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# NEWSLETTER

## **1.) U.S. Department Of State (DOS) Releases the August 2010 Visa Bulletin**

On July 12, 2010, the Department of State released the Visa Bulletin for August 2010. As was the case in the July 2010 Visa Bulletin, most categories, both family and employment-based, experienced significant progression in cut-off dates due to lower-than-expected applicant demand and the DOS's concerted effort to utilize all available numbers before September 30, 2010, the end of the current fiscal year. Such progression should not be expected on a monthly basis and should not be taken as a sign that future retrogression of cut-off dates is not possible. If your priority date is now current due to the recent progressions of cut-off dates, please contact your designated MMH Attorney to take prompt action on your case. [http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/bulletin/bulletin\\_5092.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/bulletin/bulletin_5092.html).

## **2.) U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Announces Latest FY 2011 H-1B Filing Numbers**

Each fiscal year, a numerical limitation of 65,000 is imposed upon new H-1B petitions (the "cap"), with an additional 20,000 available to foreign nationals who possess a master's or higher degree from a U.S. institution (the "advanced degree exemption"). The USCIS has announced that as of July 23, 2010, approximately 26,000 cap-subject H-1B petitions and 11,300 H-1B petitions filed under the advanced degree exemption are pending or have been approved for FY 2011. If you would like to pursue an H-1B petition for a foreign national, or you would like to discuss other available nonimmigrant options, please contact your designated MMH Attorney. [http://www.uscis.gov/h-1b\\_count](http://www.uscis.gov/h-1b_count).

## **3.) U.S. Department Of Homeland Security (DHS) Finalizes New Rule on Electronic Completion and Storage Of I-9s**

On July 21, 2010, the Department of Homeland Security published the final rule regarding the ability of employers to electronically sign and store I-9s. The final rule makes only minor changes to the interim rule published by the DHS in 2006. <http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/1007/100721washingtndc.htm>.

## **4.) U.S. District Court Issues Partial Injunction of Controversial Arizona Immigration Law**

On July 28, 2010, the United States District Court for the District of Arizona issued a preliminary injunction preventing the State of Arizona from enforcing four specific provisions in its new controversial immigration law ("SB 1070"). The following day, the State of Arizona filed an appeal of this partial injunction. All other provisions of SB 1070 began to be enforced on July 29, 2010, as specified in the legislation. For the full text of the District Court's order, please go to the following URL: [http://www.azd.uscourts.gov/azd/courtinfo.nsf/983700DFEE44B56B0725776E005D6CCB/\\$file/10-1413-87.pdf](http://www.azd.uscourts.gov/azd/courtinfo.nsf/983700DFEE44B56B0725776E005D6CCB/$file/10-1413-87.pdf).

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