



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:
Current Topics In Family Immigration

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on Apr 28th:

1. Ethics practice pointers during client intake & beyond
2. Child Status Protection Act strategies, issues and documentation
3. Child Citizenship Act - INA Section 322 - How to do it & what docs needed
4. Documentation for extreme hardship waivers of 3/10 yr bars & fraud 30/60 day rule and other grounds of inadmissibility
5. Marrying abroad vs. a fiancé petition - advantages and disadvantages K-1, K-3 or consular process I-130?
6. When will consulates adjudicate I-130's?
7. Is there still humanitarian consideration where an I-130 is adjudicated and petitioner dies? Also, affidavit of support issues
 - How to present cases & "spouse docs" list proving bona fides
 - Who to speak to at CIS
8. Solving difficulties in documenting qualifying relationships:
 - Legitimate/illegitimate children
 - Sponsoring stepchildren where the marriage has dissolved
 - DNA testing
 - How to get approval even if beneficiary cannot obtain a birth certificate
9. Processing derivatives abroad after principal adjusts I-824's for FTJ
10. Handling adjustment applications in proceedings (how to get a continuance and then get the I-130 approved)
11. Tips on handling special immigrant juveniles & adoptions

SECOND Phone Session on May 12th:

1. How to win a marriage case when CIS charges 204(c) on a prior marriage with no documents left from the prior marriage
2. Adjusting through a marriage where the parties are separated - how to do it but watch the ethics
3. Screening marriage cases before they retain you and before you file
4. How to reduce the chance that your client will be subject to a marriage interview with each spouse separately
5. Dealing with bad marriage interviews
 - Ethical issues in preparing for CIS marriage interviews
 - FBI & CIS FOIA's - what CIS knows before the interview
 - What to do if the interviewer asks questions no one would know the answer to?
 - What if the applicant can remember nothing, not even his or her address?
 - What if the answers are different but not contradictory?
6. Can your client adjust through marriage if the U.S. citizen petitioner refuses to attend the interview or cannot attend the interview?
7. Affidavit of support issues - new "substitute sponsor" law
8. Arguments for adjustment for homosexual marriages
9. Strategies for dealing with transsexual marriages
10. National Benefit Center

THIRD Phone Session on Jun 9th:

1. What family members we should ask about when a prospective client asks about possibly filing an N-400?
2. Alternatives to long family quota waiting periods especially brothers, sisters, unmarried adult sons & daughters
3. Various I-751 issues and documentation
 - Ethical issues in 751 prep and interview prep
 - How to handle difficult spouses
 - What if spouses separate? If don't intend to divorce?
 - What if living abroad temporarily? If filed jointly but now divorced?
 - Additional issues for I-751's in proceedings & judicial review
4. Abandonment of residency - how can family members help?



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About the Speakers

[Laurence F. Johnson](#) has authored articles on immigration law in the Maryland Law Forum, and has served as faculty for immigration law seminars at the Bar Association, Montgomery County, Maryland, the Annual Conference on Immigration Law, Washington DC, and the Maryland Institute on Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers. He previously served as the Vice President of the DC Chapter of AILA and also served as National Chair of AILA's Office Technology and National Telecommunications committees.

[Angela M. Bean](#) is a specialist in immigration and nationality law certified by the Board of Legal Specialization of the State Bar of California. She has practiced immigration law in the Bay Area since 1985. Ms. Bean obtained her law degree from Golden Gate University and her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she majored in Women's Studies and History. During law school, Ms. Bean clerked for California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso as a judicial extern. After law school Ms. Bean was awarded a Revson Fellowship by the Women's Law and Public Policy Program at Georgetown University, where she interned as a Fellow at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) in Washington, D.C. Ms. Bean is past Chair of the Immigration and Nationality Law Advisory Commission of the California State Bar's Board of Legal Specialization. She has written for various publications of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, of which she has been a member since 1985. Ms. Bean has served on many distinguished national panels, and has been an expert witness for the State Bar of California on immigration matters.

[Marc Ellis](#) is an immigration attorney in New Orleans. His practice focuses on family immigration law and is considered by other lawyers to be an authority on fighting consular denials of family-based visas. Approximately 50% of his practice now involves being retained by persons who have previously been denied family visa applications at US Consulates. He was a chat moderator for ILW.COM and is an advisory board member for Immigration Daily. In France, he is known as the composer of "The Fantomas Waltz". Mr. Ellis served two tours during the Vietnam War with the US Army, 1971-73. He graduated from University of Alabama Law School.

[Jerome B. Ingber](#) is the founder of the firm, Ingber & Aronson, PA and is a prominent national practitioner of immigration and citizenship law. For many years he has been a member of the National Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the professional bar with over 8000 immigration lawyers, and since 1991, Mr. Ingber has been included in the annual publication Best Lawyers in America in the field of immigration law. In addition to being a key member of IMMLAW, the consortium of prominent immigration lawyers of the major gateway cities of America, Mr. Ingber was chairman of the MN Bar Association Immigration Law Section. Mr. Ingber is an Adjunct Professor at William Mitchell College of Law (since 1980) and has been a guest lecturer at the University of Minnesota Law School. He is frequently called on to present immigration programs locally and nationally. Mr. Ingber lived in Belgium and Israel for several years. In addition to accreditation as an attorney in the United States, he has been a member of the Israel Chamber of Advocates.

[Tammy Fox-Isicoff](#) is a graduate cum laude of the University of Miami School of Law. She joined the U.S. Department of Justice in 1983 as a trial attorney with INS and went on to serve as Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for Immigration in the Southern District of Florida. She entered private practice in 1988, focusing on immigration. She has earned an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell and is certified by the Florida Bar as a Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law. Ms. Fox-Isicoff is a past president of the South Florida chapter of AILA and currently serves on the national Board of Governors of AILA. She has chaired numerous committees at the AILA national level including the Media, Congressional and Bar Association Committees. Ms. Fox-Isicoff is the recipient of several presidential awards from AILA for her advocacy of immigrants. She has also been selected to represent AILA to the American Bar Association's Immigration Coordinating Committee and is a member of the Florida Bar's Certification Committee in Immigration and Nationality Law. She has served as a legal expert on immigration law for various news sources and has appeared on "NBC Today" and "The CBS Morning Show" on a number of occasions. Ms. Fox-Isicoff has published numerous articles on immigration topics and is a frequent local and national lecturer. Listed in the Best Lawyers in America and in South Florida Legal Guide as one of the top lawyers in South Florida, Ms. Fox-Isicoff is widely recognized as a national expert on all areas of immigration.

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