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JOSEPH LAW FIRM, P.C. ANNOUNCES A NEW WEBSITE DEDICATED TO BUSINESS IMMIGRATION

In June, Joseph Law Firm, P.C. launched a new website dedicated to business immigration. The new website is located at www.businessimmigrationissues.com. Be sure to check out our Blog on the new site, too! The firm will continue to maintain its original website dedicated to family, removal, and individual related immigration issues located at www.immigrationissues.com.

COLORADO SPRINGS OFFICE

If you or someone you know lives south of the Denver Metro area, Joseph Law Firm, P.C. now has an office in Colorado Springs, located at: **963 East Colorado Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903**. To schedule an appointment at the Colorado Springs office please call **719-434-5660**.

JOSEPH LAW FIRM, P.C. SPONSORS CHURCH FESTIVAL

On June 18th, 19th, and 20th, Joseph Law Firm, P.C. was a proud sponsor of the Church of Ascension's annual festival. Church of Ascension parish is located in the Montbello neighborhood located on the north-east side of Denver. The festival was complete with music, food, dancing, and shopping. The staff and attorneys of Joseph Law Firm, P.C. had a wonderful time spreading the word about Joseph Law Firm, P.C.'s services, experiencing all the flavors and festivities, and getting to know some of the members of our Latino community.

Joseph Law Firm, P.C. is committed to providing individuals, communities, and organizations with immigration assistance and information. Joseph Law Firm, P.C. volunteers its time and expertise to communities and organizations by appearing at events and seminars free of charge in an effort to provide individuals and families with general immigration advice and assistance. If you or your organization would be interested in having a representative from Joseph Law Firm, P.C. visit your community to give a presentation or seminar on general immigration issues and options for legally immigrating to the United States, please contact our office to schedule this event.

JOSEPH LAW FIRM, P.C. HOSTS BIKE-TO-WORK DAY BREAKFAST STATION

Each year the Denver Regional Council of Governments presents Bike-to-Work day. The purpose of the annual event is to educate commuters about the benefits of and opportunities for bicycling to work. Joseph Law Firm, P.C. hosted a breakfast station at this year's event, which was held on Wednesday, June 23rd. Despite having to wake up really early, Joseph Law Firm P.C. staff and attorneys enjoyed handing out food and drinks to passing bicyclists on the Highline Canal Trail, just one block from the office.

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Immigration News Updates!

World Cup: Melting Cup

Did you know that many of the players on the U.S. soccer team are immigrants themselves? That's right, while the World Cup is a beautiful array of nationalities and languages, so is the U.S. team itself. Many of the team members are dual citizens or have immigrant parents, such as Carlose Bocanegra, whose father is from Mexico, Jozy Altidore, whose parents are Haitian, and Benny Feihaber, whose family immigrated from Brazil when he was a young child.

Immigration: The Key to a Booming, Green Economy

If there is one thing on which economists, analysts, and researchers seem to agree, it is this: Immigration is essential to keeping American business at the top of the international business market, especially in the energy and engineering sectors. Indeed, even some politicians, such as New York's Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Richard Lugar (R-IN), have recognized the important role immigration has to play in American business. According to Mayor Bloomberg, "Our immigration policy is national suicide. I can't think of any ways to destroy this country quite as direct and impactful as our immigration policy. We educate the best and the brightest and then we don't give them a green card. We want to create jobs and we won't let entrepreneurs from around the world come here."

It is for that reason that Senators Kerry and Lugar have introduced the Startup Visa Act. The Startup Visa Act proposes legislation that would modify the EB-5 Visa to increase job creation and America's international business competitive edge. Immigrant entrepreneurs who are creating new businesses would be able to obtain visas, so long as there is investment capital from within the U.S. of at least \$100,000 and equity financing of at least \$250,000.

A new Migrant Policy Institute Report, *The Impact of Immigrants in Recession and Economic Expansion*, found that "immigration unambiguously improves employment, productivity and income," although it does require some short-term adjustments, such as job training or new technology. Despite common conceptions among Americans, immigration does not reduce Americans' employment rates over the long-term (ten years). But it does increase Americans' productivity and the average income over the same period. In fact, immigration between 1990 and 2006 is credited with a 2.9% wage increase among American workers. Still, immigration during a recession can have short-term, negative effects, but those effects dissipate fairly quickly, within seven years at most. In contrast, immigration during economic growth periods has an immediate, positive effect, creating enough jobs to leave Americans' jobs completely untouched.

Darrell M. West, author of a new book, *Brain Gain: Rethinking U.S. Immigration Policy* (Brookings Institution Press, 2010), points out that many of America's greatest scientists, inventors, educators, and entrepreneurs came to the United States as immigrants. He asserts that the U.S. must establish an increased open-door policy to attract unique foreign talent in the fields of energy, information technology, and international commerce. In a review of the book, Mayor Bloomberg recognizes that "the most important step we can take to strengthen America's long-term economic health is passing comprehensive immigration reform. For America to compete in the 21st Century, we need to be able to attract—and keep—the world's best, brightest, and hardest working."

And this seems to be particularly important in the green energy field. A recent report published by the Immigration Policy Center of the American Immigration Council, authored by Richard T. Herman and Robert L. Smith, *Why Immigration Can Drive the Green Economy*, discusses how the connection between immigration and the development and commercialization of alternative fuel sources is rarely discussed among policymakers. Yet it is this very connection that will help the United States lead the way towards cleaner, less expensive energy. Although policymakers imagine that the development of renewable energy will create hundreds of thousands of jobs, most fail to understand that much of the clean-energy talent remains abroad. Thus, experts urge that expanding our own clean-energy industry will require working with people overseas, in countries that have been pursuing alternative fuel sources for several decades already. Unfortunately, tough immigration restrictions make this type of foreign collaboration difficult, if not impossible.

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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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