



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:  
**Healthy or Ailing? Immigration for Doctors and Healthcare Workers**  
Speakers: William Stock, James Acoba, Robert Aronson, Sylvia Boecker,  
Jan Pederson and Gregory Siskind

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**Seminar Details****Phone session of April 24th:**

I. How to Immigrate as a Physician:

- Credentialing and licensing: What does it take to be a US doctor? (ECFMG, residuary, USMLE) • Entering to get credentialed 1. F Visa - study centers 2. J Visa - how to get it (no more researcher to doctor switch) 3. H Visa - What's really required to be an H-1B resident 4. O Visa Can it work for a "training" position? • Permanent Residence Options (or, I've got my license, now what?) 1. Labor Cert 2. NIW for Underserved area 3. EB-1 or NIW for high-level clinicians

**Phone Session on May 24th:**

II. 212(e) Waivers for Doctors:

- What's a HPSA, anyway, and how do I find out if my job is in one? • Which federal government agencies sponsor waiters? • I'm a specialist, where can I go? • State 20 programs • Waiver procedures - nuts and bolts • Interaction of J waiver and NIW for underserved areas

**Phone Session on June 24th:**

III. Allied Health Care Workers:

- Nurses - the "straight to green card" option • Nurses for shortage areas (or, does H-1C really work?) • Dentists, chiropractors and others called "Doctor" • PTs, OTs, and other therapists • Medical technologists • Credentialing and licensing issues • Specialty occupation issues for allied health professionals • What's this "Visa Screen" anyway? • Permanent Residence issues and options

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**About the Speakers**

**William A. Stock** is a partner in the immigration law group at Dechert. He is the immigration editor for Bender's Labor and Employment Bulletin, 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 the AILA and chaired several committees of AILA's Philadelphia Chapter. He is an adjunct professor of law at Villanova University School of Law and a frequent speaker at AILA National Conferences, regional immigration conferences, and continuing legal education courses.

**James D. Acoba** practices immigration and health law in Los Angeles. He has served as Chair of AILA's southern California Chapter and presently serves on AILA's Board of Governors.

**Robert D. Aronson** has gained a high degree of national prominence for his professional services for foreign physicians and other foreign health-care workers. At present, he chairs the Alien Physician Task Force of the AILA, which is the lead effort within the immigration bar to promote more favorable practices and policies for foreign physicians. He is the author of over 50 publications dealing with immigration legal issues for foreign physicians, including "Foreign Physicians Within the Health Care System: Immigration Strategies and Procedures", (Immigration Briefings), which is generally considered as the most authoritative treatise on immigration matters for medical doctors.

**Sylvia J. Boecker** 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.

**Jan Pederson** is the founder of the law firm Pederson & Freedman, LLP in Washington, D.C. in 1980. She is widely recognized for her expertise in 212(e) waivers.

**Gregory Siskind** serves on the LPM Publishing Board of the American Bar Association as Marketing Vice Chairman and on the Council of the Law Practice Management Section. He is the author of The J Visa Guidebook, published by Matthew Bender and Company.

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