



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

## “Representing Doctors, Nurses And Other Health Professionals - New Issues For New Times”

Speakers: with William Stock, Sylvia Boecker, Eleanor Fitzpatrick, Michael Hammond, Judith Pendergast, Donna Richardson, Stephen Seeling, Carl Shusterman and Gregory Siskind

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### Seminar Outline

Each call features an hour of analysis, strategy and practice tips by the speakers followed by 30 minutes of questions and answers from participants.

#### FIRST Phone Session on February 28:

##### Current issues in physician immigration

1. Waiver options for internal medical graduates
  - Current status of the State 30 Waiver program
  - Goodbye USDA, hello HHS: federal shortage waivers
  - The elusive VA waiver
  - Dealing with changes in employment
2. Other issues for immigrant physicians
  - The NIW for underserved area: updates from the lawsuit
  - Labor certifications – for residents?
  - Restrictions on O-1 eligibility for clinicians

#### SECOND Phone Session on March 28:

##### Current immigration issues for allied health care workers

1. How do I recruit nurses?
2. Nurses and H-1B's – Doesn't INS allow that now?
3. Nurses for shortage areas (or, does H-1C really work?)
4. Dentists, chiropractors and others called "Doctor"
5. Pharmacists
6. PTs, Ots, and other therapists
7. Medical technologists
8. Specialty occupation issues for allied health professionals
9. What's this "Visa Screen" anyway?
10. Permanent residence issues and options

#### THIRD Phone Session on April 28:

##### Round table with: ECFMG and CGFNS

1. Role of credentialing agencies in health care immigration
2. Testing and timeframes
3. Guiding applicants through the process
4. Participation guidelines for ECFMG programs
5. CGFNS: it's not just nurses anymore

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### About the Speakers

**William Stock** is a partner with the Immigration Practice Group at Dechert LLP. He handles all aspects of immigration law, including assisting companies and individuals in obtaining employment- and family-based visas; resolving citizenship issues and obtaining naturalization; and defending clients in INS and Department of Labor enforcement proceedings. He is a past member of the Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and received the Joseph Minsky Award, given by AILA to a lawyer under age 35 who has made outstanding contributions to the field of immigration law, in 2000. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of Bender's Immigration Bulletin and Bender's Labor and Employment Bulletin; has authored many articles on immigration law topics; and serves as an Associate Editor of the Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook published annually by AILA. He is an Adjunct Faculty Member at Villanova University School of Law and was selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers In America in 2003.

**Sylvia J. 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.

**Eleanor M. Fitzpatrick** has served as manager of ECFMG's Exchange Visitor Sponsorship Program since 1996. She has extensive experience in international health and education. She works directly with the Department of State (DOS) and the US academic medical community on policies governing the training of foreign national physicians on J-1 visas. Eleanor participates in national conferences and workshops focused on J-1 physician issues. She is a graduate of St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA and Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

**Michael Hammond** is Principal and founder of Hammond Law Group, a law firm that handles immigration matters exclusively, with offices in Cincinnati, San Francisco, Seattle, and Manila. Michael Hammond has personally been practicing immigration law since 1989, and specializes in primarily IT and health care related corporate matters.

**Judith Pendergast** is currently the Director of Planning, Marketing and Communications for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS). Prior to holding this position, Ms. Pendergast served as the Director of Government Affairs for the Michigan Nurses Association and as the Executive Administrator for the Wisconsin Nurses Association. In addition, Ms. Pendergast has twenty years of clinical nursing experience in emergency services. Ms. Pendergast holds a diploma in nursing from Mercy Medical Center School of Nursing in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a baccalaureate degree from Marian College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and a juris doctor degree from Marquette University School of Law in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**Donna Richardson** is the Director of Operations and Governmental Affairs for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)/International Commission on Healthcare Professions (IChP). She is responsible for monitoring legislative and regulatory initiatives on immigration, professional standards and licensure affecting healthcare professionals. Previously, she was the director of Clinical Trials Programs at Howard University Cancer Center. She was formerly Community Outreach Coordinator of the Women's Health Initiative of the Nation's Capital. A registered nurse and attorney, Ms. Richardson is counsel to the law firm of Joan Wilbon and Associates and Assistant Professor of Nursing and Medicine at Howard University. Ms. Richardson has served as Director of Governmental Affairs of the American Nurses Association and as an attorney at the Department of Labor. She is a recognized speaker and expert on health care reform, HIV policy, women's health research, occupational health or nurses and clinical trial recruitment. She served as a member of the United States Department of Agriculture's National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection and the Food and Drug Administration's Food and Advisory Committee. She is a past member and President of the Montgomery County Commission for Women and the Board of Family and Child services of Washington, DC.

**Stephen S. Seeling** is Vice President for Operations with the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). He has served in that position since August 1998. Prior to joining ECFMG, Mr. Seeling was Vice President of SCMA Practice Management Services, Inc. and Executive Director of the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners. He is a graduate of Tufts University and Temple University School of Law.

**Carl Shusterman** is a native of Los Angeles and a 1973 graduate of the UCLA School of Law. He served as an attorney for the Los Angeles office of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) until 1982 when he entered the private practice of law. He is authorized to practice before the Supreme Court of California, the Federal District Court in the Central District of California, the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Shusterman is a former chairman of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Southern California Chapter and served as a member of AILA's national Board of Governors (1988-97). He has chaired numerous AILA Committees, spoken at dozens of AILA Conferences and has contributed a number of scholarly articles to AILA's publications. Mr. Shusterman is a Certified Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law, State Bar of California. He serves as a member of the Immigration and Nationality Law Advisory Commission for the State Bar. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Immigration Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and of the American Bar Association. Mr. Shusterman is a frequent writer and lecturer on immigration law. Mr. Shusterman has testified as an expert witness before the Senate Subcommittee On Immigration in Washington, D.C.

**Gregory Siskind** has experience handling all aspects of immigration and nationality law and has represented numerous clients throughout the world. Mr. Siskind provides consultations to corporations and individuals on immigration law issues and handles cases before the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Department of State, the Department of Labor and other government agencies. For the past several years, he has been an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Greg is a member of the American Bar Association where he serves on the LPM Publishing Board as Marketing Vice 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. He serves on the board of the British American Business Association of Tennessee. And he serves on the Board of Directors of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society and on the executive boards of the Jewish Family Service agencies in Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee. He recently was named one of the Top 40 executives under age 40 in his hometown of Memphis, Tennessee. 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 new book *The J Visa Guidebook*, published by Matthew Bender and Company, one of the nation's leading legal publishers. He is working on another book for Matthew Bender on entertainment and sports immigration.