Rodgers and Hugh Williams

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Seminar Outline

Each call features an hour of analysis, strategy and practice tips by the speakers followed by 30 minutes of questions and answers from participants.

FIRST Phone Session on December 17, 2002:

Consular/Visa Application Issues

- Recent Changes in Consular Processing at Border Posts Security Checks and the accompanying Delays - Security Advisory Opinions (SAO) (Changes to TCN Appointment System, Amendment to the Automatic Revalidation Provision of 22 CFR 42.112(d), Procedures Followed if Visa Denied, How to get back to U.S. if denied visa at Border Post, Exceptions to 222(g))
- Understanding the Revised and New Visa Application Forms (NCIC updated with over 7 million records (even simple offenses), Visa Condor Checks, Technology Alert List, IPASS, Spot Checks of Visas)
- Security Checks and the accompanying Delays - Security Advisory Opinions (SAO) (DS-156, DS-157, DS-158)
- Canadian Landed Immigrants from Commonwealth Countries
- Is Revalidation of Visas through DOS still an Option?

SECOND Phone Session on January 24:

Inspection/Admission Border Security Issues

- Lookout Lists: CLASS, IBIS, CAPS, AIPS, NAILS, NCIC
- Special Registration - Designated Ports of Departure (POD)
- Data Sharing/Mining
- Entry/Exit Control
- Admissions under Advance Parole
- Automatic Visa Revalidation - 22 CFR 41.112(d)
- Student Commuters
- Proposed B Regulation including B-2 Prospective Student Notation
- Admission Mistakes
- AR-11 Issues

THIRD Phone Session on February 21:

Summary of Visa/Inspection Issues with main focus on future Additional issues including Homeland Security Act of 2002

- Summary of Main Issues from the first two sessions
- GAO Study - Border Security
- Homeland Security Act
- Directorate of Border & Transportation Security
- Section 402
- Section 428 - Visa Issuance
- Section 429 - Visa Denials
- Immigration Enforcement Functions

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About the Speakers

Bernard P. Wolfsdorf, a California State Bar-Certified Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law, is one of the nation's most prominent immigration law practitioners. Mr. Wolfsdorf has been the subject of many articles in major newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Los Angeles Daily Journal, USA Today and the Orange County Register, which have covered his frequently fascinating work, his victories in difficult cases and his expert opinions on immigration law matters. Mr. Wolfsdorf currently serves on the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Liaison Committee to the U.S. Department of State. He has held numerous leadership positions in the American immigration law field over the years, including Chair and Treasurer of AILA's Southern California Chapter, Co-Chair of AILA's State Department Liaison Committee, Co-Chair of the California Service Center Liaison Committee, Chair of AILA's Artist's and Entertainer's Visa Committee, and Vice-Chair of AILA's National Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. Mr. Wolfsdorf has received the highest possible rating for competence and ethics from his peers. He holds Martindale Hubbell Pre-eminent certification.

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