Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

H-1B For Experts

Speakers: Karen Weinstock, Daniel Horne, Kevin Lederman, George N. Lester, Bradley Maged, Angelo Paparelli And William Stock

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on January 14:
- Strategic considerations when first considering an H-1B case; Should you even bother filing with the cap issues?
- When can we use multiple filings to get two bites at the cap?
- Discussion of advanced cap exempt strategies (previously counted, employed AT a qualifying facility, higher education, affiliated with, government or non-profit research, physicians, concurrent employment).
- New cutting edge occupations and combination of occupations - will they qualify for H-1B?
- Consulting companies H-1B and issues surrounding them: who is really the employer?
- Self-employment on H-1B!!
- Strategic considerations for existing H-1Bs changing jobs or employers
- Complex portability issues and change in job duties
- Strategic considerations beyond the H-1B towards green card options and why it is important to plan in advance and consider both

SECOND Phone Session on February 11:
- Analyzing Labor Condition Application in detail
- Confirming that the H-1B employer meets the LCA attestations (single employer, required wage, benefits, public access file, posting, no-benching, recruitment and non-displacement)
- Actual vs. prevailing wage analysis
- Prevailing wage issues: can anything be done when the company cannot pay the required wage?
- What about deducting attorney fees from the required wage?
- Dependency issues that affect the dependent and non-dependent employer
- What is a Public Access File and what documents are included in it?
- What additions in Public Access File are required for dependent employer?
- How to define exempt H-1B workers?
- Roving employees: definition of place of employment/worksite; 30/60 day rule; recordkeeping and posting issues
- Documentary requirements in case of an audit.
- When does the company's requirement to pay end?
- Liquidated damages vs. penalty issues
- A current review of enforcement issues and DOL assessment of back wages and other penalties.

THIRD Phone Session on March 4:
- Complex educational and work equivalency evaluations, degree mismatch issues
- Problematic Occupations: Marketing Analyst, IT consultants, specialty nurses, etc.
- Representing the H-1B employer in financial difficulty
- The impact of corporate reorganizations on H-1B status
- How to deal with gaps in employment, including lay-offs, downsizing, leaves of absence, resignations?
- Overview of options from H-1Bs to green cards; What to do when EB-3 visas are unavailable?
- Extending H-1B status beyond the normal six-year limit including new rules and new policy interpretations
- Maintaining H-1B status vs. AOS portability with an EAD
- Complex travel problems on H-1B and AOS

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