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Dear Readers:

While immigration doesn't dominate the news like it has for the last four years, it also hasn't receded to the bottom of the list of issues being covered by news organizations as was the case in yesteryear. Or at least it feels that way as an immigration lawyer. The stress level in our profession over the last several years was off the charts and while COVID has meant that we're still very challenged helping our clients, we're at least more optimistic.

We've already seen a number of policy initiatives from the Biden Administration that are positive including new regulations to streamline filings, better communications with stakeholder groups, and a legislative push that seeks a number of important permanent fixes. I'm also hopeful that the new Director of USCIS, Ur Jaddou, has the right



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background and temperament for the job and will make change.

But there are also problems with this Administration's immigration policies and criticism is warranted as well. For example, the State Department is a complete mess when it comes to visa processing and very little has been done to fix this. That's led to multiple law suits, including a number of cases filed by ImmPact Litigation, our litigation joint venture with Kuck Baxter in Atlanta and Joseph & Hall in Denver. We're seeing a continuation of policies at the border from the Trump years that's disheartening, a complete humanitarian disaster unfolding in Afghanistan due to a lack of urgent action on speeding up visa processing, and the potential loss of 100,000+ green cards for high-skilled workers because of USCIS' unwillingness to look at creative solutions to address that crisis.

We cover some of these issues this month. We also started a weekly livestream on Facebook last year where we cover a lot of what's in immigration news. You can find it at www.facebook.com/siskindsusser. And if you would like to reach out and have a consultation with one of our lawyers, you're always welcome to do so and schedule an appointment online at www.visalaw.com/consultation.

Sincerely,

Greg Siskind

Siskind Susser News

Immigration Answer Man

QUESTION: I was issued the immigrant visa under the Conditional Resident (CR1)

category, but I will be entering the US for the first time after our 2nd anniversary. Will I get a 10-years green card?

If your first time entering the US on your immigrant visa is after your 2nd anniversary, then you should get the standard 10-year green card, not the 2-year Conditional Resident (CR-1) green card. But the CBP officer may not be paying attention to that, so you should bring it to the attention of the CBP officer inspecting you. You should bring your original marriage certificate with you when you travel, to show them if necessary.

[Read Ari's Full Answer Here](#)



Ari Sauer

News Bytes

Employers Confront Tough Choices as Court Bars Future Dreamers

Employers of young immigrants known as Dreamers are facing tough decisions in light of a recent court ruling.

The more than 600,000 individuals in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program weren't immediately affected by an opinion from a federal judge that declared the program unlawful.

The accompanying injunction, however, barred new participants in the program, which allows people who unlawfully entered the country as children to work.

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More News:

[Biden Faces Narrow Path to Aid Dreamers Without Congress, Courts](#)

[DC Judge Mulls Reserving Thousands More Diversity Visas](#)

[Applicants for Change of Status to F-1 Student No Longer Need to Submit Subsequent Applications to 'Bridge the Gap'](#)

[Democrats Are Trying To Use \\$3.5 Trillion Spending Bill To Pass Immigration Reform](#)



Border & Enforcement News

[Border officials cancel entry appointments for vulnerable asylum seekers in Tijuana](#)

[Permanent Residents Who Left The U.S. During The Pandemic Worry They Can't Come Home](#)

[Senate Democrats are considering including about \\$10 billion in their \\$3.5-trillion budget reconciliation package for border security](#)

[U.S. expected to keep border expulsions policy as Delta variant cases surge](#)
[Biden defers deportations of Hong Kong residents in the U.S.](#)

In the News From ABIL

The Biden administration is currently developing a "phased" plan requiring all foreign nationals traveling to the U.S. to be fully vaccinated before entry with "limited exceptions," according to a White House official.

Federal interagency working groups are "developing a policy and planning process to be prepared for when the time is right," the official also said. [Reuters](#) first reported the development of an expected vaccination requirement for most international travelers.

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More News:

- [Indians and Chinese Sue USCIS Over Risk of Green Card Loss](#)
- [New USCIS Director Appointed: Ur M. Jaddou](#)
- [USCIS Conducts Second Random Selection From Previously Submitted FY 2022 H-1B Cap Registrations](#)
- [New Asylum Office Opens in Tampa](#)
- [Biometrics Processing Unit Closes in Alexandria, VA](#)
- [Mass Afghan Evacuations Begin in Operation Fraught With Risk](#)



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