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IMMIGRATION LAWYERS



## Siskind's Immigration Bulletin



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### **Dear Readers:**

As we go to press, another global crisis is sending shockwaves in the immigration system. This time, it's the Ukraine invasion and it will present an array of immigration challenges to nationals of both countries. For example, there are 1000s of Russian students in the US who suddenly are cut off from the bank accounts they need to pay their school bills. Then there are 1000s of Ukrainians in the US who are cutoff from returning home. There are people from both countries unable to process visas in their home countries trying to figure out where in the world they can go to process a visa. And that's on top of the broad range of problems already facing



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the US immigration system. It's still early in this crisis but we will be tracking developments as they arise.

In firm news, we are very excited to announce that we're receiving the *American Bar Association's James Keane Award* for e-lawyering – the use of legal technology and the Internet. The award is given to one firm in the US each year by the ABA's Law Practice Division at its annual ABA Techshow. The award is related to the firm's use of expert systems to manage our mass immigration litigation efforts. We've worked with Afterpattern's artificial intelligence-based software to create a range of tools to streamline the onboarding of plaintiffs in our large cases.

The firm is also pleased to announce that the *2022 edition of the Physician Immigration Handbook*, authored by partner Elissa Taub and myself has just been released. The book is available on Amazon and through the American Immigration Lawyers Association online bookstore.

As always, we invite you to schedule an appointment with one of our lawyers if we can ever assist with an immigration matter. Just go to [www.visalaw.com/consultation](http://www.visalaw.com/consultation).

Sincerely,

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Have you gotten a chance to watch our weekly Impact Litigation update. Watch the latest one [here](#).

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## News Bytes

### Is There A Doctor In The House?

Is There a Doctor in the House? The Role of Immigrant Physicians in the U.S. Healthcare System | Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. View the Feb 15th Virtual Judiciary hearing [here](#).

[Watch here](#)

### More News:

[International Entrepreneur Update: National Advocacy Groups Recommend Streamlining Parole Program; House Passes Bill To Create New Visa](#)

[USCIS Releases Form I-9 Guidance for H-2B Workers Seeking to Change Employers](#)

[FY 2023 H-1B Cap Initial Registration Period Opens March 1](#)

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# Border & Enforcement News

[America COMPETES Act Passes in House](#)

[USCIS Releases Form I-9 Guidance for H-2B Workers Seeking to Change Employers](#)

[CBP Announces New COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Non-U.S. Travelers Entering Via Land and Ferry From Canada, Mexico](#)

[CBP Expands 'Simplified Arrival' at International Airports in the South](#)

## In the News From ABIL

### **Biden Administration Considers TPS, Other Measures for Ukrainians; Advocacy Organizations Weigh In; Consular Services Suspended in Kyiv**

The Biden administration is considering implementing protections for Ukrainians in the United States, as Russia invades Ukraine in a rapidly developing situation expected to result in many refugees and displaced persons. Consular services are suspended in Kyiv; help is available at the border.

### **United States Once Again 'Welcomes' Immigrants :**

USCIS Announces New Mission Statement – The new mission statement, with its emphasis on welcoming and respect, reflects USCIS's restoring of the agency's focus on services. USCIS Updates Guidance, Changes Maximum Validity Period for EADs for Certain Applicants – USCIS said that increasing the maximum validity period for several categories "will help ease processing backlogs by reducing the frequency and number of times these applicants must renew their EADs and will help prevent gaps in employment authorization and documentation."

### **USCIS Clarifies Guidance on Temporary Need Requirement for H-2B Workers in Guam and Northern Marianas**

USCIS clarified its guidance on how petitioners may demonstrate that they qualify for an exemption from the temporary need requirement for a nonimmigrant visa petition for a temporary nonagricultural H-2B worker on Guam and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that falls under the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act.

### **New Lockbox Facility Opens in Illinois**

USCIS is beginning to transition incoming work for certain applicants to a new lockbox facility in Elgin, Illinois.

## **DHS, VA Launch New Online Resources for Noncitizen Service Members, Veterans, and Families**

The Department of Homeland Security, in partnership with the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense, launched new online resources to support U.S. noncitizen service members, veterans, and their families.

## **USCIS No Longer Accepts Single Combined Payments on Certain Forms Filed With H-1B or H-1B1 Petitions**

For all H-1B and H-1B1 petitions received on or after April 1, 2022, USCIS will no longer accept a single, combined fee payment for certain forms.

## **USCIS Releases Statistics on H-1B Cap Registrations, Cracks Down on Multiples**

Registrations were submitted by more than 37,000 prospective petitioners. Roughly 48 percent of all registrations requested consideration under the advanced degree exemption.

**USCIS Releases Notice in Response to Class Action for Certain Cuban Nationals Denied Adjustment** Certain Cuban nationals who were denied Cuban adjustment for lack of a parole document are eligible to file I-290B (Notice of Appeal or Motion) for up to one year, or a new I-485 (Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status).



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State Department Visa Bulletin

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