



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

Family Immigration: The Long Route From Love To Citizenship

Speakers: with Tammy Fox-Isicoff, Jeffrey A. Devore, Stuart I. Folinsky, Aggie R. Hoffman, Anis N. Saleh, Michael Shane, William A. Stock and Douglas Stump

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Seminar Outline

Each call features an hour of analysis, strategy and practice tips by Tammy Fox-Isicoff, Jeffrey A. Devore, Stuart I. Folinsky, Aggie R. Hoffman, Anis N. Saleh, Michael Shane, William A. Stock and Douglas Stump

FIRST Phone Session on June 30 1.15pm to 2.45pm ET (10.15am to 11.45am PT)

- Marrying abroad Vs. a fiancé petition – advantages and disadvantages
- Getting consulates to adjudicate I-130's-general rules
- Is there still humanitarian consideration where an I-130 is adjudicated and petitioner dies? (how to present a case, who to speak to at CIS, does Press help?)
- Documenting qualifying relationships (legitimate/illegitimate children, sponsoring stepchildren where the marriage has dissolved, DNA testing, dealing with situations where the beneficiary cannot obtain a birth certificate)
- Processing for derivatives abroad where the principal adjusts in the U.S.
- Does the petitioner need to attend the interview in non-marriage cases?
- Expediting in the case of the imminent death of the petitioner
- Handling adjustment applications in proceedings (how to get the I-130 adjudicated)
- Documentation for extreme hardship waivers

SECOND Phone Session on July 26: 2.00pm to 3.30pm ET (11.00am to 12.30pm PT)

- Adjusting through a marriage where the parties are separated
- Arguments for adjustment for homosexual marriages
- Strategies for dealing with transsexual marriages
- Dealing with bad marriage interviews (the interviewers asks questions no one would know the answer to, the applicant can remember nothing, not even his/her address, the answers are different but not contradictory, screening marriage cases before you even get them ready, ethical issues in preparing marriage cases, what CIS will know before you walk in the door, when the spouse don't share a common language)
- How to reduce the chance that your client will be subject to a marriage interview
- Can your client adjust through marriage if the U.S. citizen petitioner refuses to attend the interview or cannot attend the interview
- Strategies for dealing with the Child Status Protection Act
- Affidavit of support issues

THIRD Phone Session on August 12: 2.00pm to 3.30pm ET (11.00am to 12.30pm PT)

- How to process an I-751 where the parties are separated but do not intend to divorce
- What to do when a joint petition is filed but the parties divorce before an adjudication
- Strategies for dealing with a difficult U.S.citizen spouse where the parties are in the midst of divorce, but it looks like the divorce will never be final
- Processing of I-751 petitions for children where they obtained residence at a different time than the parent
- Filing for citizenship while an I-751 is pending
- Filing an I-751 for a resident when the resident is temporarily assigned abroad
- Extending proof of residence where the I-751 is pending more than a year
- Documentation to support an I-751 where the parties do not have joint accounts or joint taxes
- Adjudicating an I-751 in proceedings (burden of proof, getting the judge to terminate the proceedings so that an I-751 waiver can be processed by CIS, judicial review of I-751 denials)
- Strategies for dealing with late filed I-751 petitions
- Ethical considerations in a I-751 adjudication

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About the Speakers

Tammy Fox-Isicoff is a graduate cum laude of the University of Miami School of Law. She joined the U.S. Department of Justice in 1983 as a trial attorney with INS and went on to serve as Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for Immigration in the Southern District of Florida. She entered private practice in 1988, focusing on immigration. She has earned an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell and is certified by the Florida Bar as a Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law. Ms. Fox-Isicoff is a past president of the South Florida chapter of AILA and currently serves on the national Board of Governors of AILA. She has chaired numerous committees at the AILA national level including the Media, Congressional and Bar Association Committees. Ms. Fox-Isicoff is the recipient of several presidential awards from AILA for her advocacy of immigrants. She has also been selected to represent AILA to the American Bar Association's Immigration Coordinating Committee and is a member of the Florida Bar's Certification Committee in Immigration and Nationality Law. She has served as a legal expert on immigration law for various news sources and has appeared on "NBC Today" and "The CBS Morning Show" on a number of occasions. Ms. Fox-Isicoff has published numerous articles on immigration topics and is a frequent local and national lecturer. Listed in the Best Lawyers in America and in South Florida Legal Guide as one of the top lawyers in South Florida, Ms. Fox-Isicoff is widely recognized as a national expert on all areas of immigration.

Jeffrey A. Devore is an attorney practicing immigration and nationality law with the law firm of Devore & Devore, P.A., which has offices in West Palm Beach and Boca Raton, Florida, and London, England. Mr. Devore received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science in 1986 from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, and his Juris Doctor degree in 1989 from The Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan. He was admitted to The Florida Bar on May 4, 1990. Mr. Devore is Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality law by The Florida Bar and specializes in assisting foreign nationals who want to live and work in the United States and companies that wish to employ them. He is "AV" Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, indicating very high to preeminent legal ability and very high ethical standards as established by confidential opinions from members of the Bar. He has been recognized as an expert in immigration law by the Florida Courts, has litigated several cases against the Departments of State, Justice and Homeland Security in Federal Court and has written extensively on United States immigration and naturalization matters. He is admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th and 11th Circuits, the U.S. District Courts for the Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, the Northern District of Texas and the District of Arizona. Mr. Devore is a former recipient of the Immigration Law Award presented by the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County in recognition of outstanding Pro Bono service to the community. He is a frequent speaker on immigration matters at internationally known legal education (CLE) seminars as well as for employers, civic groups and other organizations. Mr. Devore is a member of The Florida Bar, the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). He is a past chair (2001-2002) and presently serves on The Florida Bar Immigration and Nationality Law Certification Committee, and is President of the AILA's South Florida Chapter. He is the former Chair of the Palm Beach County Bar Association Immigration Committee and AILA South Florida Chapter Palm Beach Liaison Committee. He is also serves on the Board of Directors for the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County.

Stuart I. Folinsky has practiced Immigration & Nationality Law since 1977. He is certified as a Specialist in Immigration & Nationality Law by the Board of Legal Specialization of the California State Bar. He served as the 1994-95 Chair of the Immigration & Nationality Law Advisory Commission of the California State Bar. He served as the 1991 Chair of the Orange County Bar Association Immigration Section. He is currently serving on the Los Angeles County Bar Association Immigration Section Executive Committee. With Bonnie Stern Wasser, he edited The Immigration Lawyer's Toolbox, Nuts and Bolts for Getting, Doing, and Keeping Business which was published by AILA in November 1993. With Helen A. Sklar, he wrote The Immigration Act of 1990 Handbook which was published by Clark-Boardman Callaghan. He has written articles for publication by AILA regarding the Immigration Marriage Fraud Act and visa practice before the United States Embassy in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Mr. Folinsky has taught immigration & nationality law for the paralegal certification program at California State University, Los Angeles.

Aggie R. Hoffman has been serving the business community in solving visa and other immigration issues for 22 years. One hundred percent (100%) of her practice is devoted to the complex field of immigration and nationality law. Certified as a specialist in immigration law, she has been recognized as possessing special expertise. The experience of Ms. Hoffman is wide and diverse. Her clients include multi-national corporations, as well as individuals. The facets of her practice range from the initial nonimmigrant (temporary) visas, immigrant visas (green card), labor certifications, political asylum, naturalization, defending U.S. employers in immigration audits of unauthorized hiring, and appellate work before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Hoffman has also successfully litigated against the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and the U.S. Department of Labor on immigration issues. The practice is client and issue oriented, permitting the acceptance of cases on a selective basis. This assures that each client's case receives the attention and focus it deserves. She is a Certified Specialist in Immigration Law, AV rating by Martindale-Hubbell, a member and Board of Directors of the British American Chamber of Commerce 1991/1992. She is also a past president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, So. California Chapter, Lectured on various immigration topics, Processed thousands of visas and green cards for her clients, Fluent in Spanish; knowledge of Hungarian, Russian, and Hebrew and Named "Super Immigration Lawyer," Los Angeles Magazine, February 2004.

Anis N. Saleh is President of the Miami firm of Saleh & Associates, P.A., where he practices in all areas of immigration law, including employment-based and family cases, removal hearings, and appeals to the federal courts. Mr. Saleh received his B.A. from Emory University and his J.D. from the Florida State University. He is a member of the Florida and Georgia bars, AILA and the ABA. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is Florida Bar Board Certified in Immigration & Nationality Law. Mr. Saleh is the immediate past Chairman of the Florida Bar's Immigration Certification Committee and is President-Elect of AILA's South Florida Chapter. He has also served on the Board of Directors of AILA's South Florida chapter and as Chair or Co-Chair of AILA's District Director Liaison Committee for several years.

Michael Shane is the president of the Miami and Ft. Lauderdale firm of Michael Shane, P.A. He was appointed by the Florida Bar President in 1995 to be on the Inaugural Committee of bar certified immigration lawyers and remains a bar certified specialist today. He is a past president of the South Florida Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He is "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is the weekly National Attorney Panelist on Immigration Law for Martindale-Hubbell for the "Ask a Lawyer" series at lawyers.com Mr. Shane has lectured and written on immigration matters for the Florida Bar and for many years served as the Continuing Legal Education Chairman. He can be heard on his weekly radio show at www.wavs1170.com. He earned his J.D. degree from the University of Miami and his B.A. degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, magna cum laude, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

William A. Stock was the recipient of AILA's Joseph Minsky Award for outstanding accomplishments in immigration law and is listed in Best Lawyers in America. He is an associate editor of AILA's annual Immigration & Nationality Law Handbook, and is co-author of the "J Visa Guidebook" from Matthew Bender. Bill has served on the board of governors of AILA and currently serves as a member of the executive committee of AILA's Philadelphia Chapter. He is an adjunct professor of law at Villanova University School of Law.

Douglas Stump is an attorney with over 20 years of experience in a practice limited exclusively to immigration law. He is an Associate Editor for AILA Publications and has made over 70 presentations at national and international conferences and seminars on immigration law. He is an adjunct professor of immigration law at the Oklahoma City University School of Law. He served as President of the AILA Texas Chapter 1998-99.