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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on March 31st: Top 10 issues to consider in non-immigrant consular processing cases:

- Are there any bars on admission and, if so, how do you get them waived?
- How long will processing take?
- Can an individual process in a third country and, if so, how do you get the consulate to accept the case?
- Is a visa even necessary?
- What role may a lawyer play in the consular application process?
- What fees must be paid as part of the visa application process?
- How does E visa processing differ from the normal non-immigrant visa case?
- What documents does an applicant need to take to the visa interview?
- How does the case move from USCIS to the consulate?
- How do you get information on the particular consulate?

SECOND Phone Session on April 10th: Select Regional Consuls - Asia

- Beijing Consulate
- Seoul Consulate
- Manila Consulate
- India Update

THIRD Phone Session on May 8th: Select Regional Consuls - Other

- London Consulate
- Canada Update
- Mexico Update

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About the Speakers

Gregory Siskind (co-discussion leader) 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.

Christi Hufford (co-discussion leader) is an associate attorney in the Memphis office of Siskind Susser Bland. Prior to joining the firm in 2007, she headed the US immigration practice at CMS Cameron McKenna LLP in London, UK. Christi practices exclusively in the area of corporate immigration, focusing on intracompany transfers, investors and business visitors. She also manages a large volume of petitions for professional sports teams. She has significant experience with US Embassies and Consulates worldwide. Christi is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the State Bar of Texas. Christi was nominated to the position of Chair of the International Knowledge Enhancement Committee for the International Business Council of the Memphis Regional Chamber. She has a keen interest in promoting international business in the Memphis area. Christi earned her Juris Doctor degree from Texas Wesleyan University, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Texas Christian University. She is licensed by the State Bar of Texas.

Gary Chodorow is the Chief Representative, Beijing Office for the Law Offices of Frederick W. Hong. Gary graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University in 1989 and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall) in 1993. He was a partner in the law firm of Gessler Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, Chicago, Illinois, for ten years practicing immigration law and employment law. He is an adjunct professor at Chicago-Kent Law School. In China, he has taught law courses at Beijing University, Beijing Foreign Studies University, and Liaoning University. He is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He speaks conversational Mandarin and Spanish. Visit his academic website and immigration law blog at www.lawandborder.com.

Jonathan Ginsburg is a partner at Fettmann Tolchin & Majors PC, in Fairfax, VA. He received his law degree from Stanford University in 1976, and now practices immigration law full-time, specializing in business-related immigrant and nonimmigrant benefits. In 1991, Mr. Ginsburg served as counsel to the arts and entertainment coalition formed in response to problems threatened by IMMACT90, and eventually was a drafter of the O and P provisions contained in MTINA, provisions that remain in effect. Mr. Ginsburg drafted the performing arts comments to the regulations and remains actively involved in O and P issues.

Kehrela Hodkinson was admitted to the California State Bar in 1980, after graduating from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. She established her first law office in Los Angeles, California in 1982, where her practice concentrated on nonimmigrant visas and employment and family-based immigration matters. After moving to San Francisco, California in 1987, she founded a second immigration law firm and continued to provide expertise relating to temporary and permanent visas for business personnel and family-based immigration. Since 1994, Ms. Hodkinson has exclusively practiced US immigration and nationality law in London, representing a broad range of corporate and individual clients in connection with nonimmigrant visa matters, immigrant visa petitions, extraordinary ability petitions and family-based immigrant petitions. In addition, she provides advice relating to maintaining permanent resident status and expatriation issues.

Young H. Noh is an expat U.S. attorney working and residing in Korea. He is co-author of the Chapter on American Embassy in Seoul in *Visa Processing Guide* published annually by AILA. Young Noh represents Korean individual and corporate clients with their immigration and visa cases, including EB-5 and E-2 cases; and also works with Korean-licensed attorneys to represent non-Korean clients with business and litigation cases involving Korean law.

Jan Pederson is the founder of Pederson Immigration Law Group, P.C. in Washington, D.C. and has practiced law in the Washington, D.C. since 1980. Recognized by *The Washington Post* as one of "seven leading lawyers" in Washington, D.C., Ms. Pederson has been dedicated to the practice of immigration and nationality law for over twenty years. She has successfully represented thousands of clients and is masterful at resolving complex immigration issues. She is a frequent national lecturer on the topic of consular processing and has authored many papers on the topic. She served as president of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA); and as an elected director of the national Board of Governors of AILA for eighteen years. She served as a chairperson of the Physicians Task Force of AILA and has also served as chairperson of the AILA Visa Office Liaison Committee and Refugee Committee. She was the recipient of the prestigious national award, The Edith Lowenstein Award, in 1997 for excellence in the advancement of the practice of immigration law. Ms. Pederson graduated with honors from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and from Howard University with a Juris Doctor degree.

Michael Phulwani is admitted to practice law in India, New York and New Jersey. He has been practicing law for about 28 years in the field of Immigration and Nationality Law. He has successfully handled many complex immigration matters with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and consular processing cases at American Consulates abroad especially consular posts in India. Michael Phulwani is the author of 'Guide to U.S.

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Charlotte Slocombe is currently a Consultant for Fragomen, Del Ray, Bersen, & Loewy, LLP in the London office, advising primarily on US Consular matters, but also engaging in UK immigration. She received a Commendation for the Legal Practice Course and also holds a diploma in French Law (Certificat de Droit Français). Prior to joining Fragomen, Del Ray, Bersen, & Loewy, LLP, Ms. Slocombe worked as a Senior Associate at a global accounting firm, responsible for UK, US, and global law immigration matters as well as undergoing her training contract in employment, corporate, property and tax law at a UK law firm. Ms. Slocombe is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC), British American Business Incorporated (BABI) and is a Law Society Member. Ms. Slocombe is fluent in French.