

Miller Canfield International Business Briefing: Cape Town Treaty and H-1B Visas

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The law firm of Miller Canfield discusses the "Cape Town Treaty" and "H-1B Visas" at an upcoming International Business Briefing on Tuesday, February 6, from 7:30-9:00 a.m. at the Automation Alley International Business Center (2675 Bellingham, Troy, Mich.). Attendees may choose to go to both or either briefing. There is no cost to attend. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.; the Cape Town Treaty discussion starts at 7:45 a.m., followed by the H-1B Visa briefing at 8:45 a.m.

Miller Canfield attorneys Carla Machnik and David McLeod will discuss how the Cape Town Treaty – enacted in the U.S. in March 2006 – regulates the buying, selling, leasing and financing of aircraft and engines. Failure to comply with the new rules and procedures risks the protection of liens involving aircraft and engines, including security interest. For the first time, it is no longer enough to conduct searches and file documents with the Federal Aviation Administration. Now transactions involving Cape Town eligible aircraft and engines must be registered with the Cape Town International Registry.

Karen McAmmond, immigration services business manager at Miller Canfield, will give employers an update on the state of the H-1B visa. Employers looking to supplement their workforce with highly skilled foreign workers – engineers, computer programmers, architects, accountants – may begin filing new H-1B visa petitions beginning April 4, 2007, for an employment start date of October 1. Currently there is a cap on the number of H-1B visas issued in the U.S. per fiscal year, and that cap is reached earlier each year, forcing employers to plan ahead accordingly.

This information-packed briefing is designed for purchasers, vendors and financiers of aircraft or engines, as well as business executives and in-house counsel interested in acquiring H-1B visas for their company.

The event is co-sponsored by Miller Canfield and Automation Alley. Please make reservations with Sandy Bera at 248.267.3345 or bera@millercanfield.com.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Miller Canfield International Business Briefings: International Data Transfer Requirements on March 7; International Arbitration on May 22; and U.S. Customs Update on June 5.

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