



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:
Mid-Year Update In Immigration Law Practice

Speakers: Sherry L. Neal, Steven A. Clark, Joseph P. Curran, Linda Rose, Gregory Siskind, Douglas Weigle
and other speakers to be announced.

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on May 25, 2006: Business Immigration Issues - Part 1

- Bi-specialization: where to file new cases? Where to file concurrent I-140/I-485 cases? What's the impact of bi-specialization?
- Employment Verification and Enforcement: how to prepare clients for an audit? How to advise clients on contractor issues? How to advise employers on "no-match" letters from the social security administration? What civil and criminal penalties are possible from an ICE investigation?
- PERM and Backlog Update: What issues are leading to Notice of Intent to Deny from the backlog centers? What are the common issues in denial of PERM cases? How to reopen a case at the backlog center that has been erroneously closed? What to do if a "45-day letter" has not been received?
- Anticipating the H-1b Cap: which employers are exempt from the cap? Which foreign nationals are exempt from the cap? Can foreign students remain in the U.S. while waiting for an October 1st H-1b? Can foreign nationals "volunteer" while waiting for an H-1b? Must employers terminate foreign student employees caught in the H-1b cap or is leave of absence acceptable?
- Legislative Update: what impact may legislation have on business immigration?

SECOND Phone Session on June 8, 2006: Family Immigration And Removal Issues

- Non-immigrant visa options for family members: what visa options are available? What are the criteria?
- Immigrant visas: What's the impact of overstay and/or unauthorized employment? What criminal issues lead to denial? What waivers are available? When is adjustment possible during a removal process?
- Removal Issues: Is cancellation of removal a good solution? What are the issues connected to Mandatory Detention? Is voluntary removal a good solution?
- Inadmissibility vs. Removability: What's the significance of inadmissibility and removability? What are the remedies for inadmissibility and removability?
- Legislative Update: what impact may legislation have on family immigration?

THIRD Phone Session on July 13, 2006: Business Immigration Issues - Part 2

- Reports from some of the busiest Consulates in East Asia
- Consular Processing: Inadmissibility- what are the grounds of inadmissibility for non-immigrant visas? What are the grounds of inadmissibility for immigrant visas?, Waivers- what are the criteria for waivers of inadmissibility for non-immigrant visas and immigrant visas? How to apply for a waiver of inadmissibility, Dealing with Delays- Is it possible to expedite an appointment? Is it possible to speed up the security clearance processing? How to handle age-out cases?
- Schedule A cases: Is it possible to expedite processing to avoid retrogression? What if the healthcare worker doesn't have a healthcare certificate at the time of the interview? What if the work location has changed since the approval of the I-140 petition?
- H-2B and Other Essential Workers: which occupations qualify? How to prove "temporary" need? How to deal with the quota?
- Late Breaking Hot Topics including H-1B Cap Update
- Legislative Update: what impact may legislation have on consular procedures and processing times and other business immigration issues?

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About the Speakers

[Sherry L. Neal](#) is a Partner in the Cincinnati, Ohio office of Hammond Law Group. She has been practicing immigration law for more than ten years. She represents corporations, staffing companies and universities throughout the U.S. on employment-based immigration cases. She is the Chair of the Ohio Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and member of the national Healthcare Committee (non-physicians) of AILA, and co-founder of the Foreign Nurse Taskforce/Coalition for Improved Healthcare Staffing which was instrumental in getting legislation passed for an additional 50,000 visas for Schedule A occupations. Ms. Neal is a frequent speaker and author on employment immigration law. Her articles have appeared in national and international publications such as Talent Economy, Irish Nurse, Immigration Law Today, International Journal of Nursing Practice, Business Courier as well as THE PERM BOOK published by ILW.COM.

[Steven A. Clark](#) is with Flynn & Clark, P.C. in Cambridge MA and is a past president of AILA (1999-2000). He has authored over 40 publications on H & L visas, Labor Certification, and Employment Based Immigration. He served as Senior Editor AILA's Annual Conference Handbook, Editor of the chapter on Labor Certification in the treatise Immigration Law and Practice (Times Mirror/Mathew Bender Co.). He has also been listed as one of "The Best Lawyers in America" under the immigration heading since its inception and is rated "AV," the highest rating conferred by Martindale-Hubbell, an authoritative, independent rating service. Mr. Clark is also a founding member of IMMMLAW®, the national consortium of preeminent immigration firms with over two centuries of combined immigration law experience.

[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 is a member in good standing of the Massachusetts Bar Association, and he currently serves on the Bar's Committee for Immigration and the Bar's Committee for High Technology. He has been an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association since 1985, and frequently lectures on immigration law to business groups and academic institutions in the New England area. As a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association Congressional Liaison Committee, Attorney Curran works closely with U.S. Congressmen and US Senators regarding legislative and regulatory policy. Mr. Curran is also a member of the American Health Lawyers Association and the Labor and Employment Substantive Law Committee. In addition, Mr. Curran regularly volunteers his time to support the immigration assistance programs of charitable organizations in the community. He has been featured in major newspapers in the Western Massachusetts area for his efforts in the field of immigration law. After graduating from the State University of New York, Mr. Curran completed his Juris Doctorate at Western New England School of Law. Prior to entering the field of immigration, he worked on the United States Senate Judiciary Committee, writing speeches, drafting legislation and conducting research on the Equal Rights Amendment and Civil Rights legislation.

[Linda Rose](#) has practiced exclusively immigration and nationality law for almost twenty years and is licensed in the states of Hawaii and Tennessee. She is listed in Martindale-Hubbell's Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. Ms. Rose earned her J.D. degree in 1986 from the University of Hawaii. She has a Master's degree in Public Health, adding to her expertise in the health care professions, and in Anthropology, which makes her more attuned to cultural issues. Ms. Rose is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). She currently sits on the AILA PERM Implementation Group, a "think tank" analyzing the Department of Labor's new electronic labor certification program. She previously held a nationally-elected seat on the AILA Board of Governors. She has chaired the AILA Department of Labor Liaison Committee. This committee represents immigration attorneys and their clients before the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. She has served as AILA's liaison for the Texas Service Center and chair of the Louisiana/Mid-South AILA Chapter, heading a five-state region that includes Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Ms. Rose is a member of IMMMLAW, the national consortium of select immigration attorneys. In addition, Ms. Rose is an Adjunct Professor at the Vanderbilt University Law School where she teaches Immigration Law and Policy. She lectures nationally to employers and attorneys at immigration conferences and has written many articles on immigration law, including Prevailing Wages, PERM Labor Certification, H-1B Labor Condition Applications, and National Interest Waivers.

[Gregory Siskind](#) is the founding partner of Siskind Susser and has been practicing immigration law since 1990. Since he started Siskind Susser in 1994, he has become one of the best-known immigration lawyers in the country. After graduating magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University, Gregory Siskind went on to receive his law degree from the University of Chicago. For the past several years, he has been an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He recently served as chairman of the AILA Physicians Committee and now chairs the Foreign Medical Graduate Taskforce. Greg is a member of the American Bar Association where he serves on the Council of the Law Practice Management Section. He is also a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, the Nashville Bar Association and the Memphis Bar Association. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and on the executive board of the Jewish Family Service agency in Memphis, Tennessee. He recently was named one of the Top 40 executives under age 40 in Memphis, Tennessee by the Memphis Business Journal and as one of the 101 best lawyers in Tennessee by Business Tennessee Magazine. Greg regularly writes on the subject of immigration law. He has written several hundred articles on the subject and is also the author of the book The J Visa Guidebook, published by Lexis-Nexis, one of the nation's leading legal publishers. He is also a technology columnist for Immigration Law Today published by the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

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