



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

The J Visa and Exchange Program

Speakers: Lynn Shotwell, Darra Klein, Michael McCarry, Elizabeth Quinn, Helene Robertson and Sandra Sheridan

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on July 15: Choosing the Best Training Visa: H-3 or J-1?

- Why choosing a training visa can be so difficult
- H-3 legal standards
- J-1 trainee & intern legal standards
- Comparison of H-3 & J-1
- Considerations which influence choice of visa
- Late breaking items

SECOND Phone Session on August 12: Selecting the Best J Visa Category and Exchange Program for Your Client

- Categories and purpose
- Attorney's role in advising clients
- In-house program vs. umbrella program
- Considerations when choosing a sponsor
- Late breaking items

THIRD Phone Session on September 9: Exchange Programs under the Obama Administration

- SEVIS II implementation
- Skills List update
- Bi-national work-based public diplomacy programs
- Regulatory landscape and anticipated changes
- Student Intern category
- Late breaking items

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About the Speakers

Lynn Shotwell (Discussion Leader) is the Executive Director of the American Council on International Personnel. She first joined ACIP in 1996 as the Legal Counsel and Director of Government Relations. Ms. Shotwell has served on the Executive Committee of the Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange, the Steering Committee of Compete America, as co-chair of Multinational Employers for Working Spouses (MEWS), and on the Secretariat of the Executive Working Group on Global Mobility Policies. She is a frequent lecturer on global mobility policies and practices and has testified before the U.S. Congress, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the World Bank, the International Organization on Migration and the Global Commission on International Migration. Prior to joining ACIP, Ms. Shotwell practiced immigration law at Arent Fox and worked in the human resources department of Oldsmobile.

Darra Klein is the Director of Programs Manager for the American Council on International Personnel. In her role as Responsible Officer, she oversees the administration of ACIP's two J-1 visa Exchange Visitor Program designations (Trainee and Intern). With nine years of experience in the field of J exchange program management, Ms. Klein is responsible for regulatory compliance, consular liaison, program development and client advisory. Prior to joining ACIP, Ms. Klein was a Program Manager with the Association on International Practical Training (AIPT) where she managed the organization's J training placement services. Ms. Klein is a member of NAFSA and serves as a delegate to Department of State's SEVIS II J-Visa Workgroup. She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh.

Michael McCarry joined the Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange as its executive director in 1994. The Alliance, an association of 78 U.S.-based organizations that conduct exchange programs of all types, is the leading collective policy voice of the exchange community. As part of the Alliance's mission to promote policies that support exchange, McCarry has led delegations of Alliance members to over 40 U.S. embassies around the world to discuss the role of exchanges in public diplomacy and visa policy and practice. In 2008, Alliance groups visited, among other countries, China, India, Thailand, Brazil, Chile, and Peru. He frequently lectures on exchange policy at the Foreign Service Institute. Previously, he spent 18 years with the U.S. Information Agency as a Foreign Service Officer. He served as Cultural Attaché in Beijing in the years immediately following the Tiananmen Square events of 1989, and led negotiations to restore the Fulbright program and Peace Corps after their suspension by the Chinese government. He also served in Thailand, in both Bangkok and Chiang Mai. He speaks Mandarin Chinese and Thai. McCarry also has worked as a Congressional aide and as a journalist. He received an M.A. from the University of Texas (Austin), a B.A. from Notre Dame, and studied at Melbourne University in Australia as a Rotary Graduate Fellow.

Elizabeth Quinn is a Shareholder and Senior Attorney at Maggio & Kattar. Her practice is focused on employment-based immigration matters for a variety of companies, institutions and individuals in fields ranging from hospitality and biotechnology to the arts and international human rights. She specializes in obtaining permanent resident status without labor certification, L-1, H-1B and O-1 professional nonimmigrant employment-based visas, and also handles family-based immigration matters and naturalization and advises clients on maintaining permanent resident status. Elizabeth has authored articles and spoken nationally on J-1 exchange visitor issues, as well as other immigration topics for AILA and other organizations. She is a lecturer for the District of Columbia Bar's Continuing Legal Education Program on immigration law. Her community activities include service on the Board of Directors of the Center for Immigration Law and Policy of the University of the District of Columbia School of Law. She currently serves on the Advisory Team to the Latino Missioner of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, DC. Elizabeth has been recognized in The Best Lawyers in America and The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers.

Helene Robertson is the Director of International Student and Scholar Services at The Catholic University of America.

Sandra Sheridan is a partner in the Phoenix office of Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, and has practiced business immigration law exclusively for over ten years. She has extensive experience in J-1 waivers and J-1 program administration, L-1 and O-1 visas, labor certification, permanent residence and consular matters, as well as orchestrating large-scale moves of temporary assignees for multinational companies. Sandra is a member of multiple legal and immigration-related organizations, including the American Council on International Personnel (ACIP) and the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). She is a frequent presenter at national immigration conferences and symposiums, as well as an adjunct professor at the Arizona State University Law School. She received her Juris Doctor degree from George Washington University and a Diploma as a Specialist in Human Rights Law from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and was appointed a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar to Madrid, Spain in 2004.