



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

Physicians For Experts

Speakers: Barry Walker, Kathleen M. Angustia, Chris Brelje, Ingrid Brey, Ellie Najfabadi, Karen M. Pollins and Charles Wintersteen

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on October 21: Non-Immigrant Options for Physicians

- Prospects for Physician Practice in Light of Health Care Reform
- H-1B vs. J-1 for Graduate Medical Training: Weighing the Pros and Cons
- H-1B Clinicians and Academicians
 - Qualifying for cap exemptions
 - Dual appointments in academic medical centers
 - Credentialing and licensing concerns
 - Neufeld memo: impact and possible solutions
 - Prevailing wage issues for H-1B physicians
- J-1 Residents and Fellows
 - Moonlighting during residency/fellowship
 - Credentialing and licensing concerns
- O-1: When Is It a Good Idea and Which Physicians Make the Grade
- TN Status and Its Limitations

SECOND Phone Session on November 11: J-1 Clinical Waivers for Physicians

- Interested Government Agencies
 - Conrad State 30
 - Delta Regional Authority
 - Appalachian Regional Commission
 - Department of Health and Human Services (Clinical and Research)
 - Veteran's Administration
- Timing Issues: When to File I-129H: With or Without Medical License; With or Without I-612
- Saying "Bye-Bye" Before the Waiver: Travel While the Waiver is Pending
- Saying "Bye-Bye" After the Waiver: the "Extenuating Circumstances" Test

THIRD Phone Session on December 2 : Immigrant Options Specifically for Physicians

- PERM
 - Strategies for drafting the ETA-9089
 - Advertising requirements
 - PERM for medical residents and fellows
 - Timing considerations for H-1B residents and fellows
- Physician National Interest Waivers
 - Requirements
 - Specialists
 - What time counts toward the five year commitment?
 - When the NIW physician moves or changes jobs



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