



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

““All In The Family”-Current Issues in Family-Based Immigration”

Speakers: with Arthur Zabenko, Angela Bean, Jan Brown, Ted Cox, Jeri Ann H. Flynn, Tammy Fox-Isicoff, Rebecca Sharpless, Charles Wheeler and Harlan York

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Seminar Outline

Each call features an hour of analysis, strategy and practice tips by Arthur Zabenko, Angela Bean, Ted Cox, Jeri Ann H. Flynn, Tammy Fox-Isicoff, Charles Wheeler and Harlan York followed by 30 minutes of questions and answers from participants.

FIRST Phone Session on November 20

Marriage ("Married - With Children")

- Lists of documents for bona fide marriages
- Fraud and Stokes interviews
- Removal of conditional status
- Separation, divorce, annulment issues
- Fiance(e)s
- K and V visas
- Unmarried Partners

SECOND Phone Session on December 11:

Admissibility, Removal and Financial Issues ("One Day at a Time")

- Entry issues-245(i)
- Arrests, inadmissibility-waivers
- 3 and 10 year bar waivers
- Removal Defense
- New procedures for NTAs
- Recent changes in enforcement practices
- Affidavits of support

THIRD Phone Session on January 8:

Children's Issues and Legislative Changes ("Eight is Enough")

- Child Status Protection Act - Age out protection for children of Permanent residents, refugees and asylees, and DV lottery winners
- Arrests, inadmissibility-waivers
- Step children
- Children born out of wedlock
- Adoption
- DREAM Act and other Pending legislation

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About the Speakers

Arthur L. Zabenko is senior immigration counsel at the firm of Lubiner & Schmidt. Since 1995 he has practiced exclusively in the area of immigration and nationality law with an emphasis on employment-based and family-based immigration. He is a member of the bar of New Jersey and the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and is admitted to practice before the Federal Courts of New Jersey. He has been a speaker for continuing legal education courses on immigration law, and has appeared on TV's Legal Line as a commentator on immigration law issues. He was the Legal Editor of [Immigration Daily](#), the first daily periodical in the field of immigration law.

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.

Jan H. Brown is a graduate of the New England College School of Law. He has concentrated in the practice of immigration law since 1979. Mr. Brown is Chair of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) International Law and Practice Section Immigration and Nationality Committee and former Chair of AILA's New York Chapter Corporate Practice Committee. He has been a lecturer at the NYSBA Annual International Law Conference in Madrid, Spain: Nonimmigrant Work Visas and at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York: "Structuring Corporate Transactions to Maximize Nonimmigrant Visa Benefits." His editorial activities include: editorial reviewer - Kurtzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook; contributing author - Visa Processing Guide - Process and Procedures at U.S. Consulates and Embassies; contributing author/associate editor - Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook and Articles on religious workers and National Interest Waivers in Immigration Law Today.

Ted Cox practices immigration law in New York City.

Jeri Ann H. Flynn has practiced immigration and nationality law from her private office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana since 1978. She has served AILA in numerous positions at the local, regional, and national levels. Since 1987 she has lectured at national conferences for immigration lawyers in the areas of family-based immigration, employment-based immigration, non-immigrant visas (of all types), asylum, exclusion, deportation, relief from deportation, employer sanctions, citizenship, naturalization, and the immigration consequences of crimes. Ms. Flynn has lectured at local and state seminars and meetings of non-immigration lawyers about basic immigration and nationality law, employer sanctions, and the immigration consequences of crimes. Since 1987 she has written many articles in many areas of immigration law for national publications directed toward immigration lawyers. Since 1996 Ms. Flynn has been a contributing author of articles for AILA's annual Visa Processing Guide, a book which informs immigration lawyers about visa processing (both nonimmigrant and immigrant) at U.S. Embassies and Consulates around the world. Although Ms. Flynn practices in all areas of immigration and nationality law, she associates counsel for court hearings involving admissibility and removal.

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.

Rebecca Sharpless has been a Supervising Attorney at Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (FIAC) since she joined the agency in June 1996. She was previously the director of the Immigration Project of Northwest Communities Education Center, which is now part of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. She is a 1994 graduate of Harvard Law School where she was an editor for The Harvard Human Rights Journal and was a Kaufman Public Interest Fellow. She has been named as an "Up and Comer" new attorney by the South Florida Legal Guide and is a Board member of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild. Ms. Sharpless has developed an expertise in representing immigrants with criminal convictions and lectures widely at national conferences. Ms. Sharpless litigates on behalf of immigrants in U.S. district courts and U.S. courts of appeals.

Charles Wheeler has practiced immigration law for over 25 years specializing in alien eligibility for public benefits and most recently on affidavits of support. He is Senior Attorney at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) in San Francisco, California. Prior to this, he was the Executive Director of the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles, California. He is a member of AILA's Liaison Committee on Family Law and its Liaison Committee on Social Security. He has published numerous articles and lectured widely on immigration law and aliens' rights issues.

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