

## NOTICE TO IMMIGRANTS WITH PENDING I-129, I-360 AND I-130 CASES



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In recent weeks, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has transferred many I-129, I-360 and I-130 cases from the USCIS Service Center where these cases were originally filed to another USCIS Service Center. These cases are being transferred, according to USCIS, “to balance the overall workload with processing capacity.” The fact that a case is being transferred does not mean anything is wrong with the case itself.

**Form I-129 (Petition for an Immigrant Worker):** Thousands of H-1Bs cases filed at the Vermont Service Center have been transferred to either the Texas Service Center or the California Service Center.

**Form I-360 (Petition for Special Immigrant Religious Workers):** All I-360 cases for special immigrant religious workers at the Texas Service Center, Vermont Service Center and Nebraska Service Center have been transferred to the California Service Center.

**Form I-130 (Petition for Alien Relative):** The Vermont Service Center has transferred 20,000 I-130 cases to the California Service Center.

Many cases filed by our law firm are among those cases transferred to different USCIS Service Centers. In most of these cases, USCIS has sent our office a “Transfer Notice” explaining that the case has been transferred. We have notified all of our pending clients whose cases have been transferred that: (1) the fact that a case has been transferred does not indicate there is a problem with the case (it simply means that the Service Center to which it is being transferred has more officers available to review the cases); and (2) when checking the processing time for the case on the USCIS website, be sure to look at the processing times for the Service Center to which the case has been transferred (not the Service Center where the case was initially filed).

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