

LEGAL RIGHTS



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Obama ready to move on immigration

both political parties to form legislation as early as next fall.

And this doubt raises a lot of concern and anxiety for the many illegal and legal immigrants currently living in the US.

What rights will I gain? What rights will I lose? Will there be a massive overhaul for illegal immigrants? What all requirements will be made specific in order to gain citizenship?

All those questions, none of them answered.

Not yet anyway.

But I've always went by the cliché, "it's better to be safe than sorry," and I think that expression holds true for the current immigration debate.

With legislation possibly going into effect as early as next fall, the time is minimal before illegal immigrants could earn a right to citizenship and already legalized citizens would be questioned for their papers and documentation.

That is why I highly suggest newly established immigrants from the Philippines to take the time to gather their immigration papers and consult an immigration lawyer.

Why? If the current recession isn't enough proof, it's safe to say we live in a rather unsafe and unpredictable society. Things can change and they can change for the worse at any given moment.

Who knows were legislation will stand on immigration by fall?

There's a strong possibility that the current economic crisis and plethora of other national issues will take precedence, but Obama's goal to address immi-

gration also shall not be overlooked.

Obama will likely face a lot of debate and criticism not only from the public, but also from Congress. Still, I think Obama takes this issue personal and want to find a better option for the some 12 million illegal immigrants in the US.

Many opponents of immigration reform stress that massive legalization would further take jobs away from Americans, but the point may be a little mute because as one White House Administration official put it, "Mr. Obama's plan does not add new workers to the American work force, but rather recognizes millions of illegal immigrants already working in America."

The White House is currently calculating public support for fixing the immigration system, which is already commonly acknowledged as "broken." According to early reports from the study, the supportive voters appear to outweigh the opposition.

All these signs point to an early and possibly swift debate on immigration.

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IMMIGRATION HIGHLIGHTS



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How to avoid loan modification scams

other services in connection with residential mortgage.

A scam artist will ask you to sign a deed on your residence and he will take care of paying the mortgage while he allows you to stay in your residence and pay him rent on the property. The truth here is that you are still liable on the mortgage and the scam artist is getting your rent but at the same time he is not paying the mortgage.

Question: *What are the ways the scam can be avoided?*

Answer: Some of the ways to avoid scam are:

Do not disclose personal information such as your name, address, social security number to anyone who is not licensed to do business of loan modification.

Call the State Bar of California at 1-800-843-9053 to check if the lawyer you are dealing with is an active member in good standing.

If you are dealing with a Real Estate Broker or Agent, call the Department of Real Estate at (916) 227-0770 to verify the legality of any contract proposal by the foreclosure consultants.

If you are a victim of scam, report the case to the State Attorney General Office at (916) 445-9555.

Do not sign anything that you did not read and understand.

Note: This is not a legal advice. We provide free consultation on loan modification only.

May 2009 Visa Bulletin

A. Family Based Preferences:

1. First Preference Unmarried Sons and Daughter of Citizens - August 1, 1993
2. Second Preference: a. Spouses and Minor Children of Permanent Residents - Oct. 08, 2004
3. This Preference advanced by 7 weeks since last month.
4. b. Unmarried Sons and Daughter 21 years and over of Lawful Permanent Residents - Feb. 1, 1998
5. This Preference advanced by 2 weeks since last month.
6. 3. Third Preference Married Sons and Daughters of Citizens - June 22, 1991
7. This Preference advanced by one week since last month.
8. 4. Fourth Preference Brothers and Sisters of Adult Citizens - July 8, 1986
9. This Preference advanced by 2 weeks since last month.
10. B. Employment Based Preferences:
 1. Third Preference - Skilled Workers & Professionals - Unavailable
 2. Unskilled - Other Workers - Unavailable
 3. Scheduled A Workers - Unavailable

Immigration tips of the week

We again have successfully obtained a waiver of fraud or misrepresentation in Immigration Court for a green card holder who entered as single but is actually married.

Denied adjustment of status and Naturalization applications are now being sent to the Immigration Court.

Income tax filing is required in the proposed legalization. Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) can be used for filing tax returns and is required before bank accounts can be opened. Our office assists clients in obtaining ITIN.

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DR. VAL'S DENTAL VIEWS



DR. VALERIE DE LEON

How to keep your teeth in your mouth and not in the glass

your teeth and may injure your gums. Normally toothbrushes should be replaced every three (3) months or when the bristles how sign of wear or right after a sickness.

Why floss?

To prevent tooth decay and gum disease, plaque must be thoroughly removed from all tooth surfaces. Unfortunately, your brush can't reach effectively between your teeth and under the gumline because tooth decay and periodontal disease often start in these areas, it is as important to floss on a daily basis as it is to brush.

Flossing is a skill that needs to be learned. Do not be discouraged if you find it difficult at first. With practice, you will find that flossing takes only a few minutes of your time each day.

There are also other types of interdental cleaners, such as thin spiral brushes or wedge-shaped wooden sticks that can be used to help keep your gums and the spaces between your teeth clean and healthy. Your dentist or dental hygienist can help you choose, and instruct you on the proper use of the oral health aides that are best for you.

What about mouthwashes, toothpastes and other oral care products?

There are variety of products available to help support your oral health. Mouthrinses, gels and toothpastes with fluoride can be used to help prevent decay. Some mouthwashes and toothpastes contain ingredients with antibacterial properties and can help prevent or control gingivitis (gum inflammation). Others contain ingredients to reduce the formation of tartar, the hardened plaque that forms on teeth over time.

Gum and mints containing xylitol, a natural sweetener that reduces decay causing bacteria, can be used as part of an overall strategy to help reduce cavities. Additional information about products are available at the California Dental Association.

Are regular check-ups really that important?

Yes! When your dentist looks in your mouth, he or she is not only looking for the signs of tooth decay and gum disease, but also for signs of systemic diseases as your mouth is often a good indicator of your overall health. Conditions such as precancerous or cancerous lesions, diabetes, blocked salivary glands, and even HIV or AIDS can often be detected in an oral exam. Additionally,

there is growing evidence of links between periodontal disease (gum disease) and heart disease, some respiratory diseases and low-birth weight babies. To maintain your general health, it is important to maintain your oral health!

Beyond the connection to your general health, regular dental care is essential to preventing more complicated dental problems from developing. Good oral hygiene practices, that includes daily brushing and flossing, eating a healthy diet and visiting your dentist for a check-up twice a year or as often as dentist recommends is the best way to keep your teeth healthy and in your mouth and not in the glass.

To find out if you would benefit from denture relines or new dentures, call Dr. De Leon for a free consultation at 650-697-9000. Dr. de Leon is with Millbrae Smile Center located at 15 El Camino Real, Millbrae CA. She is a member of American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Academy of Laser Dentistry, ADA, CDA, SMCDS And AGD.

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How not to dial M for...

hell aside from Dante's Inferno? Black holes could fit the bill as a repository for lost souls, a cold, dark, fetid, eternal state of gnawing pain and bitter regret, filled with the piercing screams of the damned, without the presence of God, and forever blotted out from all memory except their own.

Is it possible that the morally bankrupt and depraved, regard the taking of a life as an option when things do not go their way or when the course of their lives hit a snag and overweening pride tells them to end it all, instead of getting down on their knees to pray to the God of their beings for the humility, the courage and the strength to endure? Gone is the fear of God, much less the love of God. As we steer farther and farther away from God and place something else in the center of our lives, scenarios of helplessness and despair such as what we are witnessing more frequently these days may be expected to unfold with eerie regularity.

Many of us have become egocentric, overly individualistic, self-absorbed individuals. Perhaps during this period of testing, we would be a lot happier, healthier and less prone to veer towards lives of quiet desperation if we focused less and less on ourselves and more on the welfare of the other person and commit spontaneous, frequent acts of kindness and generosity to family members, total strang-

SEAFOOD CITY SUPERMARKET

The largest Filipino/Asian retail business in US needs to fill up the following positions in

MANAGEMENT TRAINEES
We are looking for qualified individuals to be trained for Store management positions. Retail experience would be an advantage. People oriented: Enjoys interacting with others; able to work as part of a team; has leadership qualities to manage and mobilize a group of people to achieve assigned goals. Has positive attitude: Energetic, enthusiastic and optimistic.

Successful applicants must be willing to be trained in all aspects of grocery and fresh food operations, be able to lift up to 50 lbs., work long hours in a standing position and must be willing to work in any of the Seafood City Store branches for short to medium durations depending on the needs of the company.

SUPERVISORY TRAINEES
We are looking for candidates willing to be trained in certain areas of Store Operations such as grocery, seafood, meat and produce departments. A Self starter and people oriented: Should be a "hands on" person with good people skills and able to support and lead a team of 10-20 people in a department. Candidate should possess excellent time management and organizational skills and must be able to lift up to 50 lbs., work for long hours in a standing position.

Successful applicants will undergo 3-6 month training program in an assigned dry or fresh department. Must be willing to work in any of the Seafood City Store branches for short to medium durations depending on the needs of the company.

CASHIERS
Responsible for cashiering and point of sales operations in the store. Must possess good customer service skills, must be able to pay attention to details and can work long hours in a standing position.

MEAT SLICERS/ CLERKS
Service customers' meat orders. Fast & safe worker. Willing to learn. Able to work with minimum supervision. Able to lift 50-lb boxes. Experience not necessary. Will train qualified candidates.

FISH CLEANERS
Responsible for cleaning and scaling fish. Can work with minimum supervision. Able to lift 50 lb. boxes. Experience not necessary. We will train qualified candidates.

UTILITY PERSONNEL
Responsible for keeping the store orderly and clean. Sweeps, mops, scrubs, etc. Able to lift 50 lb. boxes.

Please e-mail resume to hrdepartment@seafoodcity.com or mail application to 2883 Surveyor Street, Pomona, CA 91768