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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!

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USCIS Has Resumed Processing R-1s



USCIS has resumed premium processing of R-1 nonimmigrant religious-worker petitions. USCIS has not been processing any R-1s since November 28, 2006, and the regulations are now more strict. USCIS's Office of Fraud Detection and National Security has conducted an assessment of religious-worker petitions. As a result, USCIS is not requiring petitioners to pass an on-site inspection to be eligible for the R-1s. BOILA welcomes nonimmigrant religious-worker petitioners and will guide them through the legal process of obtaining R-1s.

Two Year Deferred Action for Widows and Widowers of US Citizens



Janet Napolitano, US Department of Homeland Security Secretary, has granted deferred action for two years to widows and widowers of US citizens who have been married for less than two years prior to their spouse's death and live in the US. The deferred action is also extended to their unmarried children who live in the US and are below the age of 21. The deferred action applies to widows and widowers even if their US citizen spouse did not file a petition for them prior to their death. This provides the widows/widowers and their children with enough time to resolve their legal status within the US. These individuals may also apply for I-765 Work Authorizations if they can demonstrate economic necessity. If your US citizen spouse has recently passed away, BOILA can help you resolve your legal status and assist you in acquiring work authorization.

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Premium Processing Fees to be Refunded if Not Done Timely

USCIS refunds Premium Processing fees if adjudication hasn't been made within fifteen days of having received the petition and Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service.

However, the fee will only be refunded if the case is not referred for investigation of fraud or misrepresentation. Thereby, the Premium Processing fee will only be refunded if USCIS does not issue a Notice of Intent to Deny or a Request for Evidence.



Detention System Becoming More Humane

Over the past five years, the number of immigrants placed in detention has significantly increased. As a result U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has been taking measures to improve the condition of detention



facilities nationwide, such as creating an Office of Detention Policy and Planning (ODPP). Some of the things that are to be assured at these detention services are: provision of religious services; family visits; law libraries; recreation; and medical, dental, mental health care. ODPP will also be working to come up with different strategies for dealing with illegal immigrants that will be alternatives to detention. While conditions in detention systems are improving, no one wants to be confined within. Instead of living in fear of ICE officers coming to your door to take you away to a detention center, let BOILA assist you in resolving your legal status and giving you peace of mind.

Huge Success This Month

Cancellation of Removal granted in Cleveland, Ohio based on extreme and unusual hardship to United States Citizen mother and Legal Permanent Resident father who were divorced. If you have been here for ten years and have never been in deportation or removal proceedings, contact BOILA and we will help you achieve legal status.

BOILA Says Goodbye to a Highly Valued Employee



JP holds the award presented to him by BOILA for all his years of hard work and dedication.

On August 21st, *Joseph P. Urban III* walked through the doors of BOILA P.C. at 9:00 am and sat down at his desk for the last time. After three years of working

at BOILA P.C., he has decided that it is time to complete

his education. He will now be working on his master's degree at Columbia University in New York. Joseph, better known as J.P., will be sorely missed, not only by his colleagues, but by many of his clients. Many a time did J.P. stay in the office late into the night to make sure that all the work for his clients was finished. His dedication shone through as case after case was approved. Quite a few clients have stopped by the office during J.P.'s last days in the office to say good bye and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

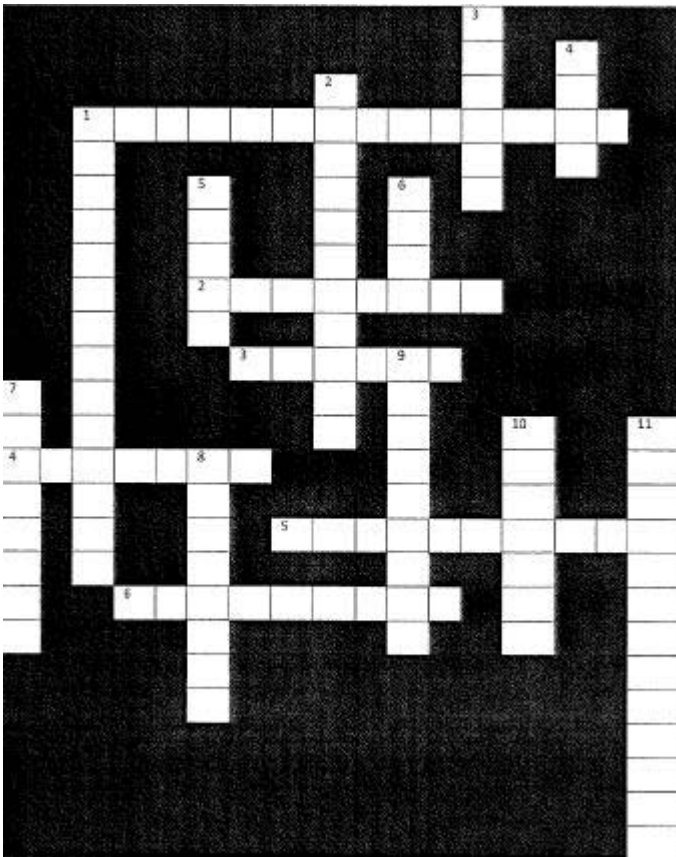
Charlotte Luckstone

J.P.'s position is being taken over by Charlotte Luckstone. Charlotte has previously been employed at BOILA for a year, but left to attend law school. She has now graduated from American University and returned to work at BOILA as a Law Clerk. We are very glad to have her back and are looking forward to her future as an attorney in the law firm.



CROSSWORD

NEW \$25.00 coupon toward work at BOILA PC for Current Clients or \$200 free consultation for New Client (valid September 5-28) to first person to turn in correct completed crossword.



ACROSS

1. If you received your green card based on asylee status of a family petition, you are eligible to apply for _____ after 5 years.
2. When needing a stamp in your passport to update your legal status, you must first schedule a/an _____ with USCIS.
3. If you have fled your country because you were persecuted and came into the US, you must apply for _____ within 1 year.
4. When applying for a green card, you (and possibly a joint sponsor) must fill out an I-864 Affidavit of _____.
5. A/an _____ hearing can last anywhere between 2 to 5 hours.
6. You must bring at least 2 to 3 _____ to your individual hearing to testify on your behalf.

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1. A/an _____, also known as a charging document will be issued to everyone who is put into proceedings.
2. Last name of the new Honorable Immigration Judge Roxanne C. _____.
3. A/an _____ hearing lasts for about 3 to 5 minutes.
4. When in immigration proceedings for your asylum application, you may only apply for a work authority after 150 days have passed on your _____.
5. _____ will issue you your green card and, eventually, your naturalization certificate. (abbreviation)
6. You can request a/an _____ to see the immigration-related records that the government has in your file. (abbreviation)
7. You must have a/an _____ to be able to travel abroad.
8. Once you have entered legally into the US, you are eligible to file an I-130 Alien _____ Petition.
9. To be immediately eligible for a green card, you must marry a _____.
10. An F-1 and M-1 are _____ visas.
11. The Baltimore Immigration Court is located in the _____ Building. (2 words)

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