

2022 IN PERSPECTIVE FROM THE INSIGHTFUL IMMIGRATION BLOG

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Thank you for reading and supporting The Insightful Immigration Blog. Listed below are the top 10 most viewed blogs that were published in 2022. While these are the 10 most viewed blogs, each blog is a carefully crafted gem, and we invite you to read all of them.

Our blogs covered several major themes. <u>Federal courts</u> continued to block President Biden's immigration policies especially on prosecutorial discretion.

DACA continues to remain in the balance. Our blogs covered all the <u>developments</u> on DACA and even <u>contrasted</u> the Fifth Circuit decision in *Texas v. US* with the DC Circuit decision upholding the STEM rule.

Delays remain endemic especially for Indian born beneficiaries in the EB-2 and EB-3 backlogs. Our blogs not only <u>commented</u> on the backlogs but also provided <u>strategies</u> for backlogged beneficiaries including <u>left behind</u> derivative beneficiaries.

Our blogs also addressed the current <u>termination</u> of H-1B workers and strategies for them to remain in status as well as suggestions on how <u>Biden</u> could ameliorate the hardships caused due to falling out of status.

Our blogs also covered immigration <u>relief</u> as a result of Russia's aggression of <u>Ukraine</u>, focused on unique <u>ethical issues</u> arising from *Patel v. Garland* and the <u>dismissal</u> of removal cases as well as covered evolving standards in the <u>EB-1</u> and STEM areas for <u>O-1</u> petitions.

We also addressed important developments concerning <u>labor certification</u> <u>procedure</u> and <u>EB-5</u>.

Cyrus Mehta along with Kaitlyn Box and Jessica Paszko were the key contributors to most of the blogs, always endeavoring through their passion for writing to ensure that each blog remains an important reference and resource to practitioners, policy wonks and laypersons. We also thank guest writer Professor Stacy Caplow for contributing two excellent blogs, here and <a href=here as well as David Isaacson for always being willing to vet our ideas when writing new blogs. We will ensure that our blogs continue to remain insightful in the immigration law field as we enter 2023. Thank you for your support.

Our top-ten most read blogs in 2022 were:

- 1. <u>Frequently Asked Questions on Transferring the Underlying Basis of an I-485 application from an I-140 petition under India EB-3 to an I-140 under India EB-2</u>
- 2. <u>H-1B Extension Beyond Six Years Will Not Be Granted If Priority Date is</u>
 <u>Current and Green Card is Not Applied for Within One Year</u>
- 3. Solutions for the Family Member Who Did Not Get the Employment Based Green Card with the Principal Family Member on September 30, 2022
- 4. <u>Huh? Why Should Requesting a Transfer of Underlying Basis with an I-485 Supplement | Restart the 180-Day Portability Clock?</u>
- 5. <u>Will USCIS Waste Precious Employment Based Green Cards as it</u>
 <u>Announces Push to Use as Many as Possible by September 30?</u>
- 6. <u>Maintenance of H-1B/L-1 Status after Travelling Back On Advance Parole:</u> Executive Legerdemain under the Cronin Memo
- 7. I-485 Supplement | Should Not Be the Only Vehicle to Express Portability
- 8. Ethical Dimensions of Patel v. Garland
- 9. <u>Guide to Terminated Noncitizen Workers: Preserving Nonimmigrant Status and Permanent Residency Options</u>
- 10. USCIS Guidance Enabling STEM Gradates to Obtain EB-1 Should Apply Equally to EB-1 Extraordinary Petitions for Green Cards

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