Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

Employer Sanctions For Experts

Speakers: Angelo Paparelli, Ronald Atkinson (USCIS), Richard H. Coffin, Jr. (USCIS), Laura Danielson, Bonnie Gibson, Douglas D. Hauer, John Quill, Peter Schey and Batya Schwartz Ehrens


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Seminar Outline

As the Bush Administration ends and Team Obama takes command, developments in employer sanctions law are spewing forth as fast as chocolates on the assembly line in the famous "I Love Lucy" episode. Employers and their immigration and labor lawyers are buckling under the weight of new regulations, enforcement policies and other ominous developments:

• E-Verify - despite a 4% error rate and a program sunset in March, 2009 - is required in at least 12 states.
• Federal contractors and most of their subs must soon decide how best to comply with the mandatory E-Verify rule that takes effect on Jan. 15, 2009 (unless a Federal Court enjoins the rule at the behest of five business and HR groups that sued DHS on Dec. 23, 2008).
• Raids of worksites and indictments of employers reached a peak in 2008, but no one yet knows if and how they might continue under the Obama Administration.
• The latest DHS Social Security No-Match rule faces a court hearing in March, 2009.
• Immigration-related worker protections are likely to be more vigorously enforced with the appointment (and likely confirmation) of pro-labor Hilda Solis as Secretary of DOL.
• USCIS is expanding its Fraud Detection and National Security unit, with the likely effect of many more employer site visits and delays in adjudication of immigration benefits requests.
• USCIS Service Centers and the Administrative Appeals Office join ranks in disregarding Headquarters policy memorandums and micro-managing business by demanding burdensome responses to multi-page boilerplate RFEs.

Hear the latest scoop on these pressing issues in a three-part ILW teleconference led by Angelo A. Paparelli, and a team of national experts in business immigration. Government officials will also be invited to participate.

FIRST Phone Session on January 28: E-Verify Update

• Strategic Considerations for Federal Contractors and Subs
• Does mandatory E-Verify violate IIRIRA and other laws?
• Compliance strategies for Multi-State Employers
• USCIS Ombudsman's E-Verify Recommendations
• Successor-in-interest E-Verify problems in mergers, acquisitions and corporate reorganizations.
• E-Verify issues for STEM students and traveling Adjustment of Status applicants
• Dealing with TNCs (Tentative Non-Confirmations)

SECOND Phone Session on February 25: I-9 Update

• Key Changes in the New I-9 Form and New DHS Regulation
• E-Verify Mandates That Change the I-9 Process
• Paper-Based versus Electronic I-9s - Pros and Cons
• Employer Self-Audits and Attorney Audits - Practical and Legal Concerns
• Employer Compliance Policies and Raid-Readiness Precautions
• Constructive Knowledge: Beyond No-Match Concerns

THIRD Phone Session on March 25: Anticipating and Addressing the Government’s Fraud Detection and Enforcement Strategies

• The battle over Agency Policy: USCIS Headquarters Versus the AAO and the Service Centers
• Dealing with Extralegal Agency Initiatives: The Rogue RFE and the Rewriting of Legislative History in H-1B and L-1 Cases
• Constitutional, Statutory and Criminal Law Strategies for Raids, Lawsuits and Indictments
• DOL H-1B Audit Defense: Best Practices in an Era of Heightened Enforcement
• Greeting the USCIS FDNS Field Examiner or Contractor at the Employer's Doorstep

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