

R&A's TV series 'The Immigration Experts' begin airing Jan. 31

ONE of the most popular immigration law firms in the state of California will start airing immigration tips on TV with simulated situations involving its own lawyers and clients beginning Jan. 31 this year.

Titled "The Immigration Experts" the show by the Law Offices of Reeves & Associates (R&A) will provide "reliable information" on the complex U.S. immigration as a guide to immigrants and those wanting to come to the United States legally. It will be shown locally on Channel 18, Sunday, at 4:30 p.m. in Southern California and on Time Warner Video On Demand. It will also be available on KTSF Channel 26 in San Francisco, Channel 8 and Comcast Channel 238 in Central Valley and on Time Warner 503 in New York and New Jersey. A streaming webcast version will also be available on www.immigrationexperts.tv.

According to the firm, the weekly Sunday show will discuss how each and every visa petition affects individuals in pursuing "the great American dream," that is to immigrate to the U.S. in the best possible, quick and legal way and also on how to get their families from back home.

"The Immigration Experts" program was produced to serve as a medium through which the partners of Reeves & Associates could share their extensive expertise and knowledge of U.S. immigration laws and procedures, states the R&A's website. This is because immigrating to the U.S. "can be very challenging and fraught with many hidden dangers." It added the partners "believe that if aliens are provided reliable immigration information they will be able to avoid the consequences of self representation or being poorly represented."

According to R&A Marketing Manager Shadough Lopez, the show was conceptualized to provide viewers with realistic situations and advises from lawyers on different matters of immigration, including visa applications, employment in the U.S. and how

immigrants can reunite with their families.

Lopez also said the show will also introduce to the viewing public "our 17 attorneys, including seven partners, and our support staff of about 50 people." The R&A law firm is based in Pasadena, with satellite offices in San Francisco, Manila, Philippines and even in Beijing, China.

Hosted by popular Filipino celebrity Troy Montero, "The Immigration Experts" will have 13 episodes lined up for this year and will run until April 25. After an introductory presentation on Jan. 31, the show will talk about investor visas, deportation defense, unlawful presence, application of a waiver for those who came here illegally or those who committed fraud, H1-B or the nonimmigrant worker visa, consular processing for family members back home, nurses and physical therapists, K visas for fiancés, marriage to a U.S. citizen, removal of conditional status of those who married U.S. citizens, when to file case against the federal government and how to apply for a tourist or business visa (B1/B2).

Each week, the firm said, one partner, who is an immigration expert, will delve into various immigration topics mentioned above.

Also according to the firm, R&A "believes that the show will help the viewers make informed decisions about their immigration situations and help them avoid the many pitfalls that could destroy their American Dreams."

The show will feature Montero, who will be asking the experts "probing questions" in order to help the viewers navigate the complex maze of U.S. immigration laws. The "Immigration Experts" at the firm are Robert L. Reeves, Nancy E. Miller, Joseph I. Elias, Flomy J. Diza, Jeremiah Johnson, May Zhang and Jeff L. Khurgeh.

Reeves is the founder and managing attorney of R&A. A board certified immigration law specialist by the State Bar of California, he founded the

firm in 1980. Voted by his own peers as "one of America's most respected immigration lawyers," his achievements in immigration law are also recognized by Cambridge Who's Who in America. R&A was cited as one of the top immigration law firms in the United States for 2006 and 2007 by IndUS Business Journal.

Reeves also provides lectures on various immigration-related topics, including immigrants' rights and federal court proceedings involving the USCIS and serves as a distinguished radio and television commentator. His cases have been published in Interpreter Releases, Immigration Briefings, and American Immigration Lawyers Association Monthly which are nationally recognized immigration periodicals widely read by immigration lawyers, the State Department and USCIS officials. Some of Mr. Reeves' cases also are cited in legal textbooks which serve as a guide to other immigration practitioners. Mr. Reeves also publishes a weekly immigration news column providing up-to-date information to the business and the immigrant communities.

Miller, on the other hand, is the senior associate at the firm. She heads both the Deportation Defense and Family Reunifica-

tion Departments.

Miller has successfully represented hundreds of clients in political asylum, withholding of deportation, cancellation of removal and fraud waiver cases before the Immigration Court, U.S. District Court and the United States Court of Appeals. She successfully argued the landmark case of Song v. INS - a U.S. District Court case involving the availability of 212(h) waivers for persons convicted of certain crimes.

Elias is the responsible attorney representing clients for EB-5 million dollar investments, E treaty-trade visas, L intercompany transferees and corporate structuring for immigration purposes while Diza is the supervising attorney of the Family Reunification and Naturalization Departments of the San Francisco and Las Vegas offices who has extensive experience and master's training in Family Reunification, naturalization, waivers, appeals, asylum, employment-based matters and in deportation/removal proceedings.

Johnson's main functions include representing hundreds of clients in matters before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the Immigration Courts, Board

of Immigration Appeals and the federal along with Zhang, who has successfully represented numerous individuals before the immigration courts and on appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals. Zhang also has extensive experience in corporate and employment-based immigration, including labor certifications, religious workers (R-1), executives/managers (L-1), professional workers (H-1B), trainees (H-3), nurses, and physical therapists.

Lastly, as a former employee for U.S. Immigration Service at a U.S. Embassy, Khurgeh represents clients before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Department of Labor (DOL) in employment-based immigration categories, including professionals, skilled workers, investors immigrants, multinational managers, nurses, NAFTA workers, intra-company transferees, and H-1B temporary workers in specialty occupations. (Advertisorial) ■



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