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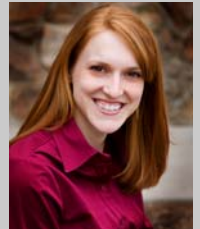


Jeff Joseph, Senior Partner, Helps Corporate Client Prove Compliance and Avoid Federal Debarment

Jeff Joseph recently assisted a corporate client in a federal worksite enforcement case. Immigration and Customs Enforcement had served the client with a Notice of Proposed Debarment which would have prevented the client from entering federal contracts for a minimum of one year. Joseph Law Firm, P.C. responded to the Notice of Proposed Debarment and demonstrated all of the employer compliance practices that Joseph Law Firm, P.C. had assisted the company in implementing over the past year including: I-9 training, implementation of E-Verify, utilization of electronic completion and storage of I-9s and other practices. The client received a decision within 19 days indicating that the government was satisfied that the employer was presently responsible and removed the debarment. Employer compliance and federal worksite enforcement are a large part of Joseph Law Firm, P.C.'s practice. For more information visit the employer compliance section of our website at www.businessimmigrationissues.com.



Koby Polaski & Megan Clark Win Asylum Case and are Recognized by Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Jr., San Diego State University



Associate attorney Koby Polaski and paralegal Megan Clark recently took on a challenging asylum case and, after months of preparation, are proud to celebrate a victory for their client. The client gave emotional testimony on the persecution she endured in her native country based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The Immigration Judge's grant of asylum means that the client may now stay in Colorado and may apply to become a permanent resident of the United States in one year. In response to this outcome, Dr. Thomas M. Davies Jr., Professor Emeritus of Latin American History and Director Emeritus of the Center for Latin American Studies sent a letter to Joseph Law Firm, P.C. and its employees stating, "I wanted to drop a note to tell you how impressed I am with your law firm. I have done a number of cases with you and have come to know many of you well. I just finished an extremely complicated transgender case with Koby Polaski and I enjoyed working with her very much. She did a superb job preparing the case (as well as I have seen in over 400 political asylum cases) and clearly did an equally superb job in the hearing because by the time the judge called me there was really nothing left for me to do. I almost felt sorry for the government attorney. You should be proud of all of them and of yourself for having created such a first rate firm."



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Jeff Joseph Attends AILA Conference in Puerto Vallarta and Gives Presentation on Federal Court Litigation in Miami Beach

Jeff Joseph, Senior Partner, attended the 2011 American Immigration Lawyers Association Midyear Conference in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on January 28th. The conference focused on the impact of the economy on business immigration. While in Puerto Vallarta, Jeff also attended the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Board of Governors meeting. Jeff currently serves on the National Board of Governors for AILA.

On February 18th, Jeff Joseph spoke in Miami Beach, Florida at the Annual Immigration Law Update CLE sponsored by the South Florida American Immigration Lawyers Association. His presentation focused on federal court litigation

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Immigration News Updates!

Government To Inspect Employment Records of 1,000 Companies Nationwide

The federal government will inspect the employment records of one thousand businesses in an effort to expand its crackdown on hiring of undocumented workers. The new employment compliance inspection center for Immigrations Customs and Enforcement (ICE) will coordinate the program nationwide.

ICE is not expected to release names of companies who will undergo inspection. Targeted employers will receive notice from federal agents to turn over their records, including I-9 forms, which verify an employee's identity and eligibility to work in the United States.

The increased enforcement efforts are accompanied by a push from lawmakers to require all businesses to partake in an electronic database to verify employees' work authorization. Currently only federal contractors are legally obligated to use E-verify.

USCIS Will Issue One Document for Employment Authorization and Travel Permission

United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) recently announced it plans to issue one document to cover employment authorization and travel permission. The new document will look like the current employment authorization card with an endorsement that states reentry into the United States after international travel is also authorized. USCIS said it believes this change will be more cost-effective for the government and more convenient for applicants. For more information visit our blog at www.josephlawfirm.blogspot.com.

Colorado Jails Begin Checking Inmates' Immigration Status

Three Colorado jails began using the federal Secure Communities program on February 15, 2011 to determine the immigration status of their inmates. Arapahoe and El Paso counties and the city of Denver are the first to collaborate with federal authorities. Inmates' fingerprints will now be forwarded to federal databases and jailers will receive their immigration status within two hours of the submission. Governor Bill Ritter signed on to Secure Communities in January making Colorado the thirty-fifth state to participate in the federal program.

Despite Calls for More Border Security, House Republicans Trim Border Security Budget

When it comes to border security, House Republicans say more resources are needed to stop illegal flows of immigrants, drugs and weapons entering the U.S., and insist the Obama administration has not done enough to strengthen border security. "The President's budget proves once again that the Obama administration is not serious about enforcing our nation's immigration laws," said Texas Rep. Lamar Smith earlier this month.

But even as GOP lawmakers demand tighter border enforcement as a prerequisite for comprehensive immigration reform legislation, Republicans in the House have approved a 2012 budget that seems to undermine that goal. The House voted mostly along party lines to slash spending by an estimated \$600 million for border security and immigration enforcement for the remainder of this fiscal year. The budget allocates \$350 million less for border security fencing, infrastructure and technology than Congress approved last year, and cuts an estimated \$159 million over last year for Customs and Border Protection modernization and construction programs.



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