

Prominent Immigration Lawyer Joel Stewart Joins Fowler White Boggs in Fort Lauderdale

Fort Lauderdale, FL - Joel Stewart has joined the law firm of Fowler White Boggs as Of Counsel in the Firm's Fort Lauderdale office. Mr. 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.

According to Terrence Russell, managing shareholder of Fowler White's Fort Lauderdale office, "The addition of Joel Stewart is another significant step in our firm's strategic approach to growing our statewide practices. Joel brings exceptional immigration experience to broaden our ability to meet the expanding needs of our clients locally, nationally and internationally."

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 received the highest ranking by Super Lawyers and is frequently cited internationally as a leading corporate and immigration lawyer. Mr. Stewart is General Counsel of the Brazilian Consulate in Miami, and represents the Brazilian community throughout Florida, the United States and abroad.

Mr. Stewart earned his J.D., from the University of Connecticut School of Law, his M.A., from New York University, with a major in Slavic Languages and Literature, his second M.A., from Emmanuel College with a major in Russian and his B.A., from American International College with a major in Russian-English.

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