

Monthly Membership Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2020
12:15
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

New Members Division: 11:15 a.m.

NMD Topic: T Visas

Speaker: Catherine Longkumer, Esq., Managing Attorney, Individual Rights and Social Justice Group, Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services

Agenda

Educational Presentation: Update on Biden Actions and Advocacy Day 2021

Speakers: Lauren McClure and Shannon Shepherd Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs

- I. Educational Presentation from Lauren McClure and Shannon Shepherd
 - a. National Day of action scheduled for April 22 – all virtual event through zoom
 - i. Registration will be capped at 50 because of the virtual format
 - ii. Encouraged to bring clients who can provide perspective – contact Shannon Kelli or Lauren
 - b. Executive Orders
 - i. Review Aila’s featured issued page - “first 100 days”
 - ii. Aila.org/first100days
 - iii. End of muslim ban
 - iv. Covid restrictions still in place right now –
 - v. Revision of civil immigration policies and priorities
 - vi. Rescission of census order not counting undocumented foreign nationals
 - vii. Rescission of computer programmer change in regards to h1bs
 - viii. H1b wage selection during lottery process
 - ix. Broad order to review southern border issues
 1. End mpp program
 - c. Legislation
 - i. US Citizenship act of 2021
 - ii. Dream Act 2021
 1. Same as earlier one – durbin and graham
 - iii. More permanent package for TPS recipients
 - iv. Farm workers package
 - v. Change to definition of essential worker
 - vi. Immigration court reform
 1. Making court an article I court
- II. New Business

- a. Midwest Immigration Bond Fund – Johannes Favi and Alice Thompson
 - i. MIBFC’s website: <https://www.mibfc.org/>

If you want to volunteer as a bond fund ambassador, please complete this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCMZX3N>

If you wish to make a donation to the bond fund, you can do so here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/midwestibf>

To apply for a bond through the fund, the application can be found here: <https://forms.gle/MR2sYrXGQVQrGfU1A>

- b. To be eligible to apply for bond funds
 - i. Be detained in ICE custody
 - ii. Have to reside in Illinois Indiana Wisconsin or Kentucky
 - iii. Anyone can fill out the form
 - iv. Operating with about 20 ambassadors at the moment
- c. Antillas Health Center of Sinai Chicago – Dr. Gary Kaufman
- d. Nominating Committee Vote– Erin Cobb
 - i. Nominating committee
 - 1. Erin Cobb
 - 2. Rich Hanus
 - 3. Shobana Kasturi
- e. Business Plan Workshop Recap – Mario Godoy
- f. Spring half day conferences – Katie Vannucci

III. Committee Reports

- a. DD – Kate Radder
- b. Advocacy – Kelli Fennell
- c. CBP – Maria Kallmeyer
- d. Legal Services for Detainees – Mario Godoy
- e. Social – Ericka Mcfee
- f. USCIS Case Assistance Committee – Olga Rojas

g. Law Students – Rudy Monterrosa

Greg Siskind is a founding partner of Siskind Susser, PC – Immigration Lawyers, and has been practicing law since 1990. Greg began practicing law when he was 22 after receiving his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and his law degree from the University of Chicago.

Greg is the author of seven books and hundreds of articles and book chapters. He is also the author of a number of immigration-related pieces of legislation and has testified as an expert in front of the US House of Representatives Immigration Subcommittee.

In 1994, he created www.visalaw.com, the first immigration law firm website in the world. That same year, he began publishing Siskind's Immigration Bulletin, a newsletter that was the first electronically distributed law firm newsletter. The newsletter is still going out to tens of thousands of people every month. In 1998, he became the first lawyer in the world with a blog and in 2016, he became one of the first lawyers to begin publishing artificial intelligence immigration tools for both lawyers and consumers.

Greg was the first immigration lawyer ever photographed for the cover of the American Bar Association Journal and he is regularly interviewed by publications like USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Time, the Washington Post, NPR's All Things Considered, Forbes and Bloomberg. He was recently named by Who's Who in Corporate Immigration Law on its list of the ten most distinguished lawyers in the world and by Chambers and Partners as one of the top 25 immigration lawyers in the US. He is one of the founders of Visalaw International, the global alliance of immigration lawyers (www.visalawint.com). He currently serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Books

- J-1 Visa Guidebook, published annually by LexisNexis since 1997.
- Lawyers Guide to Marketing on the Internet, a bestselling book published in three editions by the American Bar Association Law Practice Division
- The Employer's Immigration Compliance Desktop Reference, published by the SHRM – the Society for Human Resource Management
- The Medical Waste Handbook, published by WestGroup in 1994
- Immigration for Startups: A Guide for Founders
- The Physician's Immigration Handbook
- The I-9 and E-Verify Handbook
- Author of chapters in books Immigration Options for Physicians, Immigration Options for Nurses, Immigration Options for Academics and Researchers and Immigration Options for Religious Workers, and Immigration Options for Investors published by American Immigration Lawyers Association

Honors

- 2020 winner of the annual Advocacy Award from the American Immigration Lawyers Association
- World's Ten Most Distinguished Immigration Lawyers – Who's Who in Corporate Immigration Law (research partner of the ABA International Section)
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® in Immigration Law
- Listed in Mid-South Super Lawyers
- Listed in Business Tennessee magazine's 150 Best Lawyers
- Listed in Chambers and Partners top 25 immigration lawyers
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Expert testimony in front of US House of Representatives Immigration Subcommittee (2007)

Professional Associations

- American Immigration Lawyers Association – Board of Governors from 2010 – present
- IMG Taskforce (the physician immigration bar organization) – chairman for more than a decade
- Tennessee Bar Association – founded immigration section
- American Bar Association – past Law Practice Division council member
- International Bar Association – current vice-chair of the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee

Admissions

- Tennessee, 1990

Education

- Vanderbilt University, BA, 1986
- University of Chicago Law School, 1990

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MARCH 2021 Schedule - Chicago

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4/1/2021	Greene	XXXX	XXXX	Krupp	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Hollander	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Bhalakia	Venci	Burrows	Zeld	McNulty	Young	Greene
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Business Immigration Attorney

The mission of Zulkie Partners LLC is to be the most respected and client-focused business immigration law firm in the United States.

We have a long history of doing exceptional work with many large and small clients. Our passion is immigration and our focus is people, both our employees and our clients. In the world today, this means that we have committed our firm to growing and bringing our processes online in a multitude of ways. If you are interested in working with a quickly growing and diverse business immigration law firm, please send your resume to egaston@zulkiepartners.com.

What you'll do

- Counsel major domestic and multinational corporations to prepare immigrant and non-immigrant petitions for employees using a web-based client/FN portal (Law Logix)
- Work with global mobility managers to implement competitive immigration policies
- Advise in-house counsel and HR personnel to maintain compliance with immigration laws
- Review and proofread complex evidence and case documents to develop best legal strategy for clients
- Track, monitor, and log all evidence and documents for client cases
- Create, compile, and prepare all documentation for filing
- Proactively research new legislation and legal changes in immigration law
- Prioritize multiple responsibilities and manage case deadlines for various clients
- Develop and utilize expert level understanding of business visa statuses including H-1B, L-1A/B, TN, H-1B1, and all phases of employment-based green card processes.
- Supervise paralegals in case preparation and management.

What you'll bring

- JD and current valid license in any US state
- 1-2 years of experience with all phases of major employment- based visa types
- Position is in Chicago and/or Remote
- Passion for immigration law and a desire to work with employers on employment-based non-immigrant and immigrant petitions
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills; English grammar must be excellent
- High level of organization and attention to detail with ability to effectively multi-task in a fast-paced, high-volume law firm setting
- Ability to work on daily tasks independently, proactively, and with minimal supervision
- Working knowledge of Word, Excel, Adobe, and other business software applications
- Ability to sit or stand for extended periods at a computer workstation

We offer competitive compensation and comprehensive benefits, as well as an open and supportive culture for all our people.

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Job Type: Full-time