



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:  
Naturalization, Citizenship And Nationality Law: 2006 Update

Speakers: Donna Scarlatelli, Michael A. Bander, Edward A. Betancourt (DOS), Teresa Bobotek (DOS), Gary Endelman and Robert A. Mautino.

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**Seminar Outline**

**FIRST Phone Session on June 29, 2006:**

- Overview sources of US Citizenship: Vesting, Naturalization, Evidence of Citizenship, Loss of Citizenship
- Why is citizenship important? Full protection of the law, no issues on admissibility, sponsorship of family, franchisement of population, protection from removal
- The question our clients all have: Dual Nationality: Possible or Not? The USCIS will advise them "NO"
- Birth in the US: Who is a citizen at Birth (the 14th amendment, territories, "under the jurisdiction," nationals v. citizens and is there a difference?)

**SECOND Phone Session on July 20, 2006:**

- Citizenship through birth outside of the US to USC parent or parents: general principles and your research tools
- How does one derive US citizenship and conditions precedent and subsequent
- How to read and use the chart
- Establishing and documenting the claim and the definitions of Residence and Physical presence
- Continuing validity of prior acts of Congress
- The Child Citizenship Act as the last Act of Congress

**THIRD Phone Session on August 10, 2006:**

- Naturalization and its requirements: age, LPR status, state residency, continuous residence, physical presence, and Preserving residence for naturalization purposes
- Definitions and standards: criminal convictions and post conviction relief, good moral character, statutory period
- Risks of making application: grounds for removal
- The English language requirement, the "civics" exam and the Oath of Allegiance
- Failure of the Agency to Act, Denials and Appeals

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**About the Speakers**

**Donna Scarlatelli** is an attorney admitted to practice immigration law anywhere in the U.S. and licensed by the Florida Bar Association of the State of Florida. She earned her Juris Doctor law degree cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law in 1999 and holds a Master's degree in International Administration from the School for International Training in Vermont as well as Bachelor of Arts degree with high honors from Marlboro College in Vermont. Ms. Scarlatelli began her career in the immigration field with the U.S. Refugee Program in Singapore and Indonesia. She has been involved in immigration services since 1979 and has successfully helped thousands of people from all over the world come to live and work in the United States. She is the co-founder and publisher of IM, The Immigration Magazine, founder of Florida Gulf Coast Immigration Magazine, and has authored numerous articles in Going USA. Ms. Scarlatelli is a frequent lecturer and guest speaker at sponsored events, trade shows, college seminars and professional association meetings. She is a member in good standing of the Florida Bar Association; the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), NAFSA: The Association of International Educators; the Sarasota Association of Realtors; and is an executive member of the Board of Directors of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI).

**Michael A. Bander** is President and Founder of the law firm Bander & Associates, P.A. He was Named one of The Best Lawyers in America by his peers and one of the "Best of Miami" by Miami Today, Michael Bander has been practicing immigration law for over 25 years. Prior to becoming an immigration attorney, he was a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.; served as an officer with the United States Agency for International Development in Asuncion, Paraguay; and served as a Captain in the United States Army. His Bar admissions include: Florida, (1973), District of Columbia (1972), Maryland (1964) and the U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida. He received both his B.A. (1960) and his law degree (1963) from the University of Virginia. A member and former president of the South Florida Chapter of AILA (American Immigration Lawyers Association), Mr. Bander is also a founding member of IMMELAW, the national consortium of immigration law firms and is a trustee of the Florida Bar Foundation. He is a frequent presenter at conventions and conferences of AILA at the local, regional and national level and quoted regularly on immigration matters in the South Florida press. Very active in the South Florida community, Mr. Bander is a past-president of American Jewish Committee (Miami), has chaired the immigration committee of the American Jewish Committee's Domestic Affairs Commission; serves on the board of the local chapter and is on the Northern Trust's Prologue Society Advisory Board. He has also been on the Governor's Commission on Affordable Housing and the City of Coral Gables Pension Board.

**Edward A. Betancourt** is Director of the Office of Policy Review and Inter-Agency Liaison in the Directorate of Overseas Citizens Services ("OCS") of the Bureau of Consular Affairs in the United States Department of State. He has been employed as an Attorney Adviser in the Bureau of Consular Affairs since 1974.

**Teresa Bobotek** is the Regional Director of the Seattle Passport Agency.

**Gary Endelman** practices immigration law at BP America Inc. and is Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He served as the Chair of the Examinations Committee for Board Certification in Immigration and Nationality Law in Texas 1998-2003. He is a Senior Editor of the National Conference Handbook for the American Immigration Lawyer Association. He was cited in 1998 by the American Immigration Lawyers Association for Outstanding Service and was previously cited in 1990 by AILA for contributions to advocacy efforts on the Immigration Act of 1990 regulations commentary. He is a frequent speaker at national and regional immigration conferences, is a Member of the Planning Committee for the Immigration Conference sponsored by the State Bar of Texas and was a Professor in Immigration Law at the South Texas College of Law and University of Houston Law Center. He writes regularly for ILW.COM.

**Robert A. Mautino** is a founding partner of the firm, and has practiced immigration and nationality law exclusively since 1979. He has written many articles and spoken on numerous occasions on immigration and nationality law matters over the years. He is one of the few nationally recognized experts on the subject of United States citizenship law. Mr. Mautino has been certified by the State Bar of California as a specialist in immigration and nationality law, and has been listed in Best Lawyers in America for the last eight years. Mr. Mautino earned his J.D. degree from the University of San Diego, an M.A. in Political Science from San Diego State University, and a B.A. in International Relations from U.C.L.A. Prior to practicing in the immigration field, he had a varied career. He was a diplomatic and consular officer in the United States Foreign Service, with service in Finland, Washington, D.C., and Mexico. He was a Professor of Law and a Manager for the former Bell System's Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. He has a familiarity with some nine European languages, including Spanish, French, Swedish, Finnish, German, Italian, Danish and Norwegian. He has been Chairman of the Southern California and San Diego Chapters of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and he is a former member of the national AILA Board of Governors and a former Chairman of the San Diego County Bar Association's Immigration Committee. He represented Filipino World War II veterans before the United States Supreme Court, and he has been active in federal court litigation against the Immigration and Naturalization Service, especially in mandamus and declaratory relief actions.