

IMMIGRATION LAWYERS

Siskind's Immigration Bulletin

Openers

Dear Readers:

I've been delaying writing this Opener because I was hoping we would know whether immigration reform will be a part of the \$2 trillion reconciliation bill being considered in Congress. It has been 16 years since an immigration bill passed in Congress and we're very close. But deadlines are deadlines and we're still probably at least a few days away from knowing. If it happens, it could impact millions of people. Or not. Because the language is still up in the air and it is not clear if the Democrats will get something past the Parliamentarian in the Senate or will defy that official and pass something anyway.

What we do know is that further immigration bills are a possibility only after reconciliation is off the table (with or without immigration). That might mean legislation to deal with things like health care



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workers or aging out children. Those bills have one thing in common – they've got bipartisan support. And in the current Congress, all legislation will be filibustered so you need at least 10 Republican Senate votes along with all the Democrats. Not easy.

The other big news in DC is the end of the Covid travel bans which have limited travel from 33+ countries. As of November 8th, those bans go away and are being replaced by a Covid vaccine requirement. Part of this may stem from the Kinsley v. Blinken litigation which I'm proud to say our firm co-counseled on along with Kuck Baxter in Atlanta, Joseph and Hall in Denver and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Kuck Baxter, Joseph and Hall and our firm are litigation partners in the new venture ImmPact Litigation which you can learn more about at www.immpactlitigation.com. We've now sued together on dozens of cases and have a number of wins that have changed immigration law for the better.

In firm news, our lawyers are out traveling again and speaking at conferences around the country. Elissa Taub and I were speakers at the American Immigration Lawyers Association's fall conference in Las Vegas and I spoke as well last week at the AILA Central Florida annual conference in Clearwater, Florida. It's really great seeing my colleagues from around the country again!

Finally, we remind readers that you're welcome to schedule an appointment by going to our web site at www.visalaw.com/consultation or go to www.visalaw.com and check out the new bot we created ourselves which helps site visitors schedule appointments with our lawyers.

Sincerely,

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Siskind Summary – The House Reconciliation Bill Immigration Language

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TITLE I COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Subtitle A Immigration Provisions

Section 60001. Lawful Permanent Residence for Certain Entrants A new Section 245B is added to the Immigration and Nationality Act that allows anyone in different categories to adjust status to permanent residency if they pay a supplemental fee \$1,500 and pass security/law enforcement checks and a medical exam.

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USCIS is failing to timely process applications for employment authorization, leaving thousands of people at risk of losing their jobs, driver licenses, or health insurance.

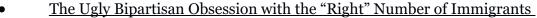
Federal agencies have to do their job.

We will be asking a federal judge to order USCIS to immediately adjudicate our plaintiffs' applications, and to change their policies and procedures to ensure that this problem does not continue.

More News:

- The State of International Touring
- <u>Senate parliamentarian rules out</u> <u>Democrats' immigration plan B |</u> TheHill
- Alejandro Mayorkas, DHS secretary, orders ICE to stop targeting illegal immigrants at jobs - Washington Times
- Blinken, Mayorkas, Garland meet with Mexican officials in hopes of better border deal
- <u>Biden Wants DACA Appeal Shelved</u> <u>With New Rulemaking Underway</u>
- Refugee admissions hit record low, despite Biden's reversal





<u>Diversity Visa Updates</u>

DHS asks Pentagon to help move migrants from Del Rio, Texas

Alejandro Mayorkas blames 'sudden' Haitian surge for border chaos, but says
 DHS has control

In the News From ABIL

State Dept. Announces Changes in Vaccination Requirements for Immigrants and Certain Nonimmigrants

The Department of State (DOS) announced that effective October 1, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Technical Instructions for panel physicians is requiring all immigrant visa applicants, all K fiancé(e) visa applicants, and nonimmigrant visa applicants who are referred to the panel physicians to receive a full COVID-19 vaccine series as part of their medical exam before being issued a visa. The vaccine must be approved through either the World Health Organization or the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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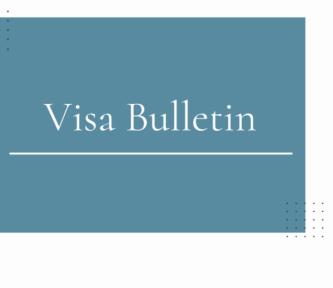
- Registration Period Begins for Diversity Visa 2023 Program
- State Dept. Posts Update on Plans for Complying With Diversity Visa Court Orders
- SAVE Publishes Info on Afghan Special Immigrant Conditional Permanent Resident Status and Non-Special Immigrant Parolees



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