



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

Citizenship for Experts

Speakers: Elaine Witty, Lindsay A. Curcio, Carmen DiPlacido, David Grunblatt, Charla Haas, and Terrence L. Olsen

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on July 22:

- Applicant claimed in writing and orally to be a USC – now, what do I do?
- CCA
- Arrests/Convictions
 - For misdemeanor offenses
 - For a felony offense
 - Probation/community service
- Good Moral Character
 - What is it?
 - Does my client have it?
 - What does my client have to do to get it?
- Failure to pay taxes
 - Claiming to be a nonresident for tax purposes
 - Using someone else's name and/or SSN for tax purposes
- Voting issues
- Party affiliations
- Giving money to organizations that are on the State Department List of Terrorist Organizations
- Giving money to organizations that are later added to the State Department List of Terrorist Organization
- Denaturalization
- Extensive travel outside the US
- Policy issues about the new citizenship test
- Processing times
- Homebound appointments/fingerprinting

SECOND Phone Session on August 12:

- N-336: What is it? Does my client need it?
- Addressing False Claims to US Citizenship
- N-648 and Mental Capacity Issues
- The Child Citizenship Act and Citizenship via Adoption

THIRD Phone Session on September 2:

- How to figure out if your client is a USC through derivation or acquisition
 - Born abroad to a USC father
 - Born out of wedlock to a USC father
 - Legitimization
- Military naturalization cases:
 - what are the requirements?
 - Form N-426
 - How to get thee cases expedited?
 - Posthumous USC (N-644)



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