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Beach-Oswald to Serve as Judge in Moot Court



Beach-Oswald Immigration Law Associates, PC is proud to announce that Mrs. Beach-Oswald will serve as a judge at the National Appellate Advocacy

Beach-Oswald is a full-service law firm, concentrating on immigration law. We have special expertise in work visas, family based visas, visa waivers, green cards through family and employment and asylum. We have staff members who speak many different languages to assist you.

We succeed when others don't!

More Stringent Measures for U.S. and Canadian Citizens Entering the U.S.



As of January 31, all U.S. and Canadian citizens aged nineteen and older will now need to present proof of citizenship in order to be allowed entry into the U.S. Unlike in previous years, an oral declaration of identity and citizenship will not be sufficient. Those wishing to enter the U.S. will need to present documentation of identity from a specified list of acceptable documents, some of which include a birth certificate or a driver's license. The full list of documents can be found on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website (www.cbp.gov). Children aged 18 and under need to present a birth certificate.

Fines Will Increase Significantly for Employers Hiring Illegal Aliens



On February 22, 2008 Attorney General Mukasey announced that as of March 27, 2008, the civil fines for employers who violate immigration laws will increase by

Competition (NAAC), which will take place on March 14 in Washington DC.

Beach-Oswald Supports Breast Cancer Research



Beach-Oswald Immigration Law Associate, PC has pledged to donate 25% of all consultation fees paid during the month of February to support breast cancer research.

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approximately 25%, as much as \$5000, in order to adjust for inflation. The penalties for knowingly employing unauthorized aliens will range from a minimum of \$375, and may be as high as \$16,000. The fines are assessed per alien, so if an employer hires several aliens illegally, that employer will be fined accordingly for each illegally hired employee.

Changes in Vaccination Requirements for Immigrant Visa Applications



The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has announced two changes to medical examinations for immigrant visa applicants being examined abroad. First, the CDC has updated the vaccination requirements, some of which will now include: Rotavirus vaccine, hepatitis A vaccine, meningococcal vaccine, human papillomavirus vaccine, and zoster vaccine as age-appropriate to the vaccination requirements.

Hepatitis B vaccine is required through 18 years of age. Influenza vaccine is required for children ages 6-59 months.

Second, the CDC has changed its policy on how it will deal with applicants that test positive for tuberculosis. Beginning with eight countries that it has deemed most important, the CDC will begin following new procedures for screening for tuberculosis, and will provide clearer standards for the treatment of applicants that are diagnosed with tuberculosis. More information can be found on the CDC's website at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dq/panel_vaccine_2007.htm

Somali Nationals Receive an 18-Month Extension of Temporary Protected Status

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced on March 10, 2008 that Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Somali nationals will be extended for an additional 18 months, lasting from March 17, 2008 through September 17, 2009. DHS will also



automatically extend Employment Authorization Documents (EAD) for an additional six months, making them valid until September 17, 2008. Therefore, Somali nationals that have already been granted TPS are eligible to live and work in the U.S. through September 17, 2009, and will need to re-register for this 18 month extension during the 60-day re-registration period, which lasts from March 12, 2008 until May 12, 2008. More information can be found at www.uscis.gov

Some Foreign Nationals May No Longer Need Visas to Travel to U.S.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced recently that the U.S. has entered into agreements with Latvia, Estonia, Slovakia, Hungary, and Lithuania that puts them on the path to becoming Visa Waiver Program (VWP) members later this year. Currently there are 27 countries from Europe and Asia that are members of the VWP. The agreements outline security enhancements that the countries must make in order to become VWP members, one of which is an electronic travel authorization system, where travelers are asked to provide some basic information online in order to receive an authorization number for travel.



Bill Gates Urges Congress to Issue More H-1B Visas

Bill Gates testified before the House Committee on Science and Technology that there is a serious shortage of skilled scientists and engineers in the U.S. Mr. Gates stated that while improvements in education would help alleviate the problem, Congress should make it easier for tech companies to hire foreign workers by raising the number of H-1B visas available.



Update: Hopefully Some Relief for Naturalization Applicants

As reported in our previous



newsletter, those applying for naturalization face an extremely long wait due to the fact the USCIS received three and a half times the normal amount of naturalization applications last summer. To address this problem, the USCIS announced on March 20 that it has expanded its staff and work hours, and naturalization interviews will now be scheduled for Saturdays, Sundays, and after business hours.

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