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E-Verify+ Trial Launched; Users Should Check Their Bookmarks, USCIS Said

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the launch of the E-Verify+ trial. E-Verify+ integrates the Form I-9 and E-Verify employment eligibility verification processes.

USCIS said that the trial puts the agency "one step closer to bringing E-Verify+ to you." The trial will include live testing with E-Verify users to assess the user experience. Their feedback will be considered for incorporation in the product when it is released for wider use, USCIS said.

USCIS also noted that E-Verify users should check their bookmarks. Effective June 25, 2024, the E-Verify account log-in page will only be accessible through everify.uscis.gov. Users should review their bookmarks to ensure that they are using the current URL without a dash, USCIS said.

Details:

- [E-Verify+ trial announcement](#) (May 29, 2024).

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USCIS Reminds SAVE Users to Certify Tutorial Review, Provides Best Practice Tips

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) reminded Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) users that as of May 28, 2024, SAVE users must certify review of the SAVE tutorial before creating new SAVE cases. SAVE users will be unable to create new SAVE cases until they attest to review of the SAVE tutorial and certify to completion. Users can complete the certification without delay at SAVE> Manage Profile.

SAVE published a new [SAVE Tutorial](#) that provides guidance "to help SAVE users correctly and efficiently use SAVE to verify benefit applicants, which users are encouraged to review," USCIS said.

The tutorial provides information about:

- SAVE and the verification process
- SAVE CaseCheck
- Commonly used immigration documents and where to find immigration enumerators
- Common case responses
- Best practices for additional verification
- Managing cases
- Administering SAVE accounts

USCIS also noted that the SAVE additional verification response time for May 2024 is now five federal workdays. "Response times vary depending upon the complexity of the case," USCIS said. The agency provided the following best practice tips when submitting a case:

- Ensure that the applicant's name, date of birth, and immigration enumerators are entered exactly as they appear on the applicant's immigration documentation.
- Include all immigration enumerators provided by the applicant. For example, if the applicant presents a Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document, and a Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, enter both the USCIS number from the I-766 and the I 94 number into SAVE.
- If an applicant needs their most recent Form I-94 issued by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), they can visit CBP's I-94 website or download the CBP One mobile app to retrieve a copy.

Details:

- [SAVE announcements](#) (May 28, 2024).

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USCIS Updates Guidance on Family-Based Immigrant Visas

Effective May 22, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has updated its guidance on family-based immigrant visa petitions. The update includes an explanation of how USCIS corrects approval notice errors, processes requests for consular processing or adjustment of status on the beneficiary's behalf, and handles routing procedures for approved petitions.

USCIS explained that the update clarifies procedures for family-based immigration petitions "to promote more efficient processing where the beneficiary's preference for consular processing or adjustment of status is unclear or has changed or a correction is needed."

The updated guidance "provides that if you do not clearly indicate whether your beneficiary wants consular processing or adjustment of status, we will use discretion to decide whether to send the approved petition to the [National Visa Center] for consular processing or keep the petition for adjustment of status processing, based on evidence of the beneficiary's most recent location, including the beneficiary's address on the petition," USCIS said.

Details:

- [USCIS alert](#) (May 22, 2024).

- [USCIS Policy Manual](#).

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District Court Approves New Visa Applications and Fee Waivers for Travel Ban Class Members

Certain nonimmigrant and immigrant visa applicants who were refused visas under a Trump-era travel ban can now obtain a one-time fee waiver to submit a new visa application and receive a prioritized visa appointment, thanks to federal district court approval. Affected class members include nationals of Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen who were refused visas under Presidential Proclamation 9645.

The U.S District Court for the Southern District of California also requires the government to notify all eligible class members and provide periodic reports.

Details:

- *Emami v. Nielsen*, Case 3:18-cv-01587-JD, [Joint Proposed Injunction](#) (May 14, 2024).
- *Emami v. Mayorkas*, 18-cv-01587-JD and 18-cv-07818-JD, [Order re Summary Judgment](#) (Aug. 1, 2022).

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DOJ, DOL Secure Agreements With Tech Company to Resolve Discriminatory "U.S. Born Citizens [Whites Only]" Job Posting

On May 23, 2024, the Departments of Justice (DOJ) and Labor (DOL) announced separate agreements with Arthur Grand Technologies Inc., an information technology services firm based in Virginia.

DOJ's agreement resolves the department's determination that Arthur Grand violated the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) by posting a discriminatory job advertisement in March 2023 that restricted eligible candidates to "only US Born Citizens [white] who are local within 60 miles from Dallas, TX [Don't share with candidates]" [brackets in original].

DOJ's agreement notes that Arthur Grand "asserted that the posted advertisement was generated by a disgruntled recruiter in India and was intended to embarrass the company; and Respondent thereby denies that the posting was authorized by the company or that Respondent intended to dissuade non-U.S. Citizens from applying for the position." The agreement orders the company to pay a civil penalty of \$7,500. Among other requirements, the agreement also requires recruitment personnel to view a training video.

DOL's agreement resolves its determination that Arthur Grand violated Executive Order 11246, which prohibits federal contractors from discriminating in employment based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. That agreement includes \$31,000 to compensate individuals and other injunctive relief.

Details:

- [DOJ press release](#) (May 23, 2024).
- [DOJ agreement](#) (May 23, 2024).
- [DOL agreement](#) (May 3, 2024).

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[DOS Implements New Visa Restrictions for Certain Georgians](#)

In response to a new "foreign influence" law and related "campaign of intimidation and the use of violence to suppress peaceful dissent," Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced on May 23, 2024, that it is implementing "a new visa restriction policy for Georgia that will apply to individuals who are responsible for or complicit in undermining democracy in Georgia, as well as their family members." He said this includes "individuals responsible for suppressing civil society and freedom of peaceful assembly in Georgia through a campaign of violence or intimidation."

Secretary Blinken said that "anyone who undermines democratic processes or institutions in Georgia—including in the lead-up to, during, and following Georgia's October 2024 elections—may be found ineligible for U.S. visas under this policy and precluded from travel to the United States."

Details:

- [DOS press statement](#) (May 23, 2024).

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[DHS Issues New 'Western Hemisphere Parole' Class of Admission](#)

As part of the Biden administration's actions to manage regional migration and facilitate "safe, orderly, and humane processing of migrants," the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued a new class of admission (COA), Western Hemisphere Parole (WHP). Individuals with this COA can be paroled into the United States, on a case-by-case basis, for up to three years. Such parolees are not authorized to work incident to their parole, DHS said, and must have an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) if they wish to work. DHS said that Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements can provide an initial verification response of parolee with a COA of WHP. The initial response may also include work authorization information if the parolee has an EAD.

DHS noted that WHP parolees may have more than one valid immigration status or category and may also present valid immigration documents that demonstrate other pending applications or approved statuses or categories.

Cuban and Haitian nationals who are paroled into the United States under the WHP COA may be [eligible to receive certain public benefits](#), DHS said.

Details:

- [New COA for Western Hemisphere Parole](#) (DHS notice), May 13, 2024.
- [U.S. Government Announces Sweeping New Actions to Manage Regional Migration](#) (DHS fact sheet), Apr. 27, 2023.

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[SAVE Requires Users to Review New Tutorial](#)

Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) is requiring users to review a new tutorial that "provides up-to-date guidance to help SAVE users correctly and efficiently use SAVE to verify benefit applicants." The tutorial takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

Effective May 28, 2024, SAVE users must review the new tutorial and certify completion of their review before creating new SAVE cases. SAVE users "are encouraged to review the tutorial now," U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) said.

Details:

- [SAVE Requires Users to Review New Tutorial](#), USCIS, May 13, 2024.

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[Representatives Send Letter to USCIS Director Expressing Concerns About Work Authorization Process for Asylees and Humanitarian Parolees](#)

Sixteen members of Congress sent a letter to Ur Jaddou, Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), with a copy to David Neal, Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, expressing their concerns with the process for submitting Employment Authorization Document (EAD) applications for asylees and humanitarian parolees.

The letter notes barriers that may prevent EAD-eligible individuals from completing their forms and receiving work authorization. Most notably, the letter says that "the cost of filing a Form I-765 (an application for employment authorization) ranges from \$470 to \$520 starting April 1, 2024 for parole-based EAD submissions. Although parolees can apply for a fee waiver with Form I-912, there is no option to file it online, despite the fact that form I-765 can be completed online and a discount is offered for doing so. Additionally, both the Form I-765 and the Form I-912 are only available in English." Furthermore, the letter states, the EAD application "is a lengthy, multi-step process, which may require assistance from an attorney or translator to complete."

The letter asks several questions, and the signers offer to work with the Biden administration "to resolve agency-level barriers for EAD applicants in order to shorten processing and adjudication times."

Details:

- [Letter to Ur Jaddou](#), May 8, 2024.

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[DOJ Secures Agreement With National Home Healthcare Company to Resolve Immigration-Related Employment Discrimination Claims](#)

The Department of Justice (DOJ) announced on May 15, 2024, that it secured a settlement agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services (Maxim), a home healthcare company based in Columbia, Maryland, with operations in 35 states. The agreement resolves DOJ's determination "that Maxim violated the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) at its Gardena, California, office by discriminating against a non-U.S. citizen worker when it rejected her valid document showing her permission to work and requiring lawful permanent residents working for the company to prove their continued permission to work even though it was unnecessary."

Specifically, DOJ determined that the company rejected the worker's employment authorization document (EAD) "because the last name on it was different from the last name on her driver's license and Social Security card, even though the company accepted documents from U.S. citizens under similar circumstances and believed that the EAD reasonably appeared to be genuine and to relate to the worker," DOJ said. The investigation also determined that Maxim routinely required lawful permanent residents to present unnecessary documentation when their Permanent Resident Cards expired.

Under the settlement, Maxim will pay a civil penalty of \$7,488 to the United States and \$1,750 in lost wages to the affected worker, train its employees on the INA's anti-discrimination requirements, revise its employment policies and processes, and be subject to monitoring by DOJ.

Details:

- [DOJ press release](#) (May 15, 2024).
- [Settlement agreement](#) (May 15, 2024).

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[Retrogression Likely in EB-2 and EB-3 Categories, Visa Bulletin for June 2024 States](#)

The Department of State's (DOS) Visa Bulletin for June 2024 notes that high demand in the employment-based second (EB-2) and third (EB-3) categories will most likely necessitate retrogression of the worldwide final action date (including Mexico and Philippines) next month to hold number use within the maximum allowed under the fiscal year 2024 annual limit. The bulletin states that DOS will monitor this situation and make any necessary adjustments.

The bulletin also notes that the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024, signed into law on December 22, 2023, may affect certain current and former employees of the U.S. government abroad applying for Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) abroad or adjustment of status in the United States. This does not affect certain Iraqis and Afghans, the bulletin notes, adding that applicants "should contact the consular section at which they filed their Form DS-1884 for further information on the impact of that law on their case."

Details:

- [DOS Visa Bulletin for June 2024](#).

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[USCIS Clarifies Policy on Location of H-3 Training](#)

On May 8, 2024, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issued policy guidance clarifying when H-3 nonimmigrants may participate in training provided on the property of an academic or vocational institution. USCIS noted that this was a clarification rather than a change in policy.

USCIS explained that generally, H-3 trainees "cannot participate in training provided primarily at or by an academic or vocational institution." The updated policy guidance clarifies that "if other H-3 requirements are met, training that happens to take place on the physical property of an academic or vocational institution may qualify if the training program is primarily created, offered, and sponsored by a government agency or other nonacademic or nonvocational entity."

Details:

- [USCIS alert](#) (May 8, 2024).

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OFLC Seeks Comments on Proposed Three-Year Extension of Labor Condition Application and WH-4 Forms for H-1B, H-1B1, and E-3 Temporary Programs

The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announced its intent to extend the Office of Foreign Labor Certification's Labor Condition Application (LCA) forms and the Wage and Hour Division's WH-4 complaint form for three years and invited public comments until July 5, 2024. DOL proposes the extensions without changes.

The information collection request includes LCA Forms ETA-9035, ETA-9035E (electronic), ETA-9035 and 9035E Appendix A, ETA-9035CP Instructions, and the WH-4 complaint form.

Written comments must be submitted in accordance with the notice's instructions.

Details:

- [OFLC notice](#) (scroll to May 6, 2024).
- [Federal Register notice](#) (with a link to submit comments) (May 6, 2024).

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DOL Ratifies Final H-2A Rule's AEWR Methodology

The Department of Labor (DOL) published a notice stating that the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training (ETA) ratified a final H-2A rule published February 28, 2023, [Adverse Effect Wage Rate Methodology for the Temporary Employment of H-2A Nonimmigrants in the Non-Range Occupations in the United States](#). The ratification was signed on May 3, 2024.

The notice explains that the final rule has become the subject of litigation asserting that the final rule was improperly issued. Specifically, a question concerns whether the final rule was approved by the Attorney General in consultation with the Secretaries of Labor and Agriculture. The notice states that on April 29, 2024, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretaries of Labor and Agriculture, approved the final rule. Before its issuance in February 2023, the final rule was provided to the Departments of Homeland Security and Agriculture through an interagency review process, the notice says. To "resolve any possible uncertainty," the DOL, through its Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, is ratifying the final rule "out of an abundance of caution."

The ratification certifies, among other things, that "the employment of H-2A workers will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of workers in the United States similarly employed, and that the changes adopted in the Final Rule best strike the balance between the statute's competing goals of providing employers with an adequate supply of legal agricultural labor and protecting the wages of workers in the United States similarly employed."

Details:

- [DOL ratification notice](#), 89 Fed. Reg. 38838 (May 8, 2024).

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DOJ Secures Agreement With Climate Nonprofit to Resolve Immigration-Related Employment Discrimination Claims

The Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that it secured a settlement agreement with Second Nature, a nonprofit organization based in Massachusetts, on May 9, 2024. The agreement resolves DOJ's determination that Second Nature violated the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) by posting discriminatory job advertisements that deterred non-U.S. citizens from applying for open positions.

DOJ explained that after opening an investigation based on a worker's complaint, its Civil Rights Division's Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER) concluded that "Second Nature posted a job advertisement inviting applications only from U.S. citizens. In doing so, the company deterred non-U.S. citizens with permission to work (such as people granted asylum or refugee status, and lawful permanent residents) from applying to the job advertisements and being fairly considered for the employment opportunities." The investigation also determined that "the lawful permanent resident who filed the complaint was deterred from applying for the job because of the discriminatory language in the posting."

Under the settlement, Second Nature will pay a \$4,610 civil penalty to the United States and pay the affected worker \$904 in lost wages. The agreement also requires the company to train those employees who recruit on the INA's requirements, revise its employment policies, and be subject to monitoring and reporting requirements.

Details:

- [DOJ press release](#) (May 9, 2024).
- [Settlement agreement](#) (May 9, 2024).

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ABIL Global: France

A new law to control immigration entered into force on January 26, 2024.

The new law's legislative journey and the media debate around it have been very intense over several months. Important measures like massive regularization of undocumented workers in short-staffed professions have finally been rejected by the Senate.

The legislative process has been lively: after the adoption by the Senate of a text presenting several setbacks for foreigners' rights, a motion for prior rejection was adopted by the National Assembly. Finally, Deputies from the majority, the right wing, and the far right wing agreed on the final text, including several measures already identified as unconstitutional.

The Constitutional Council, in its decision of January 25, censured 35 articles of the law. The Constitutional Council has deemed the following measures unconstitutional:

- *Migration quotas.* The law planned the establishment of "quotas" to cap for the next three years the number of foreigners admitted to the country. Because this measure was considered unconstitutional by the Constitutional Council, quotas will not be implemented.
- *Family reunification.* The conditions for family reunification will remain the same. The extension of the duration of residence in France for more than 24 months has been deemed unconstitutional as well as the other new measures regarding family reunification.

With regard to aspects relating more to private life, the following measures deemed unconstitutional have been excluded:

- Tightening of the conditions to be met by a foreigner married to a French national to be issued with a temporary residence permit bearing the title "private and family life" for a period of one year;
- Tightening of the conditions for issuing a residence permit for reasons of study; and
- Full right issuance of a long-stay visa to British nationals who own a secondary home in France.

Legislative Changes

Measures under this new law that directly impact professional immigration include:

Talent Passport Residence Permits

"Talent Passport" residence permits change their name to "Talent" residence permits, in a simplification effort.

The following three Talent Passport residence permits all merge to a single "Talent—Qualified employee" residence permit: (1) Talent—Passport Qualified employee, (2) Talent Passport employee of an innovative company, and (3) Talent Passport intra-company. This simplification does not modify the initial conditions required for each status, but the minimum salary thresholds could change since the article refers to "*a salary threshold set by decree in the Council of State,*" which has not yet been published.

The following three Talent Passport residence permits will all merge into a single "Talent—Project Bearer" residence permit: (1) Talent Passport—Business Creation, (2) Talent Passport innovative economic project, and (3) Talent Passport economic investment.

The new law also creates a "Talent—medical and pharmacy professions" residence permit for doctors, midwives, dental surgeons, and pharmacists.

Regularization of Undocumented Workers in Short-Staffed Professions

The law gives prefects discretion to regularize an undocumented worker who has lived in France for at least three years; worked at least 12 months, consecutive or not, over the last 24 months; and has a job in a short-staffed profession in a specific area. This will allow the issuance of a residence permit bearing the title "temporary worker" or "employee" for a period of one year. The worker can apply without the employer's approval.

Olympic Games 2024

The Olympic Games will take place in Paris and other cities (Marseille, Toulouse, Lille) from July 26 to August 11, 2024. The Paralympic Games will take place from August 28 to September 8, 2024.

Among measures for foreigners is the possibility for foreign students to participate in private security activities. The work time performed in these activities will not be considered in the calculation of the ancillary work time allowed for foreign students, which is 60 percent of the annual work time (i.e., around 964 hours per year).

Also, according to the French Ministry and consulates in the United States, a simplified process has been implemented for travelers for whom an accreditation request is submitted to the Olympic or Paralympic

Committee, such as members of the Olympic and Paralympic Committees, athletes, accompanying persons, media, and official guests.

They can appear in any visa center to apply for a visa without an appointment; a time slot is dedicated to them every morning. They only need to provide their passport, proof of accreditation, and photos. Fingerprinting takes place as well. There are no visa fees to be paid and no visa form to be filled out before submission of the application.

Absence of Transposition of EU Blue Card Directive

On January 25, 2024, the European Commission announced adoption of a set of decisions concerning delays in the transposition of European Union (EU) Directives. France is on notice for failure to transpose the directive of October 20, 2021, relating to the European Blue Card.

States had until November 18, 2023, to adapt their internal laws to EU Directives. In France, the law of January 26, 2024 (which includes several articles related to the work of foreigners) did not include any modification of the Foreigners Code (CESEDA) for European Blue Card status.

French authorities had two months to respond and complete the transposition. Failing this, the Commission could issue a reasoned opinion and, in the absence of a response, bring the matter before the EU Court of Justice. As of May 30, 2024, there was no update regarding the transposition of the EU Blue Card Directive into French law, and the Commission had not yet issued its opinion.

The Foreigners Code (CESEDA) includes several provisions relating to the multi-year "talent, European blue card" residence card, but those are not in line with the Directive: the possibility for the foreigner to present an employment contract or a job offer of at least six months (currently 12 months); duration of the residence permit set at a minimum of 24 months (currently one year); and possible mobility to another Member State after 12 months of legal residence in the first Member State (instead of 18).

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New Publications and Items of Interest

Webinar on Farmworker Protection Final Rule: The Department of Labor (DOL) will host a public [webinar](#) on Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 1 to 2 p.m. for employers, agricultural associations, farm labor contractors, farmworkers, advocates, and others on changes to the H-2A and Wagner-Peyser Employment Service programs made by the 2024 Farmworker Protection Final Rule. Participants will hear from DOL's Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC), the Office of Workforce Investment, and the Wage and Hour Division about key aspects of the rule. The Final Rule is effective June 28, 2024. OFLC will begin accepting applications subject to the provisions of the rule on August 29, 2024. OFLC's announcement is [here](#) (scroll to May 21, 2024).

Fact Sheet on I-9 Fine Calculations: Homeland Security Investigations has released a fact sheet for employers on fine calculations for [Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification](#).

CIS Ombudsman: New features for case assistance requests. On May 9, 2024, the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman announced [new features](#) "to improve the case assistance request experience." The new features include updates to the DHS Form 7001, Request for Case Assistance page. For example, the form is now interactive with a progress bar, sections that adapt questions based on answers, alerts for missing information, and a screen for reviewing and editing answers before submitting.

USCIS EB-5 Q&A update. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) updated its [questions and answers on the EB-5 program](#) in May 2024.

[HHS final rule on DACA/noncitizen eligibility for Qualified Health Plans](#). Effective November 1, 2024, a [final rule](#) issued by the Department of Health and Human Services provides that Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients and certain other noncitizens will be included in the definitions of "lawfully present" that are used to determine eligibility to enroll in a Qualified Health Plan through an Exchange, for Advance Payments of the Premium Tax Credit and Cost-Sharing Reductions, or for a Basic Health Program.

Immigration agency X (formerly Twitter) accounts:

- EOIR: @DOJ_EOIR
- ICE: @ICEgov
- Study in the States: @StudyinStates
- USCIS: @USCIS

Alliance of Business Immigration Lawyers: ABIL is available on X (formerly Twitter): [@ABILImmigration](#)

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ABIL Member/Firm News

Klasko Immigration Law Partners, LLP, has published several new blog posts: [Considerations for Early-Career Scholars and EB-1B Outstanding Researcher/Professor Petitions](#), [Digital Nomad Visa Programs: An APAC Update](#), and [Visa Reconsideration and Fee Waiver for Applicants Impacted by Presidential Proclamation 9645](#).

Klasko Immigration Law Partners, LLP, has published [The Immigration Considerations to Attract and Retain Remote Staff Working Abroad](#). In the article, Klasko attorneys **Tim D'Arduini**, **Jordan Gonzalez**, and **Sarah Holler** outline the numerous considerations employers must consider when putting together a global remote work policy, from visas and work authorization to tax and labor law considerations.

Charles Kuck was [interviewed](#) on NewsNation about border issues. He corrected some facts and put the blame for a broken immigration system on Congress.

Mr. Kuck was quoted by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in [In Atlanta, Long Lines of Migrants Reflect Surge at Border](#). Commenting on long lines at Atlanta's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office, Mr. Kuck said, "I haven't seen this in 25 years."

Cyrus Mehta has authored a new blog post: [Who Are the Undocumented Immigrants That Would Become Targets of Trump's Deportation Army If He Got Reelected?](#)

Mr. Mehta and Kaitlyn Box have authored several new blog posts: [Ethical Obligations of the Public Official Lawyer Who Falsely Undermines the Criminal Justice System After Trump's Conviction](#), [Saving the Labor Certification for the Backlogged Beneficiary Even After the Job Has Changed](#), and [The Much Neglected Schedule A, Group II Green Card Option Gets a Boost After USCIS Broadens the Sciences and Arts Definition](#).

David Isaacson, of **Cyrus D. Mehta & Associates, PLLC**, has authored a new blog post: [Harrow v. Department of Defense and What it Means for Immigration Cases: The 30-Day Time Limit for Filing a Petition for Review Is Still Very Important, But Probably Not Jurisdictional Anymore](#).

Stephen Yale-Loehr and another professor at Cornell Law School have secured a \$1.5 million grant from Bay Area humanitarian foundation Crankstart to fund Path2Papers, an innovative nonprofit that provides legal assistance to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients and DACA-eligible individuals. Based at Cornell Law, Path2Papers offers legal consultations and guidance to DACA-eligible

San Francisco Bay-area residents and Cornell students, the *Cornell Daily Sun* [explained](#). "Path2Papers' ties to Cornell extend even further. The programs legal team is composed of five lawyers, three of whom are Cornell alumni. It will also be the focus of Cornell Law's [1L Immigration Law and Advocacy Clinic](#)." Mr. Yale-Loehr said that DACA's precarity highlights the importance of Path2Papers' work. "The DACA program could be terminated by the courts or [a] new administration, [and] many DACA recipients don't know if they'll have legal residency options." Path2Papers has already yielded results, the *Daily Sun* noted. "Since the program's launch in January, over 130 DACA or DACA-eligible individuals and employers have registered for a consultation, 50 percent of whom—the Path2Papers' team has found—are potentially eligible for a work-related visa or green card."

Mr. Yale-Loehr authored an op-ed, [Commentary: A Match Made in New York: Job Openings and Immigrants](#), published by the Albany, NY *Times Union*. The article discusses New York's population outmigration and plethora of job openings and recommends ways to remove obstacles so immigrants can fill them.

Mr. Yale-Loehr was quoted by *Univision* in [Biden's New Asylum Rule Submitted for Public Comment: These are the Keys](#). The article (in Spanish, with English translation available) discusses a new proposed rule to allow asylum officers to consider the possible applicability of certain asylum prohibitions and legal withholding of removal during certain credible fear assessments. The measure will be "challenged in courts of law," Mr. Yale-Loehr said, noting that it is "much more limited than previous ideas that were proposed, such as an executive action that prevents certain people from even entering the United States." He said the prohibitions authorized during the initial credible fear evaluation stage "will be the subject of a judicial dispute."

Mr. Yale-Loehr was quoted by *Voice of America* in [Biden Proposal Would Target Some Migrants for Quicker Denial of Asylum](#). He said the Biden administration is between "a rock and a hard place" and that "the public is demanding immigration changes. The Biden administration seems damned if it tries to do anything to resolve the border crisis and damned if it doesn't."

Mr. Yale-Loehr was quoted by *Marketplace Morning Report* in [Biden Administration Rule Will Give DACA Recipients Access to Federal Health Insurance for the First Time](#). He noted that there are about 600,000 DACA recipients living in the United States now. "The new rule estimates that about 100,000 of them are currently uninsured and can qualify for this kind of health insurance through the Affordable Care Act because of the relatively low incomes they are earning."

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