



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

## Doctors, Nurses And Other Health Professionals: Current Immigration Issues

**Speakers:** William A. Stock, Sylvia Boecker, MaryLu Cianciolo, Matthew S. Dunn, Elahe Najfabadi, Suzanne Seltzer, Greg Siskind and Rolf Sletten

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### Seminar Outline

Each call features an hour of analysis, strategy and practice tips by William A. Stock, Sylvia Boecker, MaryLu Cianciolo, Matthew S. Dunn, Elahe Najfabadi, Suzanne Seltzer, Greg Siskind and Rolf Sletten.

#### FIRST Phone Session on April 29: Doctor's Issues

1. Current Issues in Obtaining - or Avoiding - the J-1 Options for Medical Residents under the H-1B Cap
  - Arguing "Exemption" for Non-Profit Hospitals
  - Current Issues in O-1 eligibility for clinicians
  - I-140/I-485 Options for Residents
2. Waivers for Doctors: The State of the Art
  - Conrad 30 options: the best and worst states
  - Specialists in the Conrad 30 program
  - H-1B cap issues for waiver cases
  - The VA solution: NIW-based I-485 before the waiver is approved
  - Dealing with changes in employment

#### SECOND Phone Session on May 20: Nurses and Allied Health Care Professionals

1. Final rules related to the certification of foreign-educated healthcare professionals
  - application to TN and temporary visas
  - initial application and adjustment of status
  - transition period
  - USCIS approval of certifying agencies
  - How the rule will affect recruitment
2. Schedule A Labor Certification Issues
  - Qualifying employment for Schedule A
  - Visa processing in India and the Philippines
  - Success rate on the NCLEX-RN for the foreign educated nurse
  - Other countries for Nurse Recruitment
3. Other Hot Occupations for Immigrant Health Care Professionals
  - Pharmacists, Dentists, and Chiropractors
  - PTs, OTs, and other therapists
  - Medical technologists

#### THIRD Phone Session on June 21: Health Care Licensing for Foreign-Educated Professionals

1. State Licensing Issues
  - Doctors
  - Nurses
  - Other Health Professionals

#### Special Note On Session Three

In order to receive an immigration benefit based on an offer of employment in a health care profession, a foreign national must be sure to comply with all requirements in the state of intended employment in order to be eligible for a license to practice their profession. Because licensing issues can cause problems and delays in obtaining immigration benefits, immigration attorneys counseling foreign nationals in the health care professions need to be aware not only of the requirements for licensing of various occupations in each state, but also of the concerns that licensing authorities have with foreign-educated health care workers. We expect this session to involve speakers from state licensing boards, who will review issues in licensing of foreign-educated health care workers and help practitioners avoid common pitfalls in licensing of foreign nationals that turn into major issues in immigration cases.

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### About the Speakers

**William A. Stock** was the recipient of AILA's Joseph Minsky Award for outstanding accomplishments in immigration law and is listed in Best Lawyers in America. He is an associate editor of AILA's annual Immigration & Nationality Law Handbook, and is co-author of the "J Visa Guidebook" from Matthew Bender. Bill has served on the board of governors of AILA and currently serves as a member of the executive committee of AILA's Philadelphia Chapter. He is an adjunct professor of law at Villanova University School of Law.

**Sylvia Boecker** an attorney in private practice in Virginia, has served as Chair of AILA's Greater Chicago Chapter and as President of the Chicago Bar Association Committee on Immigration Law. She is the author of many articles on immigration issues for nurses. She has degrees in Latin American Studies from the University of Denver and in Spanish from Oberlin College, and a J.D. from DePaul University. Ms. Boecker served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines.

**MaryLu Cianciolo** received her undergraduate degree at University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, her law degree from Valparaiso, University and her Masters of Business Administration from University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. She is admitted to practice law in Illinois, New York, and Northern District of Illinois. In addition to her law practice which focuses on assisting the Rehabilitation with reimbursement matters as well as Immigration. She is a principal with Therapy Team Educational Services where she is the instructor for the Legal, Scope of Practice and Ethics sections of their course preparing physical therapy graduates for the NPTE and NPTAE.

**Matthew S. Dunn** is a member of the Bryan Cave LLP's Corporate Immigration, International and the Labor and Employment Client Service Groups. He previously served as an assistant district counsel for the Immigration and Naturalization Service from 1996-1998 and as assistant district attorney for Suffolk County from 1993-1996. Mr. Dunn is a member of the New York State Bar and United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. He received a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School, 1993 and a B.B.A. at Cornell University, 1990. In addition, Mr. Dunn is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, NY Chapter, Executive Committee; Co-Chair, Executive of Office of Immigration Review Committee and Officer of INS District Director Liaison Committee and New York City Comptroller's Immigration Committee.

**Elahe Najfabadi** is one of the leading corporate immigration attorneys in the United States. She recently lectured over 100 immigration attorneys regarding applications for employment-based permanent residence through labor certification. Ms. Najfabadi is truly a citizen of the world. Born in Iran and educated in India, she is fluent in both Farsi and Hindi. Working for the United Nations in Spain, she honed her Spanish and served as a Spanish interpreter for the U.S. Immigration Court. Later, she worked as an immigration legal assistant while attending law school in the evening. She has over 15 years of experience in immigration law. She represents numerous Fortune 500 corporations, million dollar investors, health care employers, international medical graduates, outstanding professors and researchers and persons in a wide variety of occupations. She formerly served as the Chairperson of the Immigration Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

**Suzanne Seltzer** is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (B.A., magna cum laude, 1989) and Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., cum laude, 1993), where she was a staff editor of the Georgetown Immigration Law Journal. She heads the New York office of Klasko, Rulon, Stock and Seltzer, LLP. She is well known for her representation of universities, hospitals and research institutions and their medical and research personnel in obtaining extraordinary ability and national interest waiver immigrant petitions, O-1 nonimmigrant visas, and waivers of the two-year home country residence requirement. Suzanne also was honored with the Cornerstone Award by the Lawyers Alliance for New York in recognition of her outstanding contributions to pro bono work on behalf of non-profit agencies, and the Samuel E. Klein Pro Bono Award for her work on behalf of victims of human trafficking.

**Greg Siskind** is the founding partner of Siskind Susser and has been practicing immigration law since 1990. Since he started Siskind Susser in 1994, he has become one of the best-known immigration lawyers in the country. After graduating magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University, Gregory Siskind went on to receive his law degree from the University of Chicago. For the past several years, he has been an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He currently serves as chairman of the Physicians Committee. Greg is a member of the American Bar Association where he serves on the LPM Publishing Board as Chairman and on the Council of the Law Practice Management Section. He is also a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, the Nashville Bar Association and the Memphis Bar Association. And he serves on the Board of Directors of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and on the executive board of the Jewish Family Service agency in Memphis, Tennessee. He recently was named one of the Top 40 executives under age 40 in Memphis, Tennessee by the Memphis Business Journal and as the best immigration lawyer in Nashville, Tennessee by Nashville Post Magazine. Greg regularly writes on the subject of immigration law. He has written several hundred articles on the subject and is also the author of the book The J Visa Guidebook, published by Lexis-Nexis, one of the nation's leading legal publishers. He is also a technology columnist for Immigration Law Today published by the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

**Rolf Sletten** is chairman of the Federation of State Medical Board's License Portability Group - West and is also a frequent presenter on medical licensure issues. He is the Executive Secretary of the North Dakota Board of Medical Examiners. He has held that position since 1983, making him one of the longest serving medical board executives in the United States. Rolf also spent several years working as a criminal prosecutor and as a criminal defense attorney. He is a past chairman of the North Dakota State Pardon Board and has twice served on the North Dakota Judicial Nominating Committee. Rolf is the Vice President of Administrators in Medicine (AIM) - the national organization for state medical board's executive directors.