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Session 1: How NIL and Immigration Collided

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Flavia Santos Lloyd

Attorney Flavia Santos Lloyd, Esq. is passionate about immigration law and the community she serves. As an immigrant herself, Ms. Santos Lloyd can relate to her clients' experiences during the immigration process. With focus on quality customer service, zealous and diligent representation of her clients, and a proven track record, she has served a wide range of her clients' immigration needs. Ms. Santos Lloyd is a Certified Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law by the State Bar of California and a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the American Bar Association (ABA), Orange County and Los Angeles County Bar Associations, Orange County Hispanic Bar Association, among other organizations, and she is an active member of the State Bar of California.



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Dan Lust

Dan Lust has a multi-faceted practice which straddles between the transactional and litigation arena with his clients primarily originating in the sports and entertainment realm. Mr. Lust works with professional and collegiate athletes, agents, entertainers, musicians, and influencers in connection with their commercial transactions including endorsement deals and complex equity ventures. Mr. Lust is also called upon by businesses and institutions to advise on sports-specific regulatory and corporate issues. In addition, Mr. Lust handles litigation and arbitration matters for his clients having represented well-known individuals and Fortune 500 companies.



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Session 2: Mother May I? – NIL x Immigration workarounds

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Dan Berger

Dan Berger is a Partner at Green & Spiegel, U.S. heading their new New England office and leading a new Academic and Medical Immigration Team. He is an Academic Fellow at Cornell Law School, and an Honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. He is on the Legal Advisory Board of the Presidents' Alliance on Immigration & Higher Education, on the Legal Advisory Council of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (largest bipartisan congressional caucus). Most recently he has helped lead planning for, and now implementation of, President Biden's waiver program for Dreamers to move into status through employer-sponsorship, as described in this New York Times article. Dan was invited to the White House for the June 2024 announcement as recognition of his role in the process.



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Chris Richardson

Chris Richardson has broad experience in immigration law, consular affairs, foreign affairs, public diplomacy, and strategic communication. Currently, he is serving as COO and General Counsel for BDV Solutions. Prior to this role, he served as a U.S. Diplomat and Consular Officer in U.S. Embassies and U.S. Consulates around the globe including in positions such as American Citizen Services Chief, Immigrant Visa Chief, and Acting Nonimmigrant Visa Chief. Prior to joining the Department of State, worked as an attorney with experience in both employment and immigration law.



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Session 3: The Band-Aid Solution: P-1, O-1 and EB-1A visas for international student-athletes

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Session 4: In search of a solution: the quest to make NIL universally available to all international student-athletes

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Jonathan Grode

Jonathan Grode, Esq. serves as the U.S. Practice Director and Managing Partner for Green and Spiegel. Jonathan has worked continuously in the U.S. business immigration law field since 1999 and has amassed considerable experience obtaining nonimmigrant and immigrant visas for new company start-ups, professional workers, artists and entertainers, athletes, physicians, and scientific researchers. In addition, Jonathan has significant experience dealing with Department of Labor and Department of Homeland Security enforcement actions as well as immigration related aspects of Mergers and Acquisitions.



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Session 5: The rolling snowball: classification of student-athletes as employees

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John Mazzeo

John Mazzeo, Vertical Screen's Associate General Counsel and Director of I-9 and E-Verify Compliance, has been appointed to the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Verification and Documentation Liaison Committee for the 2023-2024 year. This is John's first appointment to an AILA committee. As part of his appointment, John will liaise with representatives from the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section of the Department of Justice, and the Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer regarding employment verification, Form I-9 requirements, enforcement efforts, adjudication issues, and more. Through his appointment, John will be able to raise important issues to the regulators and agitate for commonsense change.



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