

## Memphis Immigration Lawyer Greg Siskind Featured in Current Reports of the ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct

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Memphis lawyer Greg Siskind, a founder of Siskind Susser P.C., was prominently featured in a recent report on the 37<sup>th</sup> ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility held in Memphis, TN. The report was featured in the "Current Reports" section of the ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct which is one of the most authoritative sources for news and guidance on virtually every aspect of attorney conduct and legal ethics. Access to the ABA/BNA Manual is granted only to subscribers; details may be found at their website <http://www.bna.com/lawyers-professional-conduct-p5995/>.

Siskind participated on a panel on "Ethics, Misconduct, and Immigration Lawyers," offering insight from the perspective of a private immigration lawyer. Drawing from his bevy of experience, Siskind discussed the ethics issues that arise as a result of dual representation and conflicts of interest. Using the example of marriage cases in which lawyers typically represent both husband and wife he noted that "initially their interests may be aligned," but if the marriage falls apart during the process their interests are likely to conflict.

Siskind pointed out that this example of spouses is applicable to other areas of his practice. "My firm does more employment-based cases," Siskind said. "In most other areas of law, the employer and employee would have separate counsel. But in immigration cases, due to economic concerns, employers and employees (like spouses) are represented by the same lawyer." As with spouses, the interests of employers and employees may be aligned at first, but may diverge later- for example, if the employee wants to quit. Siskind said he advises lawyers to "explain on the front end what happens when clients' interest diverge" and to deal with this in the retainer agreement."

The other major topic Siskind addressed was the ever changing nature of immigration law. On the issue of immigration lawyer misconduct, "the biggest problem that state disciplinary authorities deal with is competency," Siskind asserted. "Many areas of law remain pretty constant from one decade to another. But immigration law really changes on a daily basis," he said, adding that "if you don't pay attention, you can get a bad result for your client." Siskind advises immigration lawyers to "invest in a decent immigration law library," and to join a substantive bar association and keep up with its daily alerts.

Siskind noted other related ethics issues he has witnessed in immigration cases including handling "too many cases with no backup lawyer..." or the "insufficient supervision of staff," that comes from having too high of a ratio of paralegals to lawyers in a firm.

About Siskind Susser ([www.visalaw.com](http://www.visalaw.com))

Siskind Susser is one of the best known immigration law firms in North America and its lawyers have experience handling all aspects of American immigration and nationality law. Siskind Susser also can assist clients with immigration matters outside the US. We are co-founders of Visalaw International – the Global Immigration Law Alliance and work with many of the world's top immigration specialists assisting companies and individuals relocate anywhere in the world. Our lawyers provide consultations to corporations and individuals on immigration law issues and handle cases before the government.