Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

Hot Issues in PERM

Speakers: Joel Stewart, Robert Banta, Rami Fakhoury, Matt Morse, Kiran Vairale-Mumtaz, Michael Piston, Edwin R. Rubin, Larry Rudnick, Rohit Turkhud, David Ware, and others to be announced.

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on October 25 – PERM: Information Technology Update:

- Roaming Employees
- Multiple Job Sites
- Minimum Requirements

SECOND Phone Session on November 15 - PERM: How to Upgrade to Second Preference & Obtain H-1B Extensions Beyond the 6th Year

- Occupations
- Employment Qualifications
- Education Equivalencies
- Indian Diplomas
- Agencies, Experts
- Student Advisors

THIRD Phone Session on December 13 - PERM: Supervised Recruitment, Audits and Appeals

- Audits
- Supervised Recruitment
- Requests to Reconsider
- Requests For Review
- Federal Litigation

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Joel Stewart (Discussion Leader) works exclusively in the area of immigration law. Joel Stewart has joined the Immigration Practice Group of the law firm of Fowler White Boggs as Of Counsel in the Firm's Fort Lauderdale office. Joel Stewart is the editor and author of THE PERM BOOK. He is Past President of the South Florida Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and is a nationally recognized authority on employment-based immigration matters and a popular speaker at immigration seminars for national and local bar associations throughout the United States. Mr. Stewart has been writing the BALCA Case Summaries for AILA and Immigration Law Today since 1987 and authors official AILA articles and publications such as the Visa Processing Guide for Procedures at U.S. Consulates and Embassies in Brazil and Portugal. Mr. Stewart writes weekly columns Brazilian newspapers and serves as in-house Counsel for the Brazilian Consulate in Miami, Florida.

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Rami Fakhoury is a member of Fakhoury Law Group, P.C. His practice focuses on business-based employment immigration, particularly in the Information Technology, Engineering industry, health care workers, investors, academics and individuals of exceptional ability. Mr. Fakhoury has extensive experience in the areas of Corporate Immigration, and has worked in private firms, as well as serving as In-House Counsel for Syntel Corporation, a Fortune 1000 company in the Information Technology industry. In particular, his practice focuses on H, L, E, and O visas, Labor Certifications, Advance Degree Professionals, Multinational Executives and Outstanding Researchers and Professors. Mr. Fakhoury has represented clients at U.S. Consulates abroad and is an international lecturer and fellow for the Center for International Legal Studies (CILS) and a Member of the Immigration section of the International Bar Association. Mr. Fakhoury has served as Panel Speaker at the American Bar – International Law Section. He has also presented and written articles on immigration issues. Mr. Fakhoury is a Member of the State Bar of Michigan, International Law Section; Information Technology Association of America (ITAA), Immigration Law Committee; American Immigration Lawyers Association.
Michael Piston has practiced immigration law exclusively for over 20 years, and has spoken at numerous American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and ILW.COM conferences and workshops as well as writing articles for AILA Annual Conferences Handbooks and ILW PERM Handbooks. With four attorneys practicing exclusively in the field of immigration and nationality law, the Piston Group provides its clients with focused and in-depth representation in business immigration matters. The firm was founded in 1985 by Michael E. Piston, since that time, the firm has processed over 5,000 applications for U.S. permanent residence based upon employment and over 10,000 immigrant employment visas.

Matthew Morse has been an immigration attorney for twelve years, focusing on employment-based and family-based immigration law issues. He has extensive experience with H, L, TN, O, K, B visas, as well as with Labor Certifications, Visa Processing, Adjustment of Status, and healthcare worker immigration issues. Mr. Morse also has profound proficiency with Extraordinary Ability Alien cases, National Interest Waiver physician petitions, Outstanding Professor/Researcher petitions, Advance Degreed Professionals cases, Multinational Managers and Executives cases, and Naturalization law issues. Prior to practicing Immigration law, Mr. Morse practiced Gaming and Real Property Law, as well as Contract Law in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Morse held internships with the Michigan Attorney General’s Office, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.

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David Ware has practiced immigration law since 1981 and has 29 years of experience in representing universities and their students, faculty, and staff, as well as companies and individuals. His firm is one of only a handful in the nation with a consistent focus on academia, while also handling business, family, removal, asylum, and nationality cases. He has for many years been selected to the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, and has been selected as one of the Best Lawyers in America since 2000. For ten years, Mr. Ware has been selected as among the top immigration attorneys in Louisiana by New Orleans Magazine, and in 2005
and 2008, City Business Magazine selected him as one of the top 50 “Leaders in Law” in Louisiana, the only immigration attorney so chosen. In 2008, he was elected to Who’s Who International’s Top Corporate Immigration Attorneys - one of only 300 in the US and the only in Louisiana. Mr. Ware is a recognized leader among immigration attorneys in practice areas of interest to universities, and he currently serves as a mentor in these areas for other immigration attorneys through AILA. He has been active in NAFSA since 1985. In addition to holding several AILA and NAFSA leadership positions, he has received numerous awards for outstanding service to NAFSA. His firm is one of only three NAFSA Global Law Firm Advocates. He regularly serves as an expert speaker at both AILA and NAFSA national and regional conferences, and at the meetings of other academically-oriented organizations such as NACE and CUPA.