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NOW ACCEPTING CONSULTATIONS IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Joseph Law Firm, P.C. is opening their Colorado Springs office on Monday April 5, 2010. The new office will be located at: **963 E. Colorado Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903**. Our new office phone number is **719-434-5660**, we can also be reached at our Denver Metro phone number: **303-297-9171**. Once again, we look forward to working with Colorado Springs and the surrounding communities.

JOSEPH LAW FIRM, P.C. CLIENT OBTAINS VICTORY IN FEDERAL COURT CASE

Sami AlKarim is a 43 year old Iraqi refugee. He is a well known artist, husband, and father of four U.S. born children. He has resided in Denver for over eight years awaiting citizenship. On April 30, 2002, Mr. Alkarim submitted Form I-485 application to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to obtain adjustment of residency status from refugee to legal permanent resident (LPR) when Mr. Alkarim resided in Iraq, he was associated with the Islamic Dawa Party (IDP) which was in opposition to the reigning Saddam Hussein government. The United States Government currently supports the IDP prime minister Nouri-al Maliki, but Mr. Alkarim's association with this party labels him as a member of a Tier III terrorist group. USCIS has refused to make a decision on Mr. Alkarim's I-485 application, because of this affiliation, for eight years. On March 29, 2010, Judge Robert. E. Blackburn of the United States District Court, granted Mr. Alkarim's Motion for a Summary Judgement. This decision compels USCIS to adjudicate Mr. Alkarim's I-485 application. Jeff Joseph, Esq., who represented Mr. Alkarim in this matter stated the following, "The battle is far from over and I anticipate that USCIS will deny the I-485 and we will have to file a new lawsuit challenging the unlawful denial, but at least the client gets what he has been waiting for 8 years to receive: A decision."

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

On March 19, 2010, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), hosted a National Day of Action for advocates from all over the country. Participants engaged in meetings and educational sessions to help legislators and their legislative and district office staff understand the real implications of our broken immigration system. Jeff Joseph of Joseph Law Firm, P.C. participated in AILA's National Day of Action. Mr. Joseph met with immigration staffers from Senator Bennett, Congressman Perlmutter and Lamborn as well as Congresswoman DeGette's office. Mr. Joseph also met personally with Representative Polis and Representative Markey about immigration reform.

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THE BROKEN ASYLUM CLOCK

The center for Immigrants' Rights at Penn State Dickinson School of Law (Center) and the American Immigration Council's Legal Action Center (LAC) have issued a report that addresses the concerns regarding the underlying problems with the employment authorization clock. Through the current immigration procedure, asylum applicants need to wait 150 days for their asylum application to be correctly filed before they can apply for an EAD (Employment Authorization Document). The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has 30 days to make a decision on that application. The report states that the "EAD asylum clock" can be stopped by an Asylum Officer (AO) or and Immigration Judge, (IJ) at anytime during the application process. This creates an increase in the waiting period for EAD applications for many immigrants. The report states that there are many flaws in the system that often times cause an number of delays and an excessive amount of hardship to families awaiting EAD documents. Most notable are the immigrants that are the sole-provider's for their families.. The report concluded that a new EAD asylum clock guidance would need to be issued from the USCIS and suggested that the creation of a diverse task force to handle this issue was necessary.

For more information regarding Asylum Applications or Employment Work Authorization, please visit our website at: www.immigrationissues.com

OFFICIALS SET QUOTAS TO DEPORT MORE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

A *Washington Post* article is reporting that leaked internal documents and an e-mail sent by a senior U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) official to field directors nationwide are proving that the pledge to focus on removing the most dangerous of illegal immigrants is not truly the agency's primary concern. In the February 22, 2010 memo, James M. Chaparro, the head of ICE detention and removal, stated that although there was a record amount of deportations of criminals, the amount of total removals was down. The "Agency goal of 150,000 criminal alien removals" for the year ending September 30, 2010 was on pace, but the total deportations of 310,000, were "well under the Agency's goal" of 400,000. Chaparro also laid out how the agency could pump up the numbers. Increasing detention space, sweeping prisons and jails to find more candidates for deportation, and most notably a "surge" in deporting immigrants whose only violation was lying on immigration or visa applications.

For more information regarding this article, please visit *The Washington Post* webpage at:

"ICE officials set quotas to deport more illegal immigrants"

by, Spenser S. Hsu and Andrew Becker

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