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Beach-Oswald is a full-service law firm, concentrating on immigration law. We have special expertise in work visas, family based visas, visa waivers, green cards through family and employment and asylum. We have staff members who speak many different languages to assist you.

We succeed when others don't!

ICE's Scheduled Departure Program a Failure

Last month ICE announced a pilot program called the Scheduled Departure Program, which would allow immigrants that had been ordered deported to avoid being sent to jail by turning themselves in to have the agency arrange for their departure. ICE spent more than \$40,000 just on advertising the program, which ran in five U.S. cities from August 5 until August 22. However, ICE reported that only 8 people out of a total of 457,000 of those eligible took advantage of the program, and the agency will therefore not be implementing this program again. Critics of the program believe that it was a half hearted effort to improve the problem of illegal immigration, since it offered no real incentives for immigrants to turn themselves in for deportation. It is also feared that ICE will use the



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program's failure as a way to justify violent raids. You can read the full Associate Press article here:

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/I/IMMIGRATION_SELF_DEPORTATION?SITE=NJVIN&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

Or The New York Times article on this topic here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/25/opinion/25mon2.html>

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Nearly 600 Arrested in Largest Immigration Raid in U.S. History

The raid took place on Monday August 25 at the Howard Industries Inc. factory in Laurel, Mississippi. As reported by Reuters, the factory, which makes electrical equipment, was targeted as part of an ongoing investigation of fraudulent use of Social Security numbers by illegal immigrants. A reported 595 people were arrested, including citizens from Peru, Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Honduras, Brazil, and Germany. 475 of those arrested were taken to a detention facility in Jena, Louisiana, 106 were released on humanitarian grounds, and several minors are currently in the custody of the office of refugee resettlement.



Welcoming New Members and Saying Goodbye to Old Ones

A Farewell to Robert Almosd

As many of you may already know, we recently said goodbye to Robert Almosd, an Associate that had been with the firm since 2001. After more than 15 years in the U.S. Robert has returned to his native Hungary to assume a position as the Regional Director of Amnesty International in Hungary. Beach-Oswald Immigration Law Associates is sad to see Robert go, but we are proud of his achievements and wish him luck in all of his future endeavors.



Welcome...

Thomas Dierkes – Office Assistant

Thomas has lived in the DC area his entire life, and is a recent graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in government and history. Thomas began working at Beach-Oswald as our Office Assistant in July of 2008 and says that his favorite part about working in the law firm is interacting with all of the clients! We're excited to welcome Thomas to the team!



Claire de Gerin Ricard – Law Clerk

Claire de Gerin, our newest Law Clerk, was born in the south of France and moved to the U.S. in 1999 with her husband. She received her Master Degree of Law at the University of Aix-en-Provence in France and then obtained an L.L.M in International Law at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. She worked in France in the Legal Department of the Chamber of Commerce and for Coptic Orphans, a U.S. non-profit. Claire loves the area of immigration law, and is excited to be assisting the talented lawyers at BOILA! Claire is fluent in French and Spanish.



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