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**Joseph Law Firm, P.C. Continues to Grow!
 In November We Welcomed Three New Staff Members**

Bryon M. Large, Senior Attorney



Bryon M. Large received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and his undergraduate degree from the University of New Mexico. Prior to joining Joseph Law Firm, P.C., Bryon was the Senior Partner of Large Law Firm, a Denver based immigration law firm. Bryon currently serves on the Executive Committee as the Vice-Chair for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Colorado Chapter, and on the Executive Council as Chair-Elect for the Immigration Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association. He is a member of the National LGBT Bar

Association as well as a member of the Colorado GLBT Bar Association. Bryon actively practices removal defense, federal litigation, and asylum law with a particular emphasis on same-sex issues. He holds a strong commitment to pro bono work and is an active volunteer with the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network. In 2009, he was recognized as the Pro Bono Honoree, by the Metro Volunteer Lawyers Barristers Ball. He has also been recognized as the Pro Bono Guardian by AILA. Bryon has represented clients before the Colorado state courts, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Bryon is bilingual in English and Spanish.

Kim Tremblay, Associate Attorney



Kim Tremblay is a graduate of the University of Colorado Law School. During law school, she assisted immigrants as a volunteer at the Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County and for the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network. She conducted research and wrote legal opinions as an intern at the Denver District Court for Judge Herbert L. Stern, III and at the Denver Immigration Court. While at the University of Colorado, she studied abroad in Barcelona, Spain. After graduation, she joined the Large Law Firm, practicing immigration law. Kim has represented clients in front of United States

Citizenship and Immigration Services and the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado. She is currently a member of the AILA USCIS Liaison Committee. Kim was born and raised in Montreal, Canada. She later attended McGill University in her native city, graduating with First Class Honors. Prior to moving to Colorado to attend law school, she worked and traveled in Australia and assisted the Honorary Counsel of Canada in Richmond, Virginia, with consular activities and business-based immigration cases. Kim is bilingual in French, English and Spanish.

Lauren Czajka, Paralegal



Lauren Czajka is currently finishing her Master's Degree in International Human Rights at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, with specialties in Latin America and Immigration. Her undergraduate degree is from Miami University of Ohio where she studied Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs. She studied Spanish in Spain and Journalism in Kosovo during college. Most recently, she worked in human rights and peace education in Bogota, Colombia. Lauren previously worked in immigration law in Norman, Oklahoma. She is bilingual in English and Spanish.



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Immigration News and Firm Updates!

Melanie Corrin Presented at AILA National Teleconference & Colorado Bar Association CLE



Melanie Corrin, Senior Attorney, was a presenter on a teleconference sponsored by the American Immigration Lawyers Association on November 3rd entitled, "I-751: What Happens When the Marriage Ends Before Two Years." On November 10th Melanie discussed "Immigration Law for the Colorado Practitioner" at a continuing legal education seminar sponsored by the Colorado Bar Association.

What Prosecutorial Discretion Means For You

Contributed by Bryon M. Large, Senior Attorney

In a shift in national policy, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the enforcement arm of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), announced in June that it would shift its enforcement priorities and place more emphasis on criminal aliens. More specifically, ICE announced it would seek to dismiss cases involving certain foreign nationals who have long resided in the United States and those with many ties to the United States.

In mid-November 2011, ICE announced the next phase of its prosecutorial discretion plan by initiating a review of the approximately 300,000 respondents currently in removal (deportation) proceedings. More specifically, they announced a "pilot program" that would begin in the Denver and Baltimore jurisdictions where cases for approximately six (6) weeks would be postponed so that these cases could be individually reviewed according to the points listed in the June 17, 2011 Morton Memo. In the Morton Memo, ICE laid out what its enforcement priorities would be and what options might be available for deserving respondents.

In Colorado, we have seen some progress in this area, including administrative closure or termination of some cases. Many of these cases involve so-called "DREAM Act" cases where minor children were brought to the United States by their parents and graduated from high schools here.

While there remains a lot of speculation as to the long-term benefits that will be available to those who have been granted prosecutorial discretion, it is clear that at the national level, the administration hopes to offer long-term solutions to grant stability to these deserving people. Attorneys at Joseph Law Firm, P.C. are deeply involved in the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and their efforts to assure fair and consistent application of prosecutorial discretion. Not only are all of our attorneys AILA member, but several of our attorneys actively participate in AILA both locally and nationally in the governance and administration of AILA.

Contact your attorney today if you would like to discuss what the recent prosecutorial discretion announcements mean to you.

Boulder County DA Vows to Prosecute Crimes Against Immigrants

Contributed by Koby Polaski, Associate Attorney



In an interview with Colorado Public Radio's Ryan Warner, Boulder County District Attorney, Stan Garnett, discussed his new focus on prosecuting crimes against undocumented immigrants. Garnett's decision to act comes as a response to countless cases of exploitation of immigrant communities.

Garnett's firm commitment to protect crime victims, regardless of immigration status, has drawn heavy criticism from anti-immigrant members of the community. Despite public uproar, Garnett is unwavering in

his belief that immigration status is irrelevant to the prosecution of criminals and that all victims deserve protection. Garnett also hopes to foster a relationship of trust with law enforcement, so immigrants feel comfortable reporting crimes. He describes his policy as aligned with the values of law enforcement throughout Boulder County. Stan Garnett's promise to prosecute crimes against immigrants is a welcome one, especially when contrasted with other counties whose District Attorneys inexplicably refuse to certify U Visa applications filed by victims of serious and violent crimes.

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