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Jeff Joseph Speaks at Different Community Events on Immigration Related Topics

Jeff Joseph traveled to Washington D.C. in early April to attend National Day of Advocates. During this trip, Jeff met with seven different congressional offices to push for sensible immigration reform and attended a meeting of the Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association (AILA). Jeff is currently a board member for this national organization.

Jeff presented at the American Immigration Lawyer's Association (AILA) Colorado Chapter meeting on April 13th. His presentation involved the case *Matter of Silva Trevino* and analyzing the immigration consequences of crimes involving moral turpitude.

In mid-April traveled to the Western Slope to give community presentations in Montrose and Grand Junction. The community presentation provided approximately fifty families with basic information regarding immigration law and their rights in the United States.

The Colorado Bar Association invited Jeff to speak at a seminar on April 23rd regarding immigration detention issues and strategies for immigration attorneys in representing detained individuals.

In April, Jeff also spoke to a group of Libyan students at the Bridge Language Institute regarding the situation for Libyan students living in the United States based on the current crisis in Libya.

Jeff presented late in the month at a national teleconference on "Employer Compliance: Best Practices and Defenses to a Worksite Enforcement Investigation."

To find out more about Jeff's speaking appearances locally and nationally please find Joseph Immigration Law Firm, P.C. on Facebook.



Melanie Corrin Speaks at Colorado American Immigration Lawyer's Association

Melanie Corrin, Senior Attorney, spoke to the American Immigration Lawyer's Association (AILA) Colorado Chapter Meeting on Advanced Issues in Cancellation of Removal. Melanie is currently serving on the Executive Committee for the Colorado Chapter of AILA.



Attorneys Aaron Hall and Koby Polaski Volunteer for Law Line 9 and TV Azteca

Aaron Hall joined with other local immigration attorneys to answer questions from community members about immigration at a Law Line 9 event on March 23rd. Aaron and Koby Polaski both volunteered at a similar TV Azteca event on April 12th where they, in Spanish, answered questions from the community on issues ranged from becoming a naturalized citizen to issues about how to submit immigration paperwork for a family member and much more.



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Client Testimonial Regarding Aaron Hall, Attorney, and Linda Shindler, Paralegal



Terry Sanchez and the Sanchez Family, recently provided the following client testimonial regarding their experience at Joseph Law Firm, P.C.:
“I am a natural born citizen of the United States that has been married to an undocumented immigrant for 10 years and has established a family and life together. After years of waiting for something to change in the political system that would favor my husband’s immigration status and attempting and failing to apply ourselves, we went to Joseph Law Firm, P.C. and met with attorney, Aaron Hall. Aaron’s insightful, thoughtful and caring demeanor made us feel comfortable moving forward with my husband’s immigration case with Joseph Law Firm, P.C. The entire process was handled extremely efficiently and professionally. When questions regarding the immigration process arose, we were able to contact Aaron immediately to get our questions answered. Linda Shindler was the paralegal assigned to our case. Linda was awesome at working with me and getting me to gather all the necessary information for our case. She was very helpful and persistent when I was feeling overwhelmed and depressed. Through the efforts of Joseph Law Firm, P.C., Antonio is now a legal permanent resident of the United States. We believe that the successful outcome of Antonio’s case had so much to do with Aaron, Linda, and the undeniable care and dedication of everyone at Joseph Law Firm, P.C. We had tried to do the application process on our own, but after this experience we would recommend with all of our hearts Joseph Law Firm, P.C. We will be forever thankful to Aaron Hall and Linda Shindler, who dedicate their time and energy to help people like us.”

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Colorado Springs-Based Immigration Scam Shut Down

The Denver Post reports that an immigration-help services company named “Simply Done Immigration” has been shut down after a settlement with the Colorado Attorney General’s Office.

The company represented its staff members as being immigration document experts despite having no legal or immigration training. The company also inferred an affiliation with the U.S. government. In addition, it sold forms which can be ordered for free from government immigration offices or from the website www.uscis.gov. Simply Done Immigration will also be forced to pay \$20,000 in consumer restitution.

The Attorney General’s office deserves kudos for going after this company and others like it whose scams prey on immigration community and cause untold damage to people’s lives when sometimes irreversible mistakes are made on immigration filings.

Study Shows That Colorado Illegal Immigrants Pay Enough Taxes to Offset the Cost of Social Services

On April 23rd the Denver Post reported that according to a study from the Bell Policy Center, Colorado’s undocumented immigrants pay as much in taxes as they receive in mandated social services.

Currently in Colorado there are an estimated 180,000 undocumented immigrants. Through sales taxes, income taxes and property taxes it is estimated by the Bell Policy Center study that \$167.5 million in taxes was collected in 2010 from undocumented immigrants living in Colorado.

In 2010, Colorado spent \$166.5 million in federally mandated services such as K-12 education, emergency medical care and incarceration costs.

Rich Jones, director of policy and research at Bell said in a statement, “This analysis clearly shows that claims that undocumented immigrants are the cause of our budget problems are way off base.”



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