



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

““I Like To Be An American!”: Current Issues In U.S. Naturalization And Nationality Law”

Speakers: with Angelo Paparelli, Edward Betancourt (DOS), Carmen DiPlacido, Mark Mancini, Robert Mautino, Joel Paget and Stephen Trow

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Seminar Outline

Each call features an hour of analysis, strategy and practice tips by Angelo Paparelli, Edward Betancourt (DOS), Carmen DiPlacido, Mark Mancini, Robert Mautino, Joel Paget and Stephen Trow, followed by 30 minutes of questions and answers from participants.

In the Post-9/11 era, whether for reasons of patriotism, assimilation, political activism, avoidance of hassles at the ports of entry, a desire to sit on a high-profile Hollywood jury, or the wish to eliminate any future exposure to grounds for detention or removal, many clients today are seeking to gain the benefits of U.S. citizenship. Others are concerned about the implications of dual nationality as a snare for NSEERS enforcement, or about activities that will cause a loss of citizenship. Still others want to shed U.S. nationality and return to the home country or claim status as a U.S. national as a defense to deportation. Whatever the clients' motivations, immigration lawyers and corporate HR departments need to know the nationality law side of the immigration practice specialty. ILW.COM is therefore pleased to present a new teleconference series featuring a panel of nationally renowned experts who will comprehensively address naturalization, citizenship and nationality law issues in detail.

FIRST Phone Session on July 30 and SECOND Phone Session on August 14:

Naturalization

- Proving the Basic Requirements:
- Does Your Client Satisfy the Physical Presence Requirements? - Can You Distinguish Preservation of Residence for Purposes of: Retention of Lawful Permanent Resident Status?; Eligibility for Naturalization?; Income and Estate Taxation? - Does Your Client Qualify for Preservation of Residence for Naturalization Purposes (Form I-470)? - Do You Know How to Deal with the Special Problems of Permanent Resident Commuters?
- Is Your Client's Moral Character Good Enough? - Addressing Issues of Criminal History; - Resolving a Failure to Register for Selective Service; - Dealing with a Client's Failure to Acknowledge All Material Facts on the N-400 or a Misrepresentation Before or During the Naturalization Interview.
- Issues, Tips and Tactics: - Overcoming Obstacles to Naturalization: Literacy; Civics and History Exam; Physical or mental infirmity; Language and Health Waivers for Naturalization; Claiming exemption from military service on the basis of alienage.
- When Naturalization Is A Very Bad Idea: - Did Client Obtain LPR Status under Questionable Circumstances? - Has Client Been Misbehavin' while an LPR?
- Hurry up and wait: Tips, Strategies and Best Practices. - Standard Versus Expedited Processing; - Resolving delays in Adjudication of Naturalization Applications; - Informal Administrative Action; - Tell it to the Judge: Mandamus and INA 336(b) Actions.
- Dealing with a Denial of Naturalization: Evaluating the options. - Administrative Appeal; - De Novo Judicial Review under INA 310(c).

SECOND Phone Session on August 14 and THIRD Phone Session on September 10:

Nationality and Citizenship Issues

- How Do I Establish Derivative Citizenship Claims?
- When Is Citizenship Acquired by Birth Abroad?
- Is My Client Covered under the Child Citizenship Act of 2000?
- What Tax Issues Arise in the Acquisition or Renunciation of Citizenship?
- Is My Client an "Accidental" Citizen?
- Is BCBP enforcing the Ground of Exclusion for Expatriation to Avoid U.S. Taxation?
- How Do I Develop Evidence to Support a Claim to Citizenship?
- Should I Apply for a Passport or for Certificate of Citizenship?

Nationality Issues

- What is the U.S. and International Law of Nationality?
- How Do Recent Cases Define the Term U.S. "National"?
- Are there Exceptions to the Dual Nationality Rules for NSEERS Purposes?
- When Does a Person Lose U.S. Nationality? - Voluntary Renunciation - Committing an Expatriating Act
- How Do I Defend a Claimed Loss of Nationality or Denaturalization Proceeding?

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About the Speakers

Angelo A. Paparelli certified as a Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law by the State Bar of California, has been practicing business-sponsored immigration law for over 20 years. He is a nationally recognized speaker, published author and leading expert on cutting-edge business-related immigration issues, including the immigration consequences of mergers, acquisitions, reorganizations and other business changes, consular visa practice, audits of employers' compliance with immigration regulations, and work visas for executives and professionals. From 1991 to 1996, Mr. Paparelli served as co-Chairman of the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee of the American Bar Association's Section on International Law and Practice. He also served from 1988 to 1994 as an elected member of the Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). He is named in the 1990-2004 editions of Best Lawyers in America under category of Immigration Law. Mr. Paparelli received the President's Award at the June, 2001 AILA Annual Conference for his contributions to the association in liaison with the Immigration and Naturalization Service on the immigration consequences of mergers, acquisitions and other forms of entity restructuring. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan (B.A., 1971) and Wayne State University Law School (J.D., 1976).

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Mark A. Mancini is member of the District of Columbia Bar, the Bar Association of the District of Columbia (Chairman, Naturalization Committee, 1985 --), the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (Chairman, District of Columbia Chapter, 1974-1976 and 1985-1986) and the Union Internationale Des Avocats. Mr. Mancini is a graduate from the University of Pennsylvania (A.B., 1970) and Temple University (J.D., 1973). He was adjunct professor, Immigration Law, at George Washington University, 1975-1980 and Catholic University, 1988-1992 and instructor at the Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, 1980 -- . He is the author of "Excludability for Lack of a Valid Labor Certificate as a Species of Fraud," Immigration and Nationality Law Review, Vol. 11, 1979 and "Fraud under the Immigration and Nationality Act," Vol. 56, Notre Dame Lawyer No. 4, page 668, April 1981.

Robert A. Mautino has practiced immigration and nationality law exclusively since 1979. He has written many articles and spoken on numerous occasions on immigration and nationality law matters over the years. He is one of the few nationally recognized experts on the subject of United States citizenship law. Mr. Mautino has been certified by the State Bar of California as a specialist in immigration and nationality law, and has been listed in Best Lawyers in America for the last eight years. Mr. Mautino earned his J.D. degree from the University of San Diego, an M.A. in Political Science from San Diego State University, and a B.A. in International Relations from U.C.L.A. Prior to practicing in the immigration field, he had a varied career. He was a diplomatic and consular officer in the United States Foreign Service, with service in Finland, Washington, D.C., and Mexico. He was a Professor of Law and a Manager for the former Bell System's Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. He has a familiarity with some nine European languages, including Spanish, French, Swedish, Finnish, German, Italian, Danish and Norwegian. He has been Chairman of the Southern California and San Diego Chapters of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and he is a former member of the national AILA Board of Governors and a former Chairman of the San Diego County Bar Association's Immigration Committee. He represented Filipino World War II veterans before the United States Supreme Court, and he has been active in federal court litigation against the Immigration and Naturalization Service, especially in mandamus and declaratory relief actions.

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Stephen C. Trow is a partner in the firm of Trow & Kearney, P.C. in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of Cornell Law School who has practiced business immigration law since 1980. He has been involved in over 35 expatriation cases, advising U.S. citizens on relinquishing their citizenship, assisting former U.S. citizens in regaining their citizenship, and advising tax and estate planning professionals on expatriation issues. He provided technical assistance on immigration law and procedures to the Joint Tax Committee of the U.S. Congress in connection with the drafting of statutory standards for tax residency, and to the Internal Revenue Service during the drafting of implementing regulations. He is listed in An International Who's Who of Corporate Immigration Lawyers and serves on the Legal Advisory Committee of the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition. He served as pro bono counsel to the Independent Federation of Chinese Students and Scholars following the Tiananmen Square demonstrations. He received an Outstanding Achievement Award for Asylum and Refugee Rights from the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs for pro bono work on behalf of the democratic government-in-exile of Burma.