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Aaron Hall and Lindsey Lovgren Successfully Represent Client on Motion to Reopen

Joseph Law Firm, P.C. was proud to see one of its longtime clients have a motion to reopen granted with the Immigration Court in Denver, Colorado. The client had been ordered deported after not appearing at his immigration court hearing as a teenager. In granting the motion to reopen the case, the immigration judge found that the client had not been at fault for failing to attend his hearing because he had not actually received the notice of hearing and also because a juvenile cannot be held responsible for receiving notice and ensuring his own presence at a court hearing. Lead attorney Aaron Hall, lead paralegal Lindsey Lovgren, and law clerk Elsa Archambault teamed up on the motion to reopen and look forward to representing the client in seeking relief in removal proceedings.



Jeff Joseph and Kirby Joseph Present at the 13th Annual AILA New York Chapter Immigration Symposium in December



Jeff Joseph, senior partner/co-founder, and Kirby Joseph, managing partner/co-founder, will be speaking at the 13th Annual American Immigration Lawyer's Association (AILA) New York Chapter Immigration Symposium on December 1st. Jeff will be speaking on issues and strategies pertaining to motions to reopen and Kirby will be speaking on law practice management tips.



Amber Blasingame Graduates from the University of Denver, College of Law

Amber Blasingame, case manager/paralegal, will be graduating from the University of Denver, College of Law in December. After the Colorado bar exam, Amber will return to Joseph Law Firm, P.C. as the lead attorney at the firm's Colorado Springs office. Amber has been with Joseph Law Firm, P.C. since 2002.

1/2 Price Consultations on January 11, 2010

In honor of our clients and to celebrate the New Year, Joseph Law Firm P.C. will be offering 1/2 price consultations for anyone referred to Joseph Law Firm, P.C. by an existing client. Normally initial consultations are \$150.00. However on January 11th, they will be \$75.00 for anyone that calls and mentions that they were referred by an existing client. To make an appointment please call (303) 297-9171 and mention this announcement.

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Immigration News Updates!

Congress Considers DREAM Act

The Senate will once again consider an immigration reform measure during the last legislative session of the current Congress. The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, also known as the DREAM Act, has been introduced in both houses of Congress several times before, but neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives has ever voted to approve the bill. Most recently, Democrats attempted to attach the DREAM Act to the annual Department of Defense authorization bill this fall. That attempt failed largely due to objections from Republicans that the DREAM Act should be considered as a stand-alone bill, not part of a larger Defense Department authorization bill. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) revealed his intention to introduce the DREAM Act as a stand-alone measure for consideration after the recent elections.

The DREAM Act would give conditional resident status, and a path to permanent resident status, to certain immigrants who arrived illegally in the United States as minors. To qualify for six years of conditional resident status under the DREAM Act, undocumented immigrants would have to have arrived in the United States before age 16, resided in the United States for at least five consecutive years since arriving, and graduated from a United States high school. In addition, qualifying immigrants would have to be of good moral character and be between the ages of 12 and 35 when the DREAM Act becomes law.

During the six-year conditional resident period, a qualifying immigrant would be required to graduate from a two-year community college program, complete two years of a four-year college program, or serve two years in the United States military. Once a qualifying immigrant met one of these three criteria during the six-year conditional resident period, he or she would be able to adjust to permanent resident status. The New York Times has estimated that approximately 800,000 people would qualify for the initial conditional resident status.

President Obama has voiced his support for the DREAM Act, and previous incarnations of the Act have received bipartisan support in Congress. Also, United States military leaders have expressed support for previous versions of the Act because it would boost military recruitment efforts. Prospects for the Act's passage may have increased since it last died in Congress leading up to the mid-term elections earlier this year. Now that Democrats have suffered a decrease in their majority in the Senate and have lost control of the House of Representatives, outgoing members of Congress may be less constrained by political considerations. Also, consideration of the Act on its own and unattached to any other legislation should eliminate the procedural objections that Republicans aired to help defeat the Act earlier this year.

New Republican-Controlled House May Push to Eliminate Birthright Citizenship

As Democrats attempt to pass an immigration reform measure offering a path to legal status for certain undocumented aliens, leaders of the incoming Republican majority in the House of Representatives that will take power in January 2011 have indicated that they will work to eliminate birthright citizenship. Representative Steve King (R-IA), who will take over the House subcommittee that deals with immigration issues when Republicans take control of the House early next year, is expected to introduce a bill that would deny birthright citizenship to children of undocumented aliens. Since the Fourteenth Amendment was adopted in 1868, all persons born in the United States, regardless of the legal status of their parents, have automatically received United States citizenship at birth.

Coming Soon...Redesign of www.immigrationissues.com

In December, Joseph Law Firm, P.C. will be launching a redesign of the firm's website dedicated to individual and family immigration matters at www.immigrationissues.com. For information related specifically to business immigration find Joseph Law Firm, P.C. at www.businessimmigrationissues.com.

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