



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:
Adjustment Of Status In Immigration Practice Today

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on Mar 23, 2006: Employment-Based Adjustment

- Refresher - INA § 245(a)(3) & the Visa Bulletin
- Retrogression - What caused this train wreck? Any legislative relief coming?
- Effect of Retrogression on how Child Status Protection Act works - Scenarios
- EAD and Adv Parole renewal issues - 485s transferred to district offices
- Transferring I-485 between I-140s - effect of retrogression and the May 2000 memo
- Maintenance of H-1B Status - discussion of AC21 § 104(c) as alternative to AC21 § 106(a); pending I-140 situations.
- Portability and Retrogression - Scenarios
- Portability Updates - May 12, 2005 Yates memo & USCIS Adopted Decision dated October 18, 2005

SECOND Phone Session on April 20, 2006: Family / Diversity Visa

- Direct Filing (Lockbox) Updates - problems and recommendations
- V visa update - one year after Akhtar
- Who does Akhtar not cover?
- VAWA Adjustments - procedures and tips
- Discussion of DV Lottery adjustment procedures & issues
- Security Name Check problems & resolution - Mandamus?

THIRD Phone Session on May 11, 2006: Adjustment in Removal Proceedings / Refugee/Asylee Adjustments:

- Latest on Arriving Aliens - *Succar v. Ashcroft* - Discussion on the Federal Circuit Case Law & Splits
- Latest in refugee & asylee adjustments practice - changes and guidance from USCIS
- REAL ID - Lifting of the asylee adjustments cap & continuing validity of the Ngwanyia settlement
- Update on Multiple-year EADs
- Post-Adjustment issues for Refugees/Asylees - use of refugee travel documents and question of travel back home to country of persecution

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About the Speakers

Dinesh Shenoy is an associate attorney with Ingber & Aronson PA in Minneapolis, practicing exclusively in the field of immigration law with an emphasis on employment-based cases. He has published articles for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) on the "concurrent filing rule" and H-1B extensions of status under the American Competitiveness in the 21st Century Act ("AC21"). In 2003 he won the AILA Mentor Award for "Outstanding Efforts and Excellent Counsel to Immigration Attorneys By Providing Mentoring Assistance." He has spoken on employment-based immigration at the AILA Annual Conference in 2003 and 2004, and spoke about the "Child Status Protection Act" on a nationwide teleconference shortly after the CSPA was enacted. He currently serves on AILA's 2004-05 Liaison Committee to the Nebraska Service Center of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

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Lori A. Pinjuh Lori Pinjuh is a senior attorney at Margaret Wong & Associates, holding a B.S. from Vanderbilt University and a J.D. from Syracuse University. Her professional memberships include the American Immigration Lawyers Association, where she was Ohio Chapter Secretary 2003-2005, and the Cleveland Bar Association. She has been honored with awards such as induction into the Order of Barristers (1 of 10), the LFE Goldie Memorial Award (International Legal interests), the Legislative Research Service Award (journal), and the Robert W. Miller Award (Moot Court Board). She has also made presentations for the Federal Bar Association, Cleveland Bar Association, Hispanic Bar Association, and the Northeast Ohio Regional Recruitment Chapter. Her civic and community activities include being an MDA fundraiser and Cleveland Bar Association volunteer for the Battered Women's shelter. She is licensed to practice in Maryland and Ohio.

Kristina Rost is a Partner at Maged & Rost. Before being appointed to the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Ethics and Professionalism Committee in 2005, Kristina was co-chair of the AILA Young Lawyers Division (New England Chapter) for 2003 -2004 where she was responsible for organizing monthly lawyers' meetings, Brown Bag Lunches and special events with speakers from such organizations as the the US CIS and the Department of Labor. Kristina writes regular newspaper columns relating to immigration law for the Russian publications "Contact" and "Kurier" as well as for the weekly Brazilian newspaper, "Metro / Brazilian News." Kristina is a frequent speaker at various Brazilian events, has conducted teleconferences for immigration lawyers, presented at the National Conference on Brazilian Immigration at Harvard, and is a member of business immigration corporate panels. She is the supervising attorney for the Brazilian Immigrant Center's immigration clinic.

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