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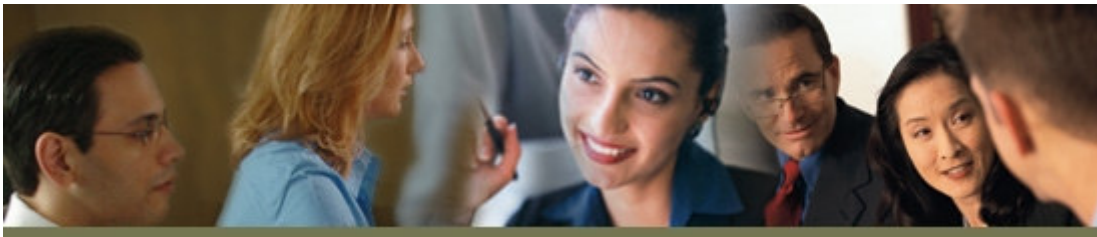
IMMIGRATION LAW ALERT:

H-1B Advanced Degree Limit Has Been Reached for 2008

The US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) announced that the H-1B limit has been reached for applicants with an advanced degree from a US university for the 2008 fiscal year. The H-1B Visa is a numerically limited visa, and once the limit (or "cap") is reached, no new H-1Bs are available until the next fiscal year -- October 1, 2008 (2009 fiscal year). The government's fiscal year runs from October until September.

Foreign nationals working for certain colleges or universities, and persons who currently have an H-1B, are exempt from the cap. For more information on H-1Bs visit the [Clark Hill website](#).

We are hopeful that Congress will take action to increase the number of H-1B visas available. The unavailability of H-1B visas until next year, coupled with a continually growing employment based green card backlog for permanent employees, puts American businesses at a severe disadvantage globally. If these professionals are not permitted to come to, or stay in, the US to share their expertise, they will go to other countries. We encourage you to [contact your Congressperson](#) to voice your concern.



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