Three-Part Telephone Seminar:

Business Travel: It’s Shapes/Forms and Challenges

Speakers: Jet Stigter (Discussion Leader), Azeem Bakhtiar, Maria Ferre, Bruna Frota, Diem Ngo, Anna Nguyen, Jennifer Tavern, and others to be announced.

Registration Deadline: July 22, 2014

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SEMINAR OUTLINE

FIRST Phone Session on June 26, 2014 - Business Travel and its Shapes/Forms and Challenges

• Business Travel
  o Overview
    • What is a business trip?
    • Visa exempt nationals
    • Entry visas
  o Duration
    • One-time
    • Multiple-entries
  o Activities
    • Usual allowable activities
    • Productive work/grey areas
• High-Volume Countries
  o U.S. Business Visas
    • What is allowed
    • Duration
  o Brazil/Singapore/Canada/India/UK/China/Schengen/Australia
    • Examples of allowable activities
    • Work pass exempt activities
• Case Scenarios
  o FAQs
  o Case by Case

SECOND Phone Session on July 24, 2014 - Compliance

• Managing your business travelers program
  o Defining business travelers
  o Business needs vs. common compliance risks
  o Penalties
  o Who owns enforcement within your company: legal or global mobility?
• Best practices - Policies and tools being used by your company to assess and track business travelers
• Country specific examples
• Questions

THIRD Phone Session on August 7, 2014 - Short Term Work Authorization

• Purpose
  o Why use short term processes?
  o Benefits/Risks
• Types of Short Term Work Authorization
  o Work allowed as a Business Visitor
    • Switzerland - 8 Day Rule
    • China - M Business Visa
  o Work allowed by Short Term Work Permit
    • Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Short Term Work Visit Visa
    • Nigeria - Temporary Work Permit
  o Parameters for Use
    • Visa validity
    • Visa duration
    • Number of entries allowed
    • Extensions
• Trends
  o How are countries adapting to changes in global business models?
    • Tightening of immigration requirements in global markets
    • Acknowledgement that business concerns drive compliance levels - Creation of short term work authorization/business visitor flexibilities to accommodate business needs
• Case Studies
  o Ireland
    • Irregular Working Scheme
      1. Short Term Projects
      2. Internships
  o Brazil
    • 90 Technical
    • 1 year Technical
  o South Africa - 11(2)
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**ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**

Jet Stigter (Discussion Leader) is a Director in Berry Appleman & Leiden’s San Francisco office. Ms. Stigter’s practice involves counseling employers on all aspects of global immigration, including strategic resource planning for global projects on behalf of multinational corporations as well as assessing best practices to meet the needs of individual clients. Her expertise spans the immigration laws of countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and the Americas. Ms. Stigter also advises clients on U.S. immigration matters.

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