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**Jeff Joseph, Senior Partner, Presented at 24th Annual AILA Central Florida Chapter Seminar**

For the fifth consecutive year, Jeff Joseph spoke at the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Central Florida Chapter's annual continuing education seminar. Mr. Joseph's presentation was on Crimes and Immigration Consequences. If you or someone you know is interested in having Mr. Joseph or another attorney from Joseph Law Firm, P.C. speak at a community or business event on a topic related to immigration law,

please contact Joseph Law Firm, P.C. at 303-297-9171 or [mail@immigrationissues.com](mailto:mail@immigrationissues.com). Joseph Law Firm, P.C. offers educational opportunities free of charge to interested individuals and businesses.



**Dea McCart, Office Administrator at JLF, P.C., Serves on the Mile High Educational Summit Conference Planning Committee**

The Mile High Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA) and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law's Master of Science in Legal Administration (MSLA) program, joined forces to present the Mile High Educational Summit in recognition and celebration of Professional Legal Management Week. As a member of ALA and past chapter-chair of the Colorado Chapter of ALA, Dea McCart served on the planning committee for this educational expo for legal professionals aimed at promoting educational opportunities and community awareness.



**Kirby Gamblin Joseph, Managing Partner, Spoke at Mile High Educational Summit**

Kirby Gamblin Joseph and two other Denver area managing partners presented on *Partnering for Success: An Open Forum with Managing Partners* at the Mile High Educational Summit on October 8, 2010.

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# Immigration News Updates!

## 2010 Marks Highest Deportation Numbers in US History

In early October, the Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, announced that the US deported a record number of undocumented immigrants in the fiscal year of 2010. Secretary Napolitano boasted that of the 392,000 deported immigrants, roughly half were convicted criminals. The US has seen a 70 percent increase in the deportation of criminals since 2008. Secretary Napolitano stated that these numbers reflect the President's prioritization of "removing those who pose public safety threats to our communities."

The Secretary recognized the Secure Communities program as a key component in being able to achieve the landmark number. Secure Communities allows for the exchange of fingerprints between local police agencies, state jails, prisons, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The program enables police to assess the immigration status of any suspect from whom they obtain fingerprints.

Critics of the Secure Communities program attack its effectiveness in targeting dangerous undocumented immigrants. Fingerprints are automatically shared between agencies, regardless of the seriousness of the alleged offense and regardless of whether the arrestee was ever formally charged or subsequently convicted. A recent article, Uncover the Truth, states that "close to 80 percent of all those deported as a result of Secure Communities had no criminal conviction at all, or were charged with some small infractions like traffic violations."

ICE anticipates that the number of jurisdictions participating in Secure Communities will increase from 650 to 900 within the next year.

Within just the last eighteen months, the backlog seen in Immigration Courts has increased thirty percent. Without a complementary increase in court staff, one might wonder if these celebrated statistics aren't being achieved in the absence of full and meaningful due process.

## USCIS Creates New Citizenship Resource Center Website

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) has launched a new website designed to provide immigrants, teachers, and other organizations with an opportunity to quickly and easily locate citizenship materials and classes. The website can be accessed at <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/citizenship>.

## Lawsuit Against Arizona Immigration Law Moves Forward

A federal judge in Arizona has denied Arizona Governor Jan Brewer's attempt to dismiss a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and other organizations that seeks to invalidate Arizona's controversial new immigration law. The Arizona law, known as SB 1070, was passed this year and allows state law enforcement officials to demand proof of legal immigration status of anyone with whom they lawfully come into contact. A separate lawsuit filed by the U.S. Department of Justice has prevented SB 1070 from taking effect until that legal challenge to the law is ultimately resolved.

The lawsuit filed by the ACLU alleges that SB 1070 is unconstitutional because it will result in racial profiling, will subject people of color to unlawful interrogations, searches, seizures, and arrests, and will deprive people of freedom of speech and expressive activity. Although the federal judge ruled against the freedom of speech claim, she also ruled that the law contained no meaningful procedural protections against unlawful deprivations of liberty.

The ACLU suit is one of seven that were originally filed against SB 1070. Two of those suits have been dismissed, two others have yet to come before a federal judge, and the four remaining suits are moving forward. In the suit filed by the Department of Justice, a judge's ruling that temporarily prevented SB 1070 from taking effect has been appealed by Gov. Brewer. That appeal will be argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on November 1, 2010.

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