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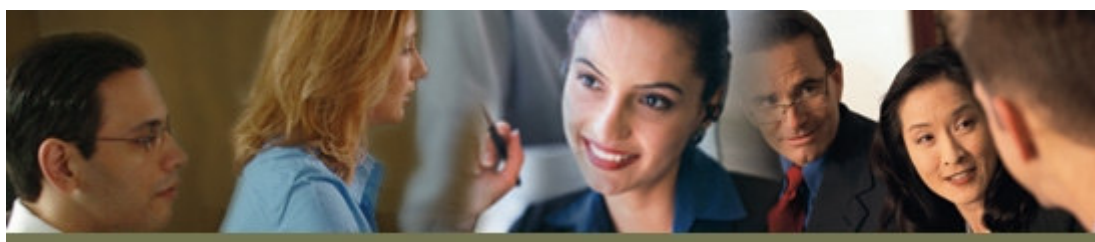
## IMMIGRATION LAW UPDATE:

### **Government Reopens July Employment Based Adjustment Filings**

We have just learned that, effective immediately, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) [will accept employment-based Adjustment of Status applications](#) (Form I-485) filed by foreign nationals whose priority dates are current under the [July Visa Bulletin, No. 107](#), which was issued on June 12th. USCIS will continue to accept these applications as long as they are filed by **August 17, 2007**. Cases filed on July 2<sup>nd</sup> or after will now be processed. From August 17th until October 1st, no employment based Adjustment of Status applications will be accepted.

This recent announcement reverses the USCIS's [July 2 announcement that no Adjustment of Status filings would be accepted during the month of July](#). The USCIS made their decision after being advised by the Department of State that employment-based visa numbers were no longer available for the fiscal year 2007. For more on priority dates generally, please see our [prior Immigration Update](#).

This change came as a result of threatened litigation by the American Immigration Law Foundation, a sister organization to the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and Congressional pressure.



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