



Three-Part Telephone Seminar:

Physician Immigration for Experts

Speakers: with Jan Pederson (Discussion Leader), Bob Aronson, Eleanor Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Minear, Brian Schmitt, Greg Siskind, Barry Walker and others to be announced

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SEMINAR OUTLINE

First Phone Session on Thursday, September 25 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time): H-1B and J-1 Physicians—Refresher and Hot Button Issues

- H-1B vs. J-1 for Graduate Medical Training: Weighing the Pros and Cons
- H-1B Clinicians and Academicians—a dying breed?
 - Qualifying for Cap Exemption
 - Issues with CSC and cap exemptions
 - Prevailing Wage Issues for Physicians - Secret Tips Revealed
 - Physicians of National or International Renown
 - How to Beat the Six Year Limit on H-1B Status
- J-1 Residents and Fellows
 - How Residents and Fellows are Segregated in the Matching Process - J, H, EAD, Asylee, Refugees, LPRs
 - Can you accumulate more than the two year home residency requirement more than once during the training process?
 - Moonlighting Issues
 - Program Changes during training
 - Travel During Training - Looming 214(b) Issues
 - J-1 Program extensions after a waiver is granted or denied
- O-1 - Which physicians make the grade? Can you be an extraordinary resident or fellow?
- TN - Can you ever be a clinical resident on a TN?
- J-2, E-2, L-2, Asylees, Refugees; EAD Status for GME
- Pending Physician Legislation and what it will do for your clients

Second Phone Session on Thursday, October 23 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time): J-1 Clinical Waivers for Physicians

- Interested Government Agency Waivers
 - Worsening shortage of waiver slots requires strategy change
 - Conrad State 30
 - Delta Regional Authority
 - Appalachian Regional Commission
 - HHS (Clinical and Research)
 - VA
 - Northern Border Regional Commission (expected soon)
- Timing Issues: Can we put all the pieces together by July 1 and strategies if a piece is missing by July 1?
- How many waivers can you have pending at one time?
- Is the \$250,000.00 liquidated damage clause (required for ARC, DRA and some State) enforceable?
- What if the federal or state IGA waiver job goes south?

Third Phone Session on Thursday, November 6 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time): Physician Hardship and Persecution Waivers and Green Cards

- Hardship and Persecution Waivers
 - Advantages and Disadvantages
 - Requirements
- Processing Times
- Hot Topics in Hardship and Persecution Waivers
- Which Doors Do you Knock on When USCIS or the Department of State say NO?



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- Green Cards for Physicians
- PERM
 - Strategies for drafting the ETA 9089
 - Advertising requirements—short and sweet?
 - Timing, licensing and board eligibility requirements
- EB1 “Extraordinary Ability”
- EB2 NIW NYSDOT
- EB2 NIW Physician
 - Ways to count to five years
 - Job Changes
- EB5
- Asylum

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Jan Pederson has been the nation’s leading advocate for immigration for foreign medical graduates for more than twenty-five years. She has been instrumental in persuading government agencies to implement J-1 physician waiver programs and has been active in seeking legislative benefits for J-1 and H-1B physicians. She has met with members of Congress and officials at The White House seeking positive solutions to physician immigration issues. She is the founder and publisher of J-1 Physician News and has been the key speaker at forty-five physician immigration conferences. Her practice concentrates in representation of foreign physicians, hospitals and other health care providers. She has been named a SuperLawyer for many years and has been recognized as a top immigration lawyer in Washington, DC by The Washington Post, The Legal Times and Chambers USA.

Robert Aronson is the Managing Attorney at Aronson & Associates, a Minneapolis-based immigration law firm serving a national and international clientele. For over the past 20 years, he has focused his practice on immigration legal matters for international physicians, academic institutions, and biomedical researchers. He is a frequent speaker and author on immigration law, having published over 70 articles in the professional literature. He was appointed as the immigration legal consultant to the office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services in its year-long study of IMG immigration policy; he co-founded and chaired (1992-2002) the IMG Taskforce, an affinity group of immigration lawyers and medical professionals for the advancement of immigration law and practice for international physicians; he chairs the Healthcare Committee of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). Mr. Aronson is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Law and was a Fulbright Fellow at the law schools of Harvard University and Moscow State University (Russia).

Eleanor Fitzpatrick Manager of EVSP at Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.

Jennifer Minear is a Director in the Immigration Practice Group. Her practice focuses on employment-based immigration with a particular emphasis on the healthcare sector, including J-1 waiver and green card processing for foreign medical graduates. Jennifer prepares both immigrant and nonimmigrant petitions and applications on behalf of foreign workers. Her areas of expertise include H-1B and L-1 nonimmigrant petitions; PERM labor certification applications, I-140 immigrant petitions, national interest waiver petitions, and I-485 adjustment of status applications. Jennifer also advises and represents clients on family-based immigration matters, immigrant self-petitions under the Violence Against Women Act, and citizenship applications.

Brian Schmitt is a partner in Hake & Schmitt. Mr. Schmitt focuses on Immigration law, General immigration practice with a concentration on J-1 hardship and persecution waivers. Most particularly, he concentrates on J-1 waiver cases that involve U.S. government funding, such as the Fulbright Program. Mr. Schmitt also engages in scholarship on “program, policy, and foreign relations” aspects of J-1 waiver cases. He also handle employment-based cases such as EB-1 and O-1 petitions.

Greg Siskind is a partner in Siskind Susser’s Memphis, Tennessee, office. After graduating magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University, he received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Chicago. Mr. Siskind is a member of AILA, a board member of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, and a member of the ABA, where he serves on the LPM Publishing Board as Marketing Vice Chairman. He is the author of several books, including the J Visa Guidebook and The Lawyer’s Guide to Marketing on the Internet. Mr. Siskind practices all areas of immigration law, specializing in immigration matters of the health care and technology industries.

Barry Walker was born in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, on December 23rd, 1951 and is admitted to practice in the state of Mississippi.



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Mr. Walker has been a practicing attorney since 1979. Since 1992, his practice has been concentrated in employment-based nonimmigrant and immigrant cases. He practices before the US Department of Labor, US Immigration Service, and US State Department. He represents employers and employees in the processing of H-1B specialty occupations, O-1 visas for persons with Extraordinary Ability, L-1 intracompany transfer, E-1/E-2 treaty trader and treaty investor nonimmigrant visa cases. He regularly represents health care facilities and foreign medical graduates in J-1 waiver cases. He processes labor certification for skilled workers and college graduates. He prepares and processes visa petitions for aliens of extraordinary ability, and outstanding professors and researchers. He has obtained approval of national interest waivers in each of the four Immigration Service Regional centers and has been successful in this procedure in over 100 cases. Attorney Walker is a regularly invited speaker on immigration matters involving Foreign Medical Graduates and is author of business employment and foreign physician immigration topics. Mr. Walker holds a Master Degree in International Law and Trade from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana where he was a distinguished graduate. His curriculum included the study of Immigration Law. He obtained his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Mississippi and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mississippi State University. Mr. Walker is also fluent in spoken and written Spanish.

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