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1. COMMENT

Joel Stewart And Distinguished Practitioners

Joel Stewart will lead the discussion for "PERM: An Up To The Minute Course" a 3-part telephone seminar beginning this week. Joining him will be a number of distinguished practitioners who will tackle the vexing but important issues involved in PERM cases. The deadline to register is Tuesday, August 23rd. For more info, including speaker bios, detailed curriculum, and registration information, please see:

http://www.ilw.com/lawyers/seminars/august2005.shtm. (Fax version: http://www.ilw.com/lawyers/seminars/august2005.pdf.)

We welcome readers to share their opinion and ideas with us by writing to <u>mailto:editor@ilw.com</u>.

2. FOCUS

PERM: An Up To The Minute Course - Deadline Is Tuesday, August 23rd

ILW.COM is please to announce "PERM: An Up To The Minute Course", a 3-part telephonic seminar on the latest developments in PERM. The curriculum is as follows:

FIRST Phone Session on Aug 25: Backlog Update; Recent changes in PERM: regulations, memos, FAQ's; Comparative practice update nationwide perspective; Problems with electronic filing; Review of Practice tools; Attorney/Agent/Preparer Issues

SECOND Phone Session on Sep 22: DOT/SOC Issues; Prevailing Wage; Minimum/Special/Restrictive Requirements; Specificity in Ads, Notice, Posting, Job Orders; Form 9089: Special Problems/Inconsistencies; Drafting PERM for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Preference Categories

THIRD Phone Session on Oct 13: Professionals: Additional recruitment requirements; Recruitment Procedures: Resumes, Interviews, Results; Issues likely to result in Audits; Supervised Recruitment/Denials/Refiling; Nuances from Balca; Review of Civil and Criminal Labor Certification Cases

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3. ARTICLE

Firstland International Holding No Longer Available For Preventing DHS From Revoking Already Approved Immigrant Petitions Of Aliens In The US

Cyrus D. Mehta and Elizabeth T. Reichard write "Such a revocation is likely to cause a great deal of hardship to many aliens who are already in the U.S. and who most likely have developed substantial ties to this country." <u>http://www.ilw.com/lawyers/articles/2005,0823-mehta.shtm</u> <u>http://www.cyrusmehta.com/</u>

4. NEWS

(a) CRS Report On Guestworker Programs

The Congressional Research Service issued a report describing policy considerations related to guest worker programs. http://www.ilw.com/lawyers/immigdaily/news/2005,0823-crs.pdf

5. CLASSIFIEDS:

(a) Help Wanted: Immigration Attorney Growing central New Jersey Law firm seeks aggressive, motivated, take-charge attorney for its immigration group. Successful candidate should have experience with deportation/removal cases and be familiar with business immigration, including H-1's and PERM. Must be able to work independently. Some clientele of your own is a plus but not required. Competitive salary and benefit package to right person. Apply in confidence by email to: mailto:visahelp123@hotmail.com.

(b) Help Wanted: Immigration Paralegal Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy (FDBL) http://www.fragomen.com

seeks to hire an experienced paralegal for its Washington D.C. office. FDBL offers a career position requiring a wide range of skills in a fast-paced setting for the right candidate. Our ideal candidate has 3-5 years experience with all aspects of business immigration and will have the benefit of attorney supervision and guidance. Responsibilities include: preparation of all types of immigrant visa petitions, labor certifications, adjustment of status and consular processing applications, and preparation of all types of nonimmigrant visa petitions (particularly Hs, Ls, TNs, and Os). Paralegal will manage caseload with large degree of independence, communicate with clients regarding procedural and case processing issues, update and maintain client status reports, prepare bills, and serve as a team resource. FDBL offers a comprehensive compensation package. Fax your resume and cover letter to Allison Bettridge, Human Resources/Office Manager, at 202-371-2898. For more information, please contact Ms. Bettridge at 202-223-5515. EOE.

(c) Help Wanted: Immigration Attorney

Established immigration and real-estate boutique firm http://www.rrksatlaw.com/

in Aventura, FL is looking for an immigration attorney. Must have minimum 2 yrs. business immigration experience including H, L, E visas, I-140's, labor certifications (PERM), RFEs. Bilingual (English-Spanish) is a must. Compensation commensurate with experience. Generous benefit package. EOE. Please send resume to Mark Katsman: <u>mailto:mkatsman@rrksatlaw.com</u>. No calls please.

(d) Help Wanted: Immigration Attorney

The Law Offices of Jessica Dominguez, a rapidly growing firm based in Sherman Oaks, CA, has immediate opportunity for an immigration attorney to join its team of two attorneys and staff. Position offers the opportunity to work on a wide range of cases. Attorney will represent clients before immigration officers and in immigration courts. Excellent legal research/writing and outstanding communication skills needed. Ideal candidate has 2 years of experience-exceptional, motivated candidates with less experience are also encouraged to apply. Candidate shows initiative and works independently. Must speak Spanish. Send cover letter, and resume to Roxana Muro:

<u>mailto:roxanamuro@hotmail.com</u>. All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence and references will not be contacted without prior approval.

(e) Help Wanted: Immigration Attorneys Banta Immigration Law, http://www.bantalaw.com one of the country's premier boutique immigration firms located in Atlanta, GA, seeks outstanding immigration attorneys for our growing practice. Position requires strong academic credentials; a minimum of two years experience in employment-based immigration; and excellent case management, communication, and writing skills. Candidates must be dedicated to providing exceptional client service, must be detail-oriented, possess superb analytical and organizational skills, and thrive in a fast-paced, high volume practice. We offer excellent pay, benefits, and growth potential, along with a great working environment. Experience with global immigration laws is a plus. Send resume and salary history to Kathy Zumbro: <u>mailto:kzumbro@bantalaw.com</u>. Please indicate position sought is for immigration attorney in subject line. No phone calls please.EOE.

(f) Help Wanted: Immigration Paralegals

Banta Immigration Law,

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one of the country's premier boutique immigration firms located in Atlanta, GA, seeks outstanding immigration paralegals for our growing practice. Position requires minimum two years experience in employment-based immigration; and excellent case management, communication, and writing skills. Candidates must be dedicated to providing exceptional client service, must be detail-oriented, possess superb organizational skills, and thrive in a fast-paced, high volume practice. We offer excellent pay and benefits, along with a great working environment. Send resume and salary history to Kathy Zumbro: <u>mailto:kzumbro@bantalaw.com</u>. Indicate position sought is for immigration paralegal in subject line. No phone calls please. EOE.

(g) Help Wanted: Immigration Attorney

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http://www.sukkarlaw.com

seeking an attorney with minimum 2 yrs experience in Immigration law (family and asylum). Must be proficient in English and Spanish (Arabic a plus). Salary commensurate with experience. Immediate opening. Email resume to mailto:ManagingPartner@Sukkarlaw.com or fax to 954-923-1990.

(h) Case Management Technology

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7. LETTERS

Readers are welcome to share their comments, email: <u>mailto:editor@ilw.com</u> (300-words or fewer preferred). Many letters to the Editor refer to past correspondence, available in our archives. http://www.ilw.com/lawyers/immigdaily/archives.shtm

(a) Dear Editor:

Immigration Daily published a piece by someone named Paul Donnelly, whom you identify as "the consummate insider on immigration law matters in DC." (8/22/05 ID). The article itself has no biographical information at all except to claim that he writes about immigration. I've been an active immigration lawyer in the Washington, D.C. area for almost 20 years, and I've never heard of Paul Donnelly. I think it's bogus to claim that he is a "consummate insider." I yahooed him, and he appears to be an associate of Norman Matloff, the ferocious anti-H-1B xenophobe. It's unprofessional for Immigration Daily to publish articles without genuinely identifying the author.

Bruce A. Hake, Esq. Damascus, MD

Editor's Note: Our policy for information in "About the Author" is to include such information as is provided by the author. Here is a fuller sketch of Mr. Donnelly's immigration background as provided by him today. After working in the Senate for five years, Mr. Donnelly was press secretary for the Chair of the House Immigration Subcommittee during IMMACT '90, so he played a small role in helping to pass a 40% increase in annual legal immigration; he was Communications Director of the Congressionally mandated, bipartisan U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, generally known as the Jordan Commission; he organized the "Green Cards, not Guest Workers" Immigration Reform Coalition during the H-1B debate (this was supported by the dot.com elite, folks like Esther Dyson, who was then President of ICANN, Steve Wozniak, who co-founded Apple, and Linus Torvalds, who invented Linux); he did the bulk of the writing of the Abell Foundation report recommending how cities like Baltimore, which have been losing population, could thrive by actually attracting foreign-born as an affrmative policy. Mr. Donnelly's bylined work on immigration has appeared in the Washington Post, Washington Times, LA Times, Boston Globe, Atlanta Constitution, USA Today, and many other newspapers, as well as the American Prospect and National Review Online.

(b) Dear Editor:

I agree with Ricardo Brutus's letter (8/19/05 ID), "The problem is not the illegal aliens; the problem is the government not doing their job like they are required to do so." However I strongly disagree that, as Mr. Brutus's letter says, "The simplest plan ... is to solely provide some sort of relief for the illegal aliens ..." I will not comment on the balance, which reaches an unsupported, hackneyed conclusion, based on traditional misinformation and superstitious belief, rather than fact. The fact is, there is a simple plan to effectively reduce illegal immigration, and in fact the law is already written, found in the Immigration & Nationality Act, Section 247A [8 USC 1324al. That law provides for employer sanctions for hiring undocumented aliens. Sadly, enforcement by the former INS was lackluster, and now that ICE has taken over enforcement responsibilities, very little attention is being paid to this "detail" of the law. Mr. Brutus's letter is correct, the problem is not with illegal aliens, and part of the problem is that ICE is not doing its job. The real culprit here are the employers, who knowingly and willfully hire undocumented aliens every day of the week with impunity. Shame on them. As long as the carrot of unlawful employment continues to hang on the stick of hope over the Southern border, undocumented aliens will come, seeking work, and a better life. So long as the US government fails to enforce laws already on the books, and so long as the corrupt and selfserving governments of Mexico and countries Southward continue to ignore the basic welfare and human rights of their own people. the United States will continue to have an illegal alien problem. "They" say that identifying a problem is 50% toward solving it. Consider the problem identified.

David D. Murray, Esq.Newport Beach, CA

(c) Dear Editor:

I disagree with readers who took offense to Immigration Daily's mentioning "measures akin to Nazi Germany" (8/18/05 ID comment). The keyword used is "akin," like a distant cousin at a crossroad in his life whose direction is uncertain. Immigration Daly didn't say it is the same and the distinction you made is an accurate one. Imagine having to go underground in order to escape your government's attempt to separate your family. Imagine having to cross the border separately than your spouse and having to lie to them about your married status, because if they suspect you're married, you're partner will be deported and you're left waiting

alone on the other side, not knowing what happened. Don't imagine too hard--that country is America and for some of us, it is a scary, psychologically abusive place to be. I am American, and I want to return there and bring my spouse to live with me. I have a home there and a beautiful family, and an elderly father that I need to care for. But, America doesn't want us to be part of that because I fell in love with a non-American. Neither of us are terrorists or criminals of any sort, so why did America turn it's back on us? Because we are gay and the same laws and rights do not apply. Immigration law recognizes that it's excessively cruel to keep family members apart, but forbids us from sponsoring our loved ones for immigration purposes. Uniting American Families Act will remedy all of this, but has no chance of passing, unless more people hear our stories. The only thing more difficult than having to choose between the love of your life and the love of your country is making someone understand exactly what that means.

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