



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

## Family Immigration For Experts

*Speakers: Robert Frank, Justin Burton, Larry Johnson, Ronald Rex Velasquez, and Other Speakers to be Announced*

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### Seminar Outline

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#### **FIRST Phone Session on July 19: Marriage**

- Prior marriages and prior applications
- Issues if there is prior removal/deportation proceedings
- What was basis of divorce?
- Should they get married or come as a fiancé
- Pitfalls what to watch out for
- What if they are not living together?
- What about the I-751, getting the denial reviewed, filing a second I-751
  - Ethical problems representing husband and wife
  - Challenging a fraud finding
  - Consequences of the Adam Walsh Act

#### **SECOND Phone Session on August 9: Non-Spouse Relative**

- Children and stepchildren
- Marriage of the unmarried child
- Illegitimate children/ Proving the relationship
  - Adopted children
  - Death of Petitioner
- Bringing the family from abroad initial processing or following to join

#### **THIRD Phone Session on September 6: Bars to Admissibility**

- Criminal Issues:
  - Effect of aggravated felony conviction
  - What is a crime involving moral turpitude
- Disclosure of conviction, effect of expungement
- What about drug convictions, Where do you live



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- Obtaining a 212(h) waiver
- Non-Criminal Grounds of Inadmissibility
- Waiver of Non-Criminal Grounds of Inadmissibility
- Other problems:
  - False SS#
  - Passport shows entry in home country while in US

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Robert Frank** (Discussion Leader) is a partner of the firm of Frank and Pollack, LLC in Newark, NJ. He is a past Chair of the New Jersey chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA); listed in *Best Lawyers in America*, he has been accorded the Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rating, and has been awarded as being an attorney of preeminent legal ability. Mr. Frank received the prestigious Sam Williamson Mentor Award from AILA at its National Conference in 1999. Mr. Frank is an adjunct professor in the at Montclair State University and often lectures and writes for the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education in the area of Immigration Law. He is often consulted to give expert opinion testimony and advisory opinions on issues regarding Immigration Law. He is sought out by other attorneys and clients from across the country, and internationally. With over thirty-five years of experience in practice, Mr. Frank has a reputation for handling difficult cases in all facets of Immigration Law. Many of his cases have been published by courts including the Board of Immigration Appeals, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, United States District Court for the State of New Jersey, and the New Jersey State Supreme Court.

**Justin Burton** is a member of Krizelman Burton & Associates, LLC. He is an attorney dedicated to the practice of Immigration & Nationality Law. He regularly practices law before the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, Immigration Courts, Board of Immigration Appeals, Federal District Courts and Courts of Appeals. Justin is also a regular speaker on the topic of Immigration Law. Justin is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and the Federal Bar Association. He also has held positions including liaison with the Executive Office of Immigration Review, headed the initiation of the Chicago AILA Litigation Committee and AILA National Committee on Deportation and Removal. Justin volunteers extensively with pro bono agencies and committees. He presently serves on the Board of the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society. He also provides pro bono services including regular assistance to indigent clients with the Chicago Volunteer Legal Society. Justin presently is a member of the Chicago Executive Board for the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

**Larry Johnson's** attorney work has been limited almost entirely to immigration and citizenship for over 30 years with special emphasis on corporate, family and employment based immigration matters. He first handled immigration and visa matters in January 1977, while in private practice in Bethesda, Maryland. Later, he worked briefly for the State of Maryland and for United State Congress handling mostly immigration matters. On July 1, 1980, Mr. Johnson left Congress to return to private law work. Mr. Johnson has been an owner of Laurence F. Johnson, P.C., Johnson & Freedman, P.C., L. Johnson & Associates, P.C., Johnson & Yang, P.C., Johnson, Yang & Ullman, P.C., and Law Offices of Laurence F. Johnson, LLC.

**Ronald Rex Velasquez** is a former Trial Attorney (Prosecutor) for the legacy Immigration and Naturalization service (now the Department of Homeland Security). After graduating from law school in 1994 with a Juris Doctor degree, he was hired as an Assistant District Counsel for the INS through the Attorney General's Honor Grad Program. He worked for the INS in New York for over nine years before entering the private practice of immigration law in 2001. While working for the government, Attorney Velasquez represented the government's interests in deportation proceedings and provided legal advice to INS adjudicators and officers. He served as one of the INS' designated Special Interest (anti-terrorist) attorneys, holding a Top Secret security clearance. He now uses that knowledge, skill, and litigation experience to represent and help individuals with their difficult immigration matters. His depth of experience as a former government attorney and private practice immigration attorney includes immigration court litigation and appeals, motions, port-of-entry representation, family-based and employment-based visas, waivers, US citizenship/naturalization, political asylum, employer sanctions, and bond hearings. Mr. Velasquez has also taught immigration law to law students as an adjunct law professor at the University at Buffalo School of Law. In addition, Mr. Velasquez holds a Master's degree in Business Administration.



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