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New Consular Fees for Visa Applicants

The Department of State (DOS) recently started charging increased fees for certain visa applications. The prior fee was \$131 for all nonimmigrant visas.



DOS has indicated that is increasing fees to ensure sufficient resources to cover the rising cost of processing nonimmigrant visas....[Read More](#)

Tips to Applying for an E-Visa

With the U.S. economy still recovering from the recession, foreign investors have tremendous opportunity in the U.S. markets for their investment dollars. As a result, the Treaty Trader (E-1) and Treaty Investor (E-2) visas have become popular options for foreign nationals wishing to live and work in America.

I have been able to assist many individuals in the application process for an E Visa and have a few suggestions and information relating to the E-1 or E-2 Visa....[Read More](#)

Changes to the Employment Authorization Document

Continuing its efforts to prevent immigration fraud, on May 11, USCIS started issuing a revised Employment Authorization Document (EAD) for foreign nationals.

The change includes the addition of a machine readable zone on the back of the card....[Read More](#)

E-Verify Makes Significant Changes



The DHS has announced that ongoing changes are in the works for the agency's E-Verify system.

E-Verify is an internet based employment verification program used by employers and administered by the Department of Homeland Security in conjunction with the Social Security Administration....[Read More](#)

Florida, an Optimal Venue for International Arbitration

With its access to South America, multilingual attorneys and the recent adoption of UNICITRAL arbitration rules, Florida is positioned to become an optimal venue for international arbitration.

Gov. Charlie Crist signed a new bill into law (CS/HB 821) which changes existing commercial arbitration legislation and adopts the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) rules.....[Read More.](#)

Five Tips for Safe Summer Travel Overseas



Travel Tips

With the summer here and the dollar strengthening against the Euro, many Americans are planning to spend their vacations traveling overseas.

Over the next months, I'll bring you a series of helpful tips you may want to follow to ensure your trip is enjoyable, relaxing and incident-free.

Here are the first five in our series:

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