

Weekly Chat

About the Chat

The weekly chat at Scott and Associates is an opportunity for people to ask a licensed attorney a short, non-urgent question about immigration law without paying a consultation fee.

Disclaimer

The chat is not a consultation and it is not a substitute for a consultation with a licensed attorney. An essential element of a consultation is the opportunity for the attorney to ask a wide range of questions, something we are unable to do in the context of the chat. Always seek a consultation with a licensed attorney before departing the US or taking action on your immigration case.

How the Chat Works

When you log on to the chat you can type in your question. You and the moderator will be able to view the question immediately. No one else in the chat will be able to view your question until the moderator posts it, normally with a response.

We are usually *unable* to answer all of the questions each week. Questions are prioritized both by length and by the order in which they are received. Shorter questions asked early in the chat are answered first. Because the moderator is unable to follow conversations while conducting the chat, the moderator has difficulty accommodating follow-up questions after responding to a user's first question.

Transcripts

Usually within one to weeks after the chat is over, the moderator will post the transcript of the chat on the Scott and Associates' website. If there are legal questions that the moderator was unable to answer during the chat, the answers often appear as a footnote in the transcripts.

To Get the Most Out of the Chat ...

1. Ask your question early.
2. Keep your question short, i.e. down to 2-3 lines.
3. Be sure to include all the important information, such as the alien's country of origin and whether the alien has a US citizen spouse or fiancé(e).
4. Ask the entirety of your question in a single post, rather than in parts.
5. Do not type in all capital letters.
6. Do not submit the same question more than once.

A Few Additional Notes ...

The chat is a place for Scott and Associates to provide free information to the public. Outside of the chat we regret that we are unable to spend unpaid time interacting with people who attend the chat. We ask that people who attend the chat not contact us to ask follow-up questions, to request that we respond to a question that was unanswered in the chat, or to request that the chat transcript be posted more quickly. We thank you for your cooperation.