



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

## Removal For Experts

*Speakers: Scott Bratton, Nadine Aljijakli, Y. Judd Azulay, Robert Frank, Steven Thal and Other Speakers To Be Announced*

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### Seminar Outline

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#### **FIRST Phone Session on March 31: Preliminary Issues in Removal Cases**

- Commencement of Removal Proceedings
- Evidence
- Burden of Proof
- Challenging the NTA
- Bond and Mandatory Detention
- Motions to Suppress
- In absentia removal orders and motions to reopen

#### **SECOND Phone Session on April 7: Criminal Issues in Removal Proceedings**

- Criminal grounds of removal and inadmissibility
- Aggravated felonies and limitations on relief
- Vacating convictions and the impact of Padilla v. Kentucky

#### **THIRD Phone Session on May 5: Issues related to relief from removal**

- Asylum, withholding, CAT including the social group analysis
- Cancellation of Removal
- Adjustment of Status
- Voluntary Departure
- TPS
- NACARA
- Waivers (212(j), 212(h), 237(a)(1)(H))



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### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Scott Bratton** (Discussion Leader) is a Partner at Margaret Wong and Associates Co, LPA. His practice includes removal defense, political asylum, federal litigation, consular processing, criminal law, and assistance in business and family based visas. Mr. Bratton is an experienced litigator who practices regularly in courts throughout the United States. Mr. Bratton received his BA in Business Management from Ohio Northern University in 1993 and his JD from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1997. Prior to joining our firm, Mr. Bratton was a partner in the law firm of Bratton & Ratliff Co., LPA, where he practiced federal and state criminal law. He has been named a Leading Lawyer by Inside Business Magazine on numerous occasions and an Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star by Cincinnati Magazine, which is an honor reserved for the top 2.5% of lawyers under 40 in Ohio. Mr. Bratton has also been selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in immigration law. He has practiced immigration law for almost six years and has been the attorney of record on numerous precedent-setting cases, including *Liao v. Rabbett*, 398 F.3d 389 (6th Cir. 2005), *Singh v. Gonzales*, 451 F.3d 400 (6th Cir. 2006), *Madrigal v. Holder*, 572 F.3d 239 (6th Cir. 2009), *Wu v. Holder*, 561 F.3d 467 (5th Cir. 2009), and *Iao v. Gonzales*, 400 F.3d 530 (7th Cir. 2005), which has been discussed in numerous newspaper and law review articles. He has also frequent speaker at immigration conferences and has been quoted in several newspaper articles.

**Nadine Aljijakli** practices in the area of immigration law with a focus on complex deportation and removal defense. Ms. Aljijakli represents clients in matters involving adjustment of status and naturalization, asylum, detention and bond, cancellation of removal, waivers of inadmissibility, immigration consequences of criminal convictions, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions, and federal court litigation. Ms. Aljijakli has also handled business immigration matters in the medical and university research sectors. Ms. Aljijakli is a 2005 graduate of Brooklyn Law School, where she was a finalist in a national family law moot court competition, and a graduate of New York University. She speaks Arabic.

**Y. Judd Azulay** is the Managing Member of AzulaySeiden and is head of the Immigration Law Practice Group. Mr. Azulay concentrates his practice in all areas of immigration and naturalization law for individuals and businesses, including family and employment petitions, asylum, deportation, exclusion, waivers, citizenship and litigation matters before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service and all other courts. Mr. Azulay assists individuals from many different nationalities and companies in a variety of industries, helping them obtain permanent and/or temporary visas for themselves or their employees, so that they may legally work and/or live in the United States. In addition, Mr. Azulay assists asylum seekers remain permanently in the United States and obtain employment authorization. He has also developed a solid reputation for assisting clients in obtaining alternatives to deportation and is considered one of the country's leading authorities on the application of immigration law. Mr. Azulay has been practicing in this area for over 30 years, and has represented all manners of persons, including orphans, professional athletes, doctors, students, skilled workers, unskilled workers, family members and company officers, and has successfully handled visa processing matters at over 60 embassies and consulates around the world. Mr. Azulay is a past recipient of the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Distinguished Service Award.

**Robert Frank** is past Chair of the New Jersey chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), a professional organization that has more than 8000 immigration attorney members. Listed in Best Lawyers in America, Mr. Frank received the prestigious Sam Williamson Mentor Award from AILA at its National Conference in 1999. He has been accorded the Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rating, indicating very high to preeminent legal ability. Mr. Frank is an adjunct professor in the Legal Studies Department at Montclair State University and often lectures and writes for the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education in the area of immigration law and visas. A former member of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Immigration Policy Network and the Community Health Law Project, Mr. Frank previously chaired the Immigration Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA). He also was Vice Chair of the New Jersey chapter of the Federal Bar Association and Vice Chair of the AILA-INS Vermont Service Center Liaison Committee. He was also Chair of the AILA National Consumer Protection Committee and served on the AILA EOIR National Liaison Committee. Mr. Frank was a member of both the Unlawful Practice of Law and Minorities in the Profession Committees of NJSBA. With thirty years' experience in immigration law, Mr. Frank has a reputation for handling difficult cases in all facets of immigration law. Many of these cases have been published by courts including the Board of Immigration Appeals, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, United States District Court for the State of New Jersey, and the New Jersey State Supreme Court. Mr. Frank, because of his reputation as a highly-respected immigration attorney, is regularly interviewed by the media regarding various aspects of immigration laws and has appeared on ABC and CBS television as well as all of the major Spanish language stations. He also has been quoted in many newspapers, including the New York Times, Dallas Morning News, Los Angeles Times, and Newark Star Ledger. A former Fulbright Scholar, Mr. Frank is a graduate of Rutgers University and the Rutgers University School of Law. He is fluent in both Spanish and Portuguese.

**Steven Thal** – practices immigration law in Minnesota



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