

Speaking Engagements

Maria Casablanca to Speak on J-1 Visa Hot Topics

February 9, 2024

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM ET

Hilton Miami Downtown

1601 Biscayne Boulevard

Miami, FL

Maria Casablanca, Chair of Akerman's Immigration Planning and Compliance Practice, will speak on a panel titled "J-1 Visa Hot Topics," at the 45th Annual AILA South Florida Immigration Law Update presented by the AILA South Florida Chapter. The session will explore J-1 visa challenges, including lesser-known application issues, sponsorship concerns, and compliance challenges. The panelists will also provide updates on J-1 visa regulations, policy changes, and their potential implications for both visa applicants and sponsoring organizations.

Topics will include:

- Selecting the right type of J-1
- Issues surrounding J-1 visa sponsorships and designated program sponsors
- Regulatory compliance and enforcement challenges
- Impact of J-1 visa policies on international exchange and cultural programs
- Obstacles in avoiding two-year home country physical presence requirement

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- Considerations for J-1 visa holders' rights and protections while in the United States