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Client Expresses Gratitude in Letter to Joseph Law Firm, P.C.



I want to thank attorney Aaron Hall and paralegal Megan Clark from Joseph Law Firm, P.C for their professionalism and excellent services in a legal matter regarding my naturalization. I started my application for naturalization without proper legal advice and an issue came up in the middle of the process. The resolution of the issue in reference was critical for me. Therefore, I spoke with several immigration attorneys in Denver and Dallas and was discouraged and told that my case would take at least one or two years to be resolved and that a favorable outcome was not guaranteed.



I was lucky to find Joseph Law Firm, P.C. and after speaking with Aaron, I perceived his professionalism and willingness to take the case and prepare the required documentation in less than a week. After I hired Joseph Law Firm, P.C. to represent me, we were able to present the case in a few days and just weeks later my case had a favorable result. I was able to obtain my citizenship and resolved the issue in less than three months. I want to thank Aaron and Megan for believing in my case and for working against the clock to make things happen.

Miguel E. Gutierrez—Denver, CO

January 19, 2011

Koby Polaski and Linda Shindler Win Cancellation of Removal Case



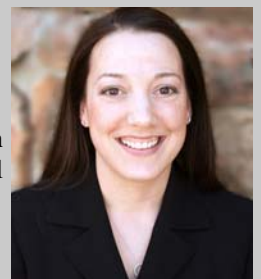
Associate Attorney Koby Polaski and paralegal Linda Shindler recently collaborated on a 10 year cancellation of removal case and are proud to celebrate a victory for their client. The Immigration Judge's grant of cancellation means their client may now stay in Colorado with her husband and two young children. The client, who has lived in the United States since she was two years old, gave emotional testimony about her life here and the suffering

her children will face if she were forced to leave. She will now become a permanent resident of the United States.



Colorado Bar Association Invites Melanie Corrin to Contribute to Immigration Guidebook

The Colorado Bar Association recently invited Senior Attorney Melanie Corrin to write a chapter for the Immigration Guidebook. Melanie's contribution will focus on the waivers of grounds for inadmissibility.



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Immigration News Updates!

Senators Will Introduce Bill Granting Children of Undocumented Parents In-State Tuition

Democrats in the Colorado Senate will introduce new legislation to make in-state tuition available for children of undocumented parents who graduate from Colorado high schools. Senator Angela Giron and Senator Michael Johnston plan to introduce the bill later this month. The two lawmakers are supported by the Higher Education Access Alliance, which is organizing a coalition to support the law.

Similar legislation has failed in Colorado in the past and was defeated most recently in the Senate in 2009. Current state law requires that parents establish their legal residence in Colorado one year before their child can pay in-state tuition at a university.

Eleven other states have passed comparable laws including: California, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Colorado Considers Arizona-Style Bill on Immigration Enforcement

With the support of two dozen Republican lawmakers, Colorado State Senator Kent Lambert (R-Colorado Springs) filed Senate Bill 54 on Wednesday, January 19th. The Arizona-style bill would allow police officers to arrest someone if there is probable cause to believe the person is an undocumented immigrant. However, unlike Arizona's controversial law, the bill would not require immigrants to obtain or carry immigration registration papers.

Democrats who control the Senate have warned that the immigration crackdown faces an uphill battle, as it would have to make it past a divided legislature, a Democratic governor, and an increasing awareness of the negative effects such laws can have on a state's economy. According to Julien Ross, director of the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition:

"At a time when most Coloradans are concerned about jobs and the economy, it is mind-boggling that a handful of Colorado senators would pursue the same divisive legislation that has cost the state of Arizona millions in lost tourism revenue and wasted taxpayer dollars on lawsuit challenges. Colorado should instead pursue immigration policies that reaffirm our global reputation as a welcoming and business-friendly state."

Cap Reached for H-1B Visas in 2011

The H-1B visa allows businesses in the United States to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations that require the application of specialized knowledge and attainment of a bachelor's degree or higher. The current annual cap on H-1B visas issued is 65,000, which has already been reached for 2011.

USCIS announced that January 26, 2011 was the final receipt date for H-1B petitions for employment in 2011. USCIS will randomly select petitions received on that date to meet the annual cap. The remaining cap-subject petitions will be rejected and the fee returned to the petitioner. As of December 20, 2010, USCIS had also received more than 20,000 petitions, the allotted annual cap, for individuals with a U.S. master's degree or higher.

Petitions filed on behalf of current H-1B workers will not be counted against the 2011 cap. USCIS will continue to accept petitions to extend time a worker may remain in the United States, change the terms of employment, and allow current H-1B workers to change employers or work concurrently in a second H-1B position. USCIS will also continue to accept petitions that are exempt from the cap.

New Law Clerks Join Joseph Law Firm, P.C. Team

Mahlon Wigton and Maggie McDermott started at the Joseph Law Firm, P.C. in January and will be working as Law Clerks for the spring semester. Mahlon is in his second year of law school at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law. Maggie is a third year law student at California Western School of Law. Both are excited to work for Joseph Law Firm, P.C. and provide assistance on a variety of cases.



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