

Joel Stewart

Joel Stewart practices exclusively in the area of immigration law. He specialized in Romance and Slavic Linguistics before receiving a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law, and is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, French, and Russian. He is Past President of the South Florida Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and is a nationally recognized authority on employment-based immigration matters as well as a popular speaker at immigration seminars for national and local bar associations throughout the United States.

Mr. Stewart is the editor of *The Perm Book*, the definitive authority on the subject of PERM processing of labor certifications, and has been writing the BALCA Case Summaries since 1987. Mr. Stewart authors official AILA articles and publications such as the *Visa Processing Guide for Procedures at U.S. Consulates and Embassies in Brazil and Portugal*. He maintains a Blog on PERM issues which appears weekly on ILW.com and chairs PERM workshops and telephonic conferences for ILW throughout the year. Mr. Stewart has been listed in *Florida Super Lawyers* and is frequently cited internationally as a leading corporate and immigration lawyer. In addition, to founding the Immigration Committee for the Dade County Bar Association, Mr. Stewart is General Counsel of the Brazilian Consulate in Miami, and represents the Brazilian community throughout Florida, the United States and abroad.

Presentations and Publications

Presentations

- "Developments in Labor Certification Processing," Speaker, 33rd Annual Immigration Update, February 9, 2012
- Dade County Bar Association Guest Speaker, 2008
- "Consulate General of Brazil-Sala Machado de Assis," Second Brazilian Forum, Speaker, October 2006
- "Immigration Law Update," Speaker, U.S. Department of Justice – Executive Office for Immigration Review, June 2004
- "Immigration Law Update," Speaker, U.S. Department of Justice – Executive Office for Immigration Review, June 2003
- "International Legal Symposium in Russia," Speaker, Moscow, 2003
- Dade County International Law Committee, CLE Program, Speaker, 2003-2004
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA): Faculty Member, 2003
- AILA Annual Conference, Day Coordinator, June 2001
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA): Faculty Member, 2000
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA): Faculty Member, 1999
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA): Faculty Member, 1995
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA): Faculty Member, 1994
- Florida Bar CLE Committee, 15th Annual Immigration Law Update: Speaker, 1993
- "Recent BALCA Decisions of Note," Speaker, 14th Annual Immigration Law Update, The Florida Bar, CLE Committee, Feb, 1993
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA): Faculty Member, 1993
- "Board of Labor Certification Appeals (BALCA) Update," Speaker, 13th Annual Immigration Law Update: The Florida Bar - CLE Committee, Feb 1992
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA): Faculty Member, 1992
- "Immigration to the United States Through Labor Certification," Speaker, 12th Annual Immigration Law Update, Feb 1991



Of Counsel

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Practice Areas

EB-5 Green Cards for Investors
I-9 Compliance and Enforcement
Response Plans
Immigration

Education

J.D., University of Connecticut School of Law, 1980
M.A., New York University, 1986
M.A., Emmanuel College, 1967
B.A., American International College, 1966

Bar Admissions

Florida
Connecticut

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida
U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida
U.S. District Court Northern District of Florida
U.S. District Court District of Connecticut

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- “Advanced Labor Certification Issues,” Speaker, 11th Annual Immigration Update, The Florida Bar, CLE Committee, Feb 1990
- “The Labor Certification Process – Planning and Presenting then Application,” Speaker, 10th Annual Immigration Law Update, The Florida Bar - CLE Committee, Feb 1989
- “How to Avoid Notice of Findings,” Speaker, 9th Annual Immigration Law Update: The Florida Bar - CLE Committee, Feb 1988
- “Labor and Certification – A Step-By-Step Approach,” Speaker, 8th Annual Immigration Update: The Florida Bar - CLE Committee, Feb 1987

Languages

Portuguese
Spanish
French
Russian

Publications

- AILA, Monthly Mailing, Contributing Editor, 1986-Present
- “The PERM Book II,” Editor, ILW.com, 2007
- “The PERM Book I,” Editor, ILW.com, 2005
- “Como Entrar e Ficar Legal nos EUA,” Author, The Jornal do Valle do Rio Doce, Brazil, 2002

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, 1980 - Present; International Law, Member
- American Association for Justice: Member
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), 1981-Present
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), South Florida Chapter, President, 1989-1990
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), National Liaison Committee, Co-Chair, 1990-1991
- Broward County Bar Association: Member
- Connecticut Bar Association, 1980 - Present
- Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association
- Dade Bar Association: Immigration Law Committee, Chair, 2004-2007
- Green Card Newspaper (Founder and Publisher)
- Brazil Update Weekly Television Program (Commentator and Analyst)
- Eleventh Circuit UPL Committee: Member, 2011-2012
- The Florida Bar, 1981 - Present
- Immigration Daily Advisory Board, Immigration Lawyers on the Web (ILW.COM): Member, 2011

Distinctions

Best Immigration Lawyer, The Brazilian Times, 1994

Florida Super Lawyers, 2007- 2008

Received Commendation for Special Efforts to Educate Immigrants from The Brazilian Times, 1992

Worth Your Weight in Gold Award, Dade County Bar Association, 2004

Who's Who Legal, The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, 2011 & 2012 Editions; named in the Corporate Immigration Category