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Immigration Law Update

Current Developments in Immigration

Dear Julie,

This is the latest installment in our efforts to keep you apprised of the rapidly changing U.S. immigration environment. Some of the most recent changes could have a serious impact on you or your employees, and we urge you to communicate these changes to interested parties.

Interruption in Phone Service at Our Cleveland Office

On February 28, 2013, telephone service at our office will be intermittent, as our phone system is upgraded. The firm can be contacted in the interim via e-mail. If the matter is urgent, individuals are urged to email the matter to immigration@rosnerlaw.com and we will ensure that the matter is addressed promptly. We apologize for this unavoidable outage.

USCIS To Begin Accepting H-1B Cap Cases April 1, 2013

As we discussed last month, USCIS will begin to accept H-1B petitions for fiscal year 2014 starting April 1, 2013, for start dates of October 1, 2013 or later. H-1Bs are available on a fiscal year basis with an annual limit of 65,000 with 20,000 extra H-1B's available to individuals who have U.S. Master's degrees. Employers with new hires who are impacted by the H-1B cap count should contact Rosner Partners immediately to begin the H-1B preparation process. As H-1Bs will be in high demand this year, we encourage you to contact us right away if you are in need of an H-1B petition or are considering sponsoring an individual in H-1B status.

Update on Visa Priority Dates

The Department of State's Visa Office announced it anticipates the visa priority date for Indian nationals in the second-preference category will likely not progress further this fiscal year. In fact, due to high demand, the EB-2 category for India may regress in the coming months. The third-preference employment-based category will also experience sluggish advancement in the remainder of FY2013.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

As the President indicated in his State of the Union address, and several members of Congress have articulated over the last few months, bipartisan immigration reform is at the top of Washington's agenda this year. While several different proposals have been made, all contain elements of both employment-based and family-based immigration reform. Rosner Partners, LLC is closely tracking these developments and will provide further details as they become available.

For additional information about any of the topics presented here, please contact us. If you would prefer not to receive future e-mails of this nature, please unsubscribe on the link below.

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