Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:
Technology Immigration: Update From The Trenches
Speakers: Lawrence H. Rudnick, Richard D. Steel, Ted J. Chiappari, Bonnie K. Gibson, Sameer Khedekar, Mary E. Pivec, Kimberley Best Robidoux and Gregory A. Wald

Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on Nov 16, 2006: Issues Affecting All Technology Employers
- H1 Cap Issues
  - Changing H Employers
  - Changes in H Employer
- Alternatives to the Unavailable H Including:
  - O1
  - B1
  - TN and Specialized H1s (Chile and Singapore) and E3 (Australia)
- Coping with Immigrant Visa Delays
  - Changing from L1B to L1A
  - Change from L1 to H1B
  - Extensions of Stay (Recapture Time Out of US)
- Changes in Employment During Wait for Permanent Residence.

SECOND Phone Session on Dec 14, 2006: Issues Important to H1-B Dependant Employers
- H1 Dependency Issues
  - Exemptions
- L1Bs Special Requirements as to Control and Specialized Knowledge
- Change of Work Site and Change of Employer
- Permanent Residence-Work in More Than One Location
- Portability Requirements for Delayed Applications for Permanent Residence

THIRD Phone Session on Jan 11, 2006: Issues Important to Larger Employers
- I-9 Compliance
- Centralized VS Decentralized Control
- Corporate Reorganizations, Mergers and Acquisitions, Successor in Interest Concept
- Lay Off of US Workers
- Portability Within Company

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