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### The Monthly Newsletter

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### What's New

### IMMIGRATION TODAY

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### Azarmehr Law Group Awarded "2022 Best Immigration Lawyers in Austin"

by Angela Lertkiratikul

Starting off the New Year with an announcement, Azarmehr Law Group (ALG) was awarded "2022 Best Immigration Lawyers in Austin" by Expertise.com, whose main purpose is to assist individuals through their in-depth research by conducting a selection process and identifying the top service professionals in approximately over 200 different industries across the cities in the United States.

The selection criteria that ALG was graded on were based on our history of satisfied customers and their recommendations, our qualifications, our experience in the industry, our engagement with clients, and our professionalism. Once they confirmed ALG met all the general requirements and passed their selection criteria, their team hand-pick the best for their annual list to be formally distributed and assist those seeking assistance for immigration legal services.

Out of 215 Immigration Lawyers in Austin, Texas, we were one of the top firms picked by their team. ALG is thankful for this award from Expertise.com, and for the opportunities ahead to connect with others.

### Immigration Today

### THE LATEST NEWS ON IMMICRATION



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THE OUTLOOK ON H-1B VISAS AND IMMIGRATION IN 2022

#### BY STUART ANDERSON

For the sixth consecutive year, we should not expect Donald Trump to visit the Statue of Liberty and celebrate America's tradition as a nation of immigrants. But what will Joe Biden, his administration and Congress do on immigration in 2022? Events and policy choices in 2022 will help determine Joe Biden's immigration legacy.

(Read more <u>here.)</u>



Greg Bulla - @gregbulla

## BIDEN ADMINISTRATION RESULTS IN MORE OF THE SAME TRUMP IMMIGRATION POLICIES

#### BYPRISCILLA ALVAREZ

(CNN) President Joe Biden kicked off his administration with lofty goals to revamp America's immigration system, but with the end of the year approaching, lawsuits and infighting have stalled policy changes, officials have fielded criticism from allies and critics over management of the US southern border, and efforts to pass immigration revisions seem farther away.

(Read more here.)



NeONBRAND - @neonbrand

## FEWER IMMIGRANT WORKERS ARE COMING TO FILL KEY JOBS. THAT HAS SLOWED THE U.S. ECONOMY

#### BY JOEL ROSE

From the moment you walk through the door of Jagdeep Nayyar's restaurant near I-81 in Central Pennsylvania, it's clear who his customers are.

The cashier's stand is fashioned from the front panel of a real Tata truck – the best-selling brand in India.

"Every American food is available on every exit," Nayyar tells NPR in an interview. "So it came to my mind, why not open an Indian restaurant?"

(Read more here.)

# THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

**Announcements, Articles, and All Things Immigration** 

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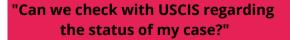
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Thinking about adding #NewUSCitizen to your list of resolutions for 2022? Use our new eligibility tool to determine your eligibility online before creating an account. Get started today:



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Yes! You can check online here.





USCIS Reverts to Previous Criteria for Interviewing Petitioners Requesting Derivative Refugee and Asylee Status for Family Members.

Release Date - 12/10/2021

"USCIS is rescinding a November 2020 policy memorandum requiring interviews of all petitioners filing Form I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition."

(Read more here.)



USCIS Announces FY 2021 Accomplishments

Release Date - 12/20/2021

WASHINGTON—Today, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is releasing preliminary fiscal year (FY) 2021 agency statistics and accomplishments.

(Read more here.)

USCIS Temporarily Waiving 60-Day Rule for Civil Surgeon Signatures

Release Date - 12/09/2021

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is temporarily waiving the requirement that the civil surgeon sign Form I-693, Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record, no more than 60 days before an applicant files an application for the underlying immigration benefit (including Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status), until Sept. 30, 2022.

(Read more here.)

""How long does the process take?"

You may check the current average processing times <u>here.</u>





## Immigration & International Law Firm



QUESTION OF THE MONTH

WHAT ARE YOUR 2022 RESOLUTIONS?

Our family here at Azarmehr Law Group (ALG) wishes you and your loved ones a healthy and happy New Year!

Due to the progression of the COVID-19 Omicron Variant, we are encouraging our clients to not stop by in person at the office at this time without scheduling an appointment in advance. If possible, please scan and email, fax, or mail your documents instead, if possible. We understand these options are not accessible for everyone, so please be sure to call and schedule an appointment in advance so that we may prepare accordingly for your appointment. Our office requests that if you attend an inperson appointment, please wear a mask and follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. These safety precautions are to ensure your safety and safety for our staff.

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