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**Cross-border Issues Affecting Immigrant Families: Concentration on  
Immigration and Family Law Continuing Legal Education Seminar**

**Thursday, March 12, 2015  
Biographies**

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**Joao F. Magalhaes, Esq., Trenk DiPasquale**

Joao F. Magalhaes concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, bankruptcy, debtor/creditor rights, public and government affairs, and landlord/tenant rights.

With regard to bankruptcy and debtor/creditor rights, Mr. Magalhaes has represented a wide array of clients – debtors, creditors, and trustees – in a diverse range of cases. With regard to landlord/tenant rights, Mr. Magalhaes has represented numerous federally-subsidized housing complexes throughout New Jersey. His representation of housing clients has involved a full spectrum of matters, ranging from non-payment cases to more complex “for cause” matters or cases under the Fair Housing Act of Title 42 of the United States Code.

Mr. Magalhaes is a founder and current President of the Portuguese American Law Association (to be officially renamed The Association of Portuguese-Speaking Attorneys (“APSA”).

Mr. Magalhaes serves as a barrister of the Bankruptcy Inn of Court in the District of New Jersey, in connection with which he has presented and lectured on various topics of significance to bankruptcy and restructuring practitioners.

As a law student, Mr. Magalhaes served as Vice President of the Criminal Law Society and Social Chair for the Corporate Law Society.

In 2008-09 and 2009-10, Mr. Magalhaes served as the mock trial coach for James Caldwell High School with the Vincent J. Apruzzese Mock Trial Competition.

In 2013 and 2014, Mr. Magalhaes was named a “New Jersey Rising Star” by *New Jersey Monthly Magazine*. Born in Portugal, Mr. Magalhaes is fluent in Portuguese; also, he is conversational in Spanish.

**Education**

Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey, J.D., 2008

Villanova University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, B.S., 2004

## **Admitted**

New Jersey, 2008

United States District Court, District of New Jersey, 2008

New York, 2008

United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 2010

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2011

United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 2011

## **Publications**

"Managing the Status Quo," February 2015, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*

"Barring the Unknown Claimant," August 2014, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*

"Seventh Circuit Denies Creditor Relief on Grounds of Inaction," April 2014, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*

"Re-Examining § 506(b): Spotlight on Post-Petition Interest," February 2014, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*

"Averting Paths to Failure: Patriot Coal Court Authorizes Rejection of CBAs and Modification of Retiree Benefits," September 2013, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*

"The Sword and the Shield: More on the Old Tale of Deepening Insolvency and *In Pari Delicto* Doctrine," January 2012, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*

"Not Enough Hospitality to All Creditors? PSA Denied Between Innkeepers USA Trust and Lehman ALI Inc.," April 2011, *American Bankruptcy Institute Journal*

"Actions for Accounts Receivable: Non-Core Proceedings? The Enduring Impact of Marathon," 2010, *Journal of the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees*

"Ninth Circuit's Marshall Decision Denies Anna Nicole Smith's Estate Millions by Placing Limits on Core Jurisdiction for Counterclaims," July 2010, *Bloomberg Law Reports*

"Solid Waste Removal Contract Held Unenforceable Due to Unlicensed Operator," August 2009, *NJSBA Construction Law Section Newsletter*

## **Rosa M. Alves, Esq., Assistant Dean, Seton Hall University School of Law**

Rosa M. Alves is currently the Assistant Dean for Special Projects at Seton Hall University School of Law where her responsibilities include oversight of the Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law & Policy, the Gibbons Institute of Law, Science and Technology, International and Human Rights Programs, and Continuing Legal Education. She also serves as the Law School's liaison for several crucial external constituents, including the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools.

Dean Alves serves on the Board of Overseers of the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations and previously served as the Whitehead School's Associate Dean, where she forged a number of key articulation agreements between the School and international entities including the Republic of Portugal. She has been a very active member of both the national and local Portuguese-American communities currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States (PALCUS) and chairing its government relations committee. Dean Alves was one of the first Portuguese-American women elected to public office in the State of New Jersey.

Dean Alves is a graduate of Seton Hall University and earned her Juris Doctor from New York Law School.

## **Dennis De Almeida, Student, Seton Hall University School of Law**

Dennis De Almeida is a fourth year law student at Seton Hall University School of Law. Mr. De Almeida earned his Bachelor of Science in Finance with a minor in Legal Studies from Seton Hall University in 2011, graduating *summa cum laude*. He is currently a submissions editor for the law school's Law Review, the director of the law school's Corporate Law Society, and a board member of the Association of Portuguese Speaking Attorneys.

As an undergraduate, Mr. De Almeida was in the Leadership Development Business Honors Program. He was also a co-founder and vice president of the Lusophone Student Association, the University's first Portuguese speaking club. At age 15, he started his own computer repair business called *Geeks On The Go*.

During law school, Mr. De Almeida was awarded the Success Scholarship for his academic excellence during his first year of study. He currently works during the day at Seton Hall University as a Graduate Assistant and attends school in evening. He has completed prestigious internships, including one under the supervision of the Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Verizon and at MetLife. After completing his Juris Doctor, he will join Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in their New York offices as a corporate associate.

### **George Tenreiro, Esq., Baldassare & Mara LLC**

George Tenreiro has a hybrid practice where he focuses on immigration matters and business litigation. He began his career as a civil litigator and is skilled in all phases of business litigation having represented businesses in a broad range of litigation matters in state and federal courts in New Jersey and New York. More recently, he has supplemented his litigation experience with an immigration practice, which includes employment and family-based visas. His immigration practice has focused on LGBT clients, but Mr. Tenreiro represents diverse clients obtain many different forms of immigration relief, including, but not limited to, immigrant visas through marriage or employment, as well as asylum relief because the individual has suffered extreme mistreatment in his or her home country.

### **Professional Admissions**

State of New Jersey, 2004

State of New York, 2006

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2007

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2008

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 2009

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, 2004

### **Education**

Rutgers School of Law (J.D., 2004)

Articles Editor, *Rutgers Law Review*

Rutgers University (B.A., 1996)

### **Awards & Honor**

Super Lawyers Rising Star for three straight years, 2013, 2012, 2011

Immigration Equality Safe Haven Award, 2006 (honored for successful representation of client seeking asylum)

### **Professional Activities**

Member, New Jersey State Bar Association  
Member, New York State Bar Association  
Member, LeGaL  
Member, The National LGBT Bar Association  
Board Member, *No More Fear*

### **Ana P. Esteves, Esq.**

Ana P. Esteves has a general law practice with a focus on Family Law but handles some immigration, real estate, business and general litigation matters. Upon graduating from law school, Ms. Esteves began her career at the Department of Justice in the Special Projects Division of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (now the Dept. of Homeland Security – USCIS). She left that to continue government work as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Newark. She opened her own firm in 2006. Besides managing her practice, Ms. Esteves is on the Board of Directors of the Ironbound Community Corp.

### **Professional Admissions**

State of New Jersey, 2001  
District of Columbia, 2002  
State of New York, 2008

### **Education**

New York Law School, New York, NY, (J.D., 2000)  
Rutgers University, (B.A., English & Sociology, 1997)

### **Professional Activities**

Member, New Jersey State Bar Association  
Member, New York State Bar Association  
Member, District of Columbia Bar Association  
Member, Essex County Bar Association  
Member, American Bar Association

### **Lisette Afonso Esteves Lagoa**

Lisette Afonso Esteves Lagoa focuses her practice on Portuguese legal matters. She began her career at a top tier international law firm based in Lisbon, Portugal where she focused her practice on corporate law, IP and EU data protection law. She advised and represented Fortune 500 and Fortune 100 companies on a wide range of legal issues including, but not limited to, intellectual property, consumer protection, data protection, IT contracts, franchise, agency and software license agreements. More recently, she co-founded “Portugal ReConnect”, an initiative that seeks to bridge the legal gaps between Portugal and the Portuguese diaspora. Mrs. Lagoa currently advises clients on cross-border issues in connection with the Portuguese jurisdiction.

### **Professional Admissions**

Portugal, 2010  
State of New York, 2014

### **Education**

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (LL.M., 2011)

*Universidade de Coimbra* Law School (*Licenciatura*, 2006)

**Professional Activities**

Member, Portuguese Bar Association

Member, New York State Bar Association

Member, ALPFA

Member, APSA

Legal and Advisory Committees, Luso-American Veterans Monument