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### United States v. Arizona

Citing violations of the Constitution's Supremacy Clause (which prohibits states from interfering with the federal government's authority to set national policy), the Department of Justice has filed suit to challenge the state of Arizona's immigration law, SB 1070....[Read More.](#)



To read an update on the status of immigration reform, [click here.](#)

### President Obama on Immigration Reform

President Obama's recent speech on immigration reform called for bipartisan cooperation in overhauling the current immigration system. He re-stated the need for comprehensive reform and outlined a plan....[Read More.](#)

### New Priority Dates Could Mean Sooner Green Cards



New published priority dates for U.S. immigrant visas may mean waiting applicants from India and China may be able to obtain their permanent residence status sooner than previously expected ....[Read More.](#)

### New Consular Fees for Immigrant Visas and Passports

Following an increase in consular fees for non-immigrant visa applications, the Department of State recently announced changes in fees for immigrant visa applications as well as passport services for U.S. citizens.

As before, the new fees will help to cover the true cost of processing visa and passport applications and the operating costs for consular posts overseas, domestic passport agencies and other service centers....[Read More.](#)

### July 4th Weekend Welcomes New American Citizens



For many, the recent 4th of July holiday meant a time to celebrate with family and friends over hot dogs and fireworks displays. For another group of people, the weekend was a time to celebrate their new status as naturalized U.S. citizens....[Read More](#).

### ICE and FDLE New Partnership

U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) are sharing a new fingerprint database to identify foreign nationals, documented or otherwise, taken into custody in Florida.

Previously, fingerprints taken from arrestees were only compared against the Department of Justice's fingerprint database....[Read More](#).

### Travel Tips for Foreign Nationals

This month, we continue our series of travel tips with some advice dedicated to foreign nationals.

For many foreign nationals living and working in the United States, the summer is a popular time to travel back to their native countries and renew their visa paperwork. If you are traveling abroad to renew your visa paperwork, here are a couple of helpful tips to facilitate the process:



**Have a valid passport** - Your current passport should be valid for at least six months and with at least three free or unmarked pages. In some cases, your passport should be valid for the complete period of the anticipated U.S. stay.

**Start your visa application early** - If you need to obtain a visa at a post abroad, plan ahead. Most consulates are very busy during the summer and holidays, and appointments may not be available on short notice. Visit [www.usembassy.gov](http://www.usembassy.gov) and familiarize yourself with the procedures of the post including documentation requirements. You can learn about visa wait and processing times at the [State Department's Travel Information website](#). Please note that these times are only approximate and subject to change.

We'll continue this series throughout the summer. You can find the most recent tip, as well as an archive of all of my travel tips, by [clicking here](#).

### Tips to Forming an LLC

Limited Liability Companies, or LLC's, are a popular option for

U.S. Citizens and foreign nationals looking to start a business enterprise. The business structure allows the owners to have limited personal liability for the debts and actions of the company while enjoying flexible management structures and pass-through taxation.

Before starting your own LLC, here are some things you might want to consider:

- Weigh the pros and cons
- Know the state laws
- Know the process
- Consult an attorney

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### Giselle Carson Guest Speaker at Meninak Luncheon



On July 12th, I was the guest speaker at the Meninak luncheon, presenting on the topic of immigration policies, problems and proposals.

The Financial News and Daily Record published a great recap of my presentation, [which you can](#)

[read here.](#)

If you are interested in having me speak at your organization's next meeting or conference, please contact me.

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