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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on April 26: Immigration Compliance Procedures, including: Acceptable Form I-9 Documents, Office of Special Counsel Issues, Proactively Preparing a Client, and Policies

- What documents would a reasonable employer accept?
  - ICE Auditor and Investigator Expectations
  - Office of Special Counsel Expectations
  - Reference Sources
- How to prepare clients proactively - No Match, Immigration Issues, Policies and Training
- When to audit
- Distinguishing between what can and cannot be mitigated
- Rapid Reaction Policies
- Temporary Protective Status is a unique problem

SECOND Phone Session on May 24: Electronic Verification Systems, Form I-9 Software and E-Verify Best Practices

- I-9 software vs. traditional paper system: why buy?
- Best practices to make the most of electronic verification systems
- E-Verify- issues to consider before signing on the dotted line
- IMAGE- what you need to know about the IMAGE makeover
- What we think the future holds in Electronic Verification Systems

THIRD Phone Session on June 14: How to Respond to a Reactive ICE Audit: From Notice of Inspection to Mitigation to Notice of Intent to Fine

- Notice of Inspection
- Impact of No-Match
- Notice of Technical Violations
- Notice of Suspect Documents
- Notice of Discrepancies
- Impact of Mitigation
- Preservation of rights
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