



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. On Immigration Law

Speakers: Charles Wheeler, Jill Sheldon, Cheryl R. David, Alan Fenster, Mary Holper, Christina LaBrie, Lori A. Pinjuh, Paromita Shah and Karen Weinstock.

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**Seminar Outline**

**FIRST Phone Session on Oct 27, 2005: Family Immigration Issues**

- Automatic conversion and retention of priority dates
- Application of the Child Status Protection Act
- Terminating conditional residency
- Stepchildren and adoption
- Common grounds of inadmissibility and eligibility for waivers

**SECOND Phone Session on Nov 10, 2005: Issues Concerning Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions**

- The Basics of How to Analyze the Immigration Consequences of a Criminal Conviction
- Divisible Statutes and the Record of Conviction
- Domestic Violence Offenses
- Crimes of Violence and DUIs
- Theft and Fraud Offenses
- Addressing Criminal Issues at Deferred Inspections, in USCIS Applications, and in Removal Proceedings

**THIRD Phone Session on Dec 1, 2005: Removal Issues**

- Tips for Representing Immigrants in Removal Proceedings
- Burden of Proof Issues
- Recent Developments in 212(c) caselaw
- Adjustment of Status
- Reinstatement of Removal

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### About the Speakers

**Charles Wheeler** is a senior attorney with Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) in San Francisco. CLINIC provides training, technical support, analysis, and legal reference materials for diocesan immigration programs and other nonprofit agencies throughout the United States. CLINIC's network of 153 community-based immigration programs in 260 office locations employs roughly 600 attorneys and accredited representatives who, in turn, represent more than 100,000 immigrants each year. CLINIC also advocates on behalf of low-income immigrants at the local level by providing direct representation and impact litigation, and at the national level through administrative advocacy. Prior to joining CLINIC, Mr. Wheeler directed the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles, which serves a similar function. He has been specializing in immigration law and aliens' rights issues for 25 years. He is considered an expert in several aspects of immigration law. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Maryland School of Law.

**Jill Sheldon** is the Southeast Field Office Attorney for the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) in Miami. She conducts trainings for CLINIC in various parts of the country with a focus on issues relating to the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and relief from removal. She also provides assistance to CLINIC affiliates throughout her region and represents immigrants in immigration court and before the Board of Immigration Appeals. Ms. Sheldon has also worked as a CLINIC detention attorney in Villanova, Pennsylvania, representing and assisting detained immigrants in various Pennsylvania jails. She previously worked for two years as the CLINIC detention attorney in Miami through the Georgetown University Law Center/Jesuit Refugee Service Fellowship. Ms. Sheldon received her A.B. from Columbia University and her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

**Cheryl R. David** has been practicing immigration law since 1995. Prior to opening her own practice she was an associate at Bretz & Coven, LLP where her main area of concentration was deportation defense of criminal aliens. In addition, she has worked in all areas of immigration law. She has developed an expertise in complicated deportation cases as well as family based. Currently, she is serving on the New York Chapter Executive Board of the Immigration Lawyers Association as Secretary. Previously she served on the Board as Treasurer and was the Co-Chair of the Executive Office for Immigration Review liaison committee for two years. She has spoken on panels discussing deportation defense. In addition, she has worked with New York City organizations on strategies for better representation of immigrants. She is admitted to the bar in New York and Massachusetts as well as the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

**Alan Fenster** is a veteran trial attorney. Many years of dedicated service to clients throughout Southern California has earned him wide recognition as a hard charging, energetic, and sharp witted defender. He is well respected by judges and equally feared by prosecutors, who know there won't be any easy and convenient deals with Mr. Fenster. Despite his impressive presence in the courtroom, his skills don't end there. Many defense attorneys practice in Los Angeles, but very few have such a rare combination of skills both in and out of the courtroom. He graduated from University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in Berkeley, California.

**Mary Holper** is the Detention Attorney with Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) at Boston College Immigration and Asylum Project.

**Christina LaBrie** received her J.D. in 2000 from New York University School of Law. In law school, Christina wrote an article entitled "The Lack of Uniformity in the Deportation of Criminal Aliens," published in NYU's Review of Law and Social Change. She was awarded a Furman Lawyers Committee for Human Rights Internship Summer Grant and worked for a summer in the United Nations Program at the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. After law school, Christina worked as a fellow at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, focusing on criminal law and death penalty cases. Prior to joining the firm, she worked at a small immigration law firm that handled primarily deportation and asylum, and practiced extensively before the Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals and federal appeals court. Christina is admitted in New York, the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

**Lori A. Pinjuh** is with the law firm Margaret W. Wong & Associates, Co., LPA and is license to practice in Maryland and Ohio. Ms. Pinjuh received her bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and her JD from Syracuse University.

**Alan J. Pollack** was admitted to the Bar in 1994 and is admitted in both New York and New Jersey. He graduated with a B.A. degree from the University of Michigan and earned his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. Mr. Pollack has ten years of experience specifically in Immigration practice and was an associate at some well-respected business immigration law firms before establishing Baron & Pollack, PC. in 1999. He joined our team at Lubiner & Schmidt in 2004 and now leads the deportation and litigation aspects of our Immigration department. Mr. Pollack has experience with both business immigration and deportation. He is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and recently served as the Chairman of AILA's New York Chapter Asylum Office and Immigration Court Liaison Committees. He is currently the Chairman of the Chapter's Ethics/Unauthorized Practice Committee. He previously served as a member of their Department of Labor Liaison Committee. Mr. Pollack has assisted in the preparation of published articles on immigration law and has appeared several times on local television on NBC News (Channel 4) discussing immigration issues. He has two published Immigration decisions, one on the ability to pay, and the other on asylum. Mr. Pollack also has a bi-weekly live talk-radio show on Immigration on Asian FM, which airs in several major cities across the country.

**Paromita Shah** joined The National Immigration Project as Associate Director in May 2005. Prior to her current post she was the Detention Project Director of Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition in Washington, DC from April 2003 to May 2005. Under this project she conducted monthly legal rights presentations in regional county jails in Virginia for immigrants detained by DHS. In addition to providing legal services to those individuals, Paromita mentored and trained attorneys for direct representation, assessed and analyzed claims for relief requested by detainees, coordinated local advocacy efforts, and participated in liaison meetings with DHS and DOJ. From December 1998 through October 2002, she previously worked as a staff attorney in the Immigration Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services.

**Karen Weinstock** is a partner in Siskind Susser's office in Atlanta, Georgia. Karen graduated law school from Hebrew University School of Law in Jerusalem, Israel and has a license to practice law both in Israel and in New York State. She is also admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Federal Court of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th and 5th Circuits. Karen is fluent in English, Hebrew and speaks some Spanish. She is a member of the New York Bar Association and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Indo-American Chamber of Commerce. She also sits on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers, and is a member of the Lawyer's Club of Atlanta. Karen Weinstock worked in an Intellectual Property firm in Tel Aviv and later in one of Jerusalem's largest law firms. Immediately prior to joining Siskind Susser, Karen had a solo law practice in New York City, focusing on serving international clientele doing business or working in the U.S. Having practiced corporate law, Karen can accommodate the special needs of multinational corporations. She represents U.S. companies and multinational corporations. Karen authors and is the editor of Siskind Susser's Visalaw Health Care Immigration Newsletter and also contributes to Siskind's Immigration Bulletin, a newsletter with over 30,000 subscribers. She also writes for newspapers and is a keynote speaker at immigration law forums and events. Karen authored a book on the H-1B visa that will be published this year.