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As outlined in the attached letter from *The Best Lawyers in America*, Attorney David J. Long has been selected by other attorneys for inclusion in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the specialty of Immigration Law. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year in which Attorney Long has been selected for this honor.

### **Religious Worker Program Update**

September 27, 2008 – Congress passed Legislation to extend the Special Immigrant Religious Worker program (S. 3606) until March 6, 2009. The previous expiration date was October 1, 2008. Before the extension becomes effective, however, the Legislation requires that the Department of Homeland Security publish new Regulations to eliminate or reduce fraud in the Religious Worker program, and submit a certification to Congress that the new Regulations have been published. Expect to see the new Religious Worker Regulations published before the end of year 2008.

### **US ICE Raids South Carolina Poultry Plant, Arrests 331**

October 9, 2008 – U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement agents arrested over 300 illegal workers during a poultry plant raid in South Carolina. For full information regarding the raid and arrests, you can read the News Release issued by ICE at <http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/0810/081009greenville.htm>.

### **USCIS Publishes Fraud Report on H-1B Program**

October 9, 2008 – U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services issued a "H-1B Benefit Fraud and Compliance Assessment" indicating that, among other things, over 13% of the cases randomly chosen for review involved fraud.

### **Be Careful Where You Mail Your N-400 Application!**

Last month, USCIS advised that N-400 applications (Application for Naturalization) were to be filed at a new centralized office. Earlier this week, however, the USCIS changed its mind and has delayed implementation of this new program. Therefore, until further notice, N-400 applicants should mail their application to one of the four Service Centers having jurisdiction over their place of residence. As always, before mailing an application, you should check the USCIS website (<http://www.uscis.gov>) to confirm where to mail your application since this information can change quickly.

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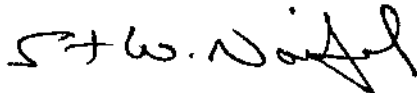
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Sincerely,



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