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## Immigration Law Specialists

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## PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION PROJECT IN DENVER IMMIGRATION COURT

In November 2011, ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) began a process of reviewing all cases currently pending before the Denver Immigration Court. The purpose of this review is to identify cases that are considered "low priority" with the possibility that such cases might be administratively closed and removal proceedings temporarily halted.

The review of these cases is automatic, but we have the opportunity to submit documentation to ICE with the goal of influencing their decision of whether or not to exercise prosecutorial discretion. It is important to note that we do not think that all cases would benefit from being closed, and we are confident that some cases should proceed before the immigration judge. However, if you are in immigration proceedings, it is important that we meet with you to discuss the factors which the government is considering to determine if your case would benefit from this project.

The review, by ICE, will continue through

mid-January, and it is important that we get as much evidence to the government as possible in a short amount of time. Please contact your attorney immediately to arrange a time to meet to discuss your case so that we can mutually decide the best course of action. Whether you decide to proceed with administrative closure or go forward in removal proceedings is an important decision. Regardless of what you choose, we want to make sure that you are making an informed decision. For that reason, we will need you to meet with your attorney and sign an informed consent authorizing us to proceed with removal proceedings or seek administrative closure.

Because this project is new and was not foreseen when you hired our firm, additional legal work will be necessary should you decide to proceed with administrative closure. To the greatest extent possible, we will try to use documentation that you have already provided and will try to keep legal fees and costs to a minimum.

## IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEURS CREATE JOBS

*Contributed by Koby L. Polaski, Associate Attorney*

According to a report by the National Foundation for American Policy, immigrants are driving start-up businesses in the United States. The report examined 50 top venture-funded privately held U.S. companies. Nearly half were founded or co-founded by an immigrant.

Furthermore, 74% had an immigrant working in top management or a product development position. Clearly, immigrants benefit and strengthen the U.S. economy, and the report

indicated that it makes sense for the United States to pursue immigration reform policies to encourage economic growth.



After reading statistics like this, it is difficult to understand where proponents of anti-immigrant legislation find their support. By founding and co-founding U.S. companies, these entrepreneurial immigrants in turn create jobs for U.S. citizens. Indeed, the report

revealed that successful immigrant entrepreneurs often partner with U.S. citizens to create new businesses and to provide services.

## OUR SERVICES

### Joseph Law Firm, P.C. —

A full service Immigration law firm for over ten years. We use our knowledge, teamwork, professionalism and expertise to provide the highest quality legal services and results to individuals and businesses, one client at a time.

Our attorneys are all members of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the national association of immigration attorneys.

We have successfully represented clients before the Citizenship and Immigration Service, the Immigration Courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Federal Courts.

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wishes you a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## MY ATTORNEY IS AN AILA MEMBER, SO WHAT?

*Contributed by Bryon M. Large, Senior Attorney*

All of the attorneys at Joseph Law Firm, P.C. are members of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). This means that our attorneys are on the cutting edge of all information and training by the greatest experts in our field.

AILA is a nationwide professional association of attorneys practicing immigration law. Colorado is home to AILA Colorado, a local chapter of over 200 AILA attorneys. On a national level, AILA advocates for immigration issues that are relevant to its attorney members. AILA strives to maintain a good working relationship with the various government agencies that handle immigration matters. On a local level, AILA Colorado represents Colorado immigration attorneys' interests, as well as those of our clients, in advocating for local policy before the various immigration agencies working in Colorado. AILA Colorado enjoys and maintains a professional relationship with each of the local agencies, often times doing "behind-the-scenes" work to assure efficiency and fundamental fairness for our member attorneys which, in turn, benefits our clients.

At Joseph Law Firm, P.C., our attorneys are deeply involved in AILA, both nationally and locally. Senior Partner, Jeff Joseph, is a member of AILA National's Board of Governors and participates in advocacy and administration efforts of AILA. Managing Partner, Kirby Gamblin Joseph, is a past Chair of AILA Colorado and is a regular speaker and

lecturer on the local and national level for AILA, educating attorneys on law firm administration and ethics. Senior Attorney, Melanie Corrin, is the Chair-Elect of AILA Colorado and has served on its Executive Committee for the past 3½ years, working with agencies, creating points of contact and developing direct relationships with the management of agencies like USCIS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Immigration Court. Senior Attorney, Bryon M. Large, serves as AILA Colorado's Vice-Chair, supervising liaison relationships between AILA Colorado and government agencies. Associate Attorney, Aaron Hall, is the chair of the New Members Division and provides crucial educational and mentorship opportunities to newer and younger AILA members. Associate Attorney, Kim Tremblay, serves on AILA Colorado's USCIS Liaison Committee, assuring a consistent and professional relationship between the USCIS Denver District Office and AILA Colorado's member attorneys.

All of the attorneys at Joseph Law Firm, P.C. are members of AILA. Our participation in AILA assures that we maintain the most current and up-to-date information for our clients' cases. We strive to remain educated in the quickly-changing environment that is immigration law and it is our clients who benefit from this active participation.



## KIRBY JOSEPH PRESENTED AT A NEW YORK IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE

Kirby Gamblin Joseph, Managing Partner, presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual AILA New York Chapter Immigration Law Symposium in New York City on December 1, 2011. Kirby's panel specifically dealt with the effective management of immigration law firms and was entitled, "The Human Capital Workshop – Effective Management of Your Organization."

