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## Policy Updates

### Extradition to the US: Current Conditions and Recent Trends in Immigration Detention

In Part 3 of our *Extradition to the United States* series, Attorney **Jaclyn Dennis** examines the immigration detention risks individuals may face following extradition to the United States. The article explores reported conditions in ICE custody and the

human rights concerns shaping today's enforcement landscape, providing important insight for individuals and litigators navigating extradition matters.

[Read more.](#)



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## Haiti TPS Update: Courts, Congress, and What Comes Next

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit upheld a district court order blocking the termination of Haiti's Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation. This follows the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to fast-track review of the case, with oral arguments expected in late April and a decision possible as early as July.



For individuals and families relying on TPS, this development provides continued, but temporary, stability while the case proceeds. However, the outcome remains uncertain pending Supreme Court review.

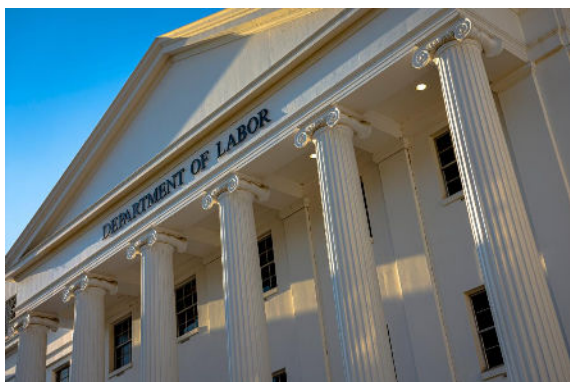
We are closely monitoring these developments and advise affected individuals and employers to stay informed and plan proactively for potential changes.

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## Department of Labor Proposes Major Increase to Prevailing Wages for Visa Program

On March 27, 2026, the U.S. Department of Labor proposed significant increases to prevailing wage levels across several employment-based visa programs. If finalized, the changes could meaningfully raise labor costs for employers sponsoring foreign workers and may require adjustments to hiring and immigration strategies.



Employers should closely monitor this development, as it could have a direct impact on planning, budgeting, and workforce decisions in the months ahead.

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## **New DHS Policy On Detaining Refugees Who Have Not Adjusted Status: What Refugees and Practitioners Should Know**

On March 23, 2026, a federal court issued a stay temporarily blocking implementation of a new Refugee Detention Policy while litigation continues. This pause provides interim relief as the legal challenges proceed, but the underlying policy shift remains in dispute.

The policy stems from a February 18, 2026, DHS memorandum issued to USCIS and ICE, which rescinds prior guidance and authorizes the arrest, detention, and inspection of certain refugees who have been physically present in the United States but have not yet adjusted to lawful permanent resident status. If ultimately upheld, this change could significantly expand detention authority and affect individuals still in the adjustment process.

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## **USCIS Issues New Guidance on Adjustment of Status Applications**

On May 21, 2026, USCIS released a memorandum emphasizing that adjusting status inside the U.S. is not an automatic right, but rather a discretionary benefit and a matter of “administrative grace.” The memo instructs immigration officers to more heavily scrutinize applications, specifically looking at whether an applicant should have instead processed their immigrant visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad.

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# **Original Content**

## **Latest ICE I-9 Fact Sheet Expansions Substantive Violations, Including Electronic I-9 Deficiencies**

ICE has issued a new fact sheet on the classification of Form I-9 violations, signaling a significant shift in enforcement. Seventeen long-standing technical errors have been reclassified as substantive violations, removing the prior opportunity for employers to correct these issues before penalties are assessed.

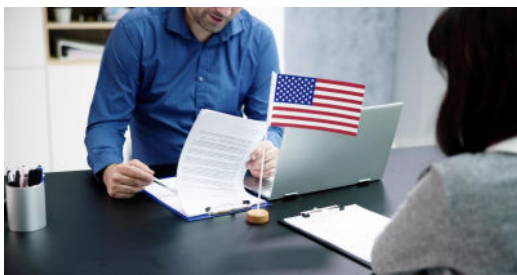


This change materially increases potential exposure to fines and reflects a broader expansion of electronic I-9 enforcement. ICE has also signaled renewed attention to compliance with electronic I-9 regulatory requirements, an area that has historically seen limited enforcement activity.

Taken together, these developments highlight increased compliance risks for employers and underscore the importance of proactive internal audits and timely remediation efforts.

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## Not So Basic Questions to Ask Your Immigration Attorney

“The United States has a complex immigration system,” explains Attorney **Marcela Villeda Sanchinelli**. “It is important to fully understand your immigration status and what to consider when seeking legal

representation.”

Understanding your options—and asking the right questions—can help you identify the legal advocate best suited to your specific situation and goals.

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## ICE Deployment at U.S. Airports: What Immigrants and International Travelers Need to Know

In March 2026, DHS deployed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) agents to assist with staffing shortages at airports during a funding lapse affecting federal operations.



Within days of the deployment, multiple news outlets reported ICE arrests occurring inside airport terminals, including in secure gate areas. Some of these incidents were recorded by bystanders, raising questions about identification procedures and the use of force. While ICE and airport officials have stated that certain arrests were unrelated to the TSA support mission, the incidents demonstrate the practical effect of increased ICE presence in travel spaces and underscore the importance of careful planning and legal preparedness before international travel.

## From the International Protection Practice (IPP)

### The INTERPOL Report: Red Notice Defense & Analysis Now Live.

GYH is proud to introduce The INTERPOL Report: Red Notice Defense & Analysis — a new resource designed to help individuals, families, and businesses better understand the evolving landscape of INTERPOL-related enforcement and defense issues.

Building on GYH’s longstanding INTERPOL blog, The INTERPOL Report offers more in-depth analysis, practical guidance, and timely updates on developments involving INTERPOL and its specialized bodies, including the General Assembly and the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL’s Files (CCF).

The publication will cover key issues involving Red Notices, diffusions, and other INTERPOL alerts, with a focus on helping clients understand potential risks, available legal remedies, and strategies for responding to politically motivated or abusive INTERPOL actions.

In the latest edition, **Ted R. Bromund** discusses a recent article published in the *Harvard International Law Review* by **Sandra Grossman**, **Charlie Magri**, and Dr. Bromund examining the limitations of INTERPOL’s current mechanisms for addressing member-country abuse of its systems. The article highlights the need for greater transparency and accountability in INTERPOL’s use of “corrective measures” against countries that misuse INTERPOL channels.

[Click here to check out the page.](#)

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### Breaking Down the Latest News from INTERPOL’s CCF

Recent analysis published in the *International Enforcement Law Reporter* examines developments at the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL’s Files (CCF),

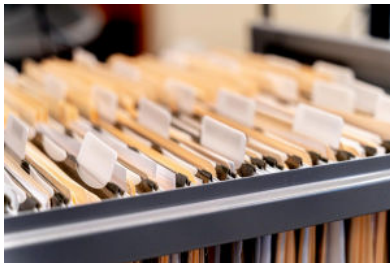
including ongoing delays in decision-making driven by increased case volume and complexity without corresponding resource growth. Looking ahead, upcoming CCF elections and continued structural reforms will play an important role in determining the body's ability to meet growing global demands.



These developments carry significant implications for individuals and organizations navigating INTERPOL-related matters, underscoring the importance of careful strategy and informed advocacy in cross-border enforcement cases.

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## **GYH Contribute to Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files (CCF) Statute Review**

The INTERPOL Committee on the Processing of Data (CPD) is currently reviewing the Statute of the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files (CCF), the body responsible for ensuring that personal data is processed in accordance with INTERPOL's rules. This review forms part of INTERPOL's broader efforts to enhance transparency and encourage engagement and input from practitioners involved in INTERPOL-related matters.

Four representatives of GYH – **Sandra Grossman Esq.**, **Ariel Rawls Esq.**, **Charlie Magri Esq.**, and Dr. Ted R. Bromund – responded to the CPD's third request for contributions, providing recommendations based on the firm's extensive experience representing clients in INTERPOL matters. GYH's submission focused on improving procedural fairness, strengthening transparency, and enhancing the effectiveness of the CCF review process, reinforcing the firm's ongoing role in shaping discussions surrounding INTERPOL reform.

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**Corrective Measures and the Problem of Transparency at INTERPOL: GYH Team Published in Harvard International Law Journal**

INTERPOL is intended to operate as a neutral, apolitical organization; however, its systems have increasingly come under scrutiny amid concerns that certain member countries may misuse them to target political opponents abroad.

While INTERPOL has established safeguards—known as “corrective measures”—to address potential abuse, the organization does not publicly disclose which countries are subject to these measures or the underlying reasons, raising ongoing questions about transparency and accountability.

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## Firm News



### **GYH Announces Partnership with Apolo & Cassinelli**

GYH recently announced a strategic partnership with Apolo & Cassinelli, a highly regarded consortium of attorneys, business leaders, and diplomats based in Ecuador. This alliance strengthens both organizations’ ability to support clients and corporations navigating complex cross-border immigration, human rights, criminal, and corporate matters.

The Apolo & Cassinelli delegation included former Ecuadorian Ambassador and Minister of Foreign Affairs Luis Gallegos; Jorge Luis Gallegos, an international trade and diplomacy professional and former Commercial Counselor at the Embassy of Ecuador in South Korea; and Rafael Balda Santistevan, Partner, a respected attorney with extensive experience in corporate and financial regulation in Ecuador.

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## The New Reality of Employment Authorization EAD Processing, Compliance, and Strategy with MyLawCLE

Counsel **Anne Rowley** and Senior Managing Attorney **Nikki Whetstone** spoke at a webinar examining the regulatory landscape governing Employment Authorization Documents (EADs).

They provided practical guidance on Form I-9 compliance obligations, managing work authorization gaps, and advising employers in an increasingly enforcement-driven environment.

[Check out more about their session here.](#)

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## Sheryl Winarick recently participated in the Nobel Women's Initiative (NWI)



Of Counsel **Sheryl Winarick** recently participated in the Nobel Women's Initiative (NWI) *Rooted & Rising* convening in Kenya, joining Nobel Peace Prize laureates and emerging women leaders from around the world.

The gathering provided a collaborative space focused on strengthening feminist networks to advance climate justice, support leadership development, and build collective strategies among activists, philanthropists, and Sister-to-Sister alumni.

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# GYH In The Media

From commentary on evolving immigration policies to coverage of firm achievements and community impact, this section showcases where GYH is contributing to the broader conversation on immigration law.

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## **GYH Featured in *Law360* Office Snapshot: Grossman Young Moves into The District**

*Law360* recently profiled GYH's expansion into Washington, D.C., highlighting insights from Managing Partner Sandra Grossman. Drawing on her personal experience as an immigrant, Sandra reflected on the firm's continued growth and evolving mission.

Under the leadership of Becki Young, Sandra Grossman, Patrick Taurel, David H. Wetmore, Gianna Borroto, Adriana Ruiz Robinson, Jason Levy, Anne Rowley, Nikki Whetstone, Lauren Twist, and Hallie Cohen, the firm is well positioned to further strengthen its advocacy for immigrants, entrepreneurs, and individuals facing

complex cross-border challenges, including transnational repression and INTERPOL-related matters.

[Read more.](#)

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## **GYH Senior Counsel Featured in *ABA Law Journal***

Thousands of federal lawyers left their positions in 2025, either voluntarily or involuntarily, amid broader changes within the federal workforce.

**David H. Wetmore**, Senior Counsel at GYH and former Chief Appellate Immigration Judge for the Board of Immigration Appeals, shared his experience of being required to leave his position under the current administration, noting, “There was no reason given.”



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## **GYH Featured in *The Washington Post*: DC Restaurants brace for a wave of immigration-related workforce losses**

**Becki Young**, Managing Partner, and Of Counsel **Mary Pivec** were interviewed for the piece, offering insight into the current challenges facing the hospitality industry.

The report notes that more than 100 restaurant workers have been terminated or have left their positions since February 12, with industry leaders cautioning that additional workforce disruptions may follow.

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## **GYH Featured in the AILA Blog: Why We Have Concerns About What the Trump Administration Considers a Public Charge**



Counsel **Jason Levy** provides an analysis of the evolving public charge framework, examining the proposed rule's departure from established guidance and the removal of clear regulatory definitions.

He highlights a significant expansion of adjudicatory discretion and notes that the lack of consistent standards may result in more variable and potentially subjective decision-making in the adjudication process.

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## From Green Card to US Citizen with Immigration Attorney Becki Young

Managing Partner **Becki Young** recently joined Mishkin Santa, JD, LL.M, TEP on *The Essential Tax Podcast* (Season 2, Episode 17) to discuss key immigration considerations for individuals navigating the U.S. immigration and naturalization process.

In the episode, Becki provides insights into the evolving immigration landscape, including recent policy developments affecting foreign nationals seeking U.S. citizenship, as well as U.S. citizens living or working abroad.

Listeners are encouraged to tune in for practical guidance on the legal and planning considerations involved in pursuing U.S. citizenship.

[Listen now.](#)



## Firm Webinars

### Past Webinars

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## Immigration Policy Developments Under Trump 2.0

GYH attorneys discuss key developments impacting enforcement, humanitarian protections, employment-based immigration, and global mobility risks, along with practical considerations for employers, students, and individuals.

With thanks to our co-sponsor, the Renew Democracy Initiative, we invite you to view the recording to stay informed on these evolving changes and what they may mean for you or your organization.

WEBINAR

# IMMIGRATION POLICY DEVELOPMENTS UNDER TRUMP 2.0

APRIL 9, 2026

12:00-1:00PM EST



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## Immigration Considerations for Travel to the United States for the FIFA World Cup



The session covered visa options for short-term travel, entry and inspection at U.S. ports of entry, required documentation, and common issues travelers may face during the visa and entry process. The discussion also highlighted current immigration enforcement trends affecting temporary visitors to the United States.

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## Upcoming Webinar

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### Live Q&A

Get your questions answered live!

Join Grossman Young & Hammond, **Becki Young**, **Nikki Whetstone**, and **Marcela Villeda Sanchinelli** for a live online Q&A addressing today's most pressing immigration concerns.

Patrick will address recent developments in immigration policy and what current changes may mean for individuals and families. Becki will focus on employment-based immigration, including visas, compliance issues, workforce planning, employer compliance (audits and raids), international travel issues, and outbound immigration. Nikki Whetstone will also join the discussion to provide additional insight across key immigration matters and answer participant questions.

Whether you are navigating a visa, green card process, or a complex employment-based matter, this session is your opportunity to gain clarity from attorneys working on the front lines of immigration law.



*Join our mailing list to be notified of upcoming webinars!*

## GYH About Town

### GYH at 2026 Wiley A. Branton Luncheon

GYH attorneys **Sandra Grossman, Becki Young, Patrick Taurel, Dave Wetmore, and Hallie Cohen** attended the 2026 Wiley A. Branton Luncheon hosted by the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. The event brings together legal and community leaders committed to advancing civil rights, equity, and equal justice.

The Wiley A. Branton Award is the organization's highest honor, recognizing individuals and organizations for extraordinary leadership and significant contributions to civil rights advocacy. This year's honorees included Patagonia, CASA, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Covington & Burling, Crowell & Moring, and Gilbert LLP.



GYH was proud to support the event as a sponsor and to stand alongside organizations dedicated to strengthening access to justice and protecting civil rights

within our communities.



## GYH at RAMMYs 2026 Honors

GYH is honored to be nominated for the Joan Hisaoka Allied Member of the Year Award by the **Restaurant Association in Metropolitan Washington**.

We are grateful for the opportunity to support so many outstanding clients and have a deep appreciation for the hospitality industry — especially the local restaurants that make the DMV such a vibrant and dynamic community.

We look forward to celebrating alongside the region's remarkable restaurant community at tomorrow's RAMMYS Honors Cocktail Reception.

The evening will also recognize Muriel Bowser as the recipient of the 2026 Duke Zeibert Capital Achievement Award. Congratulations, Mayor Bowser — we look forward to celebrating this well-deserved recognition.

## 11th Annual Asylum and Immigration Conference

Of Counsel **Dree Collopy** spoke at the 11th Annual Asylum and Immigration Conference hosted by Immigrant ARC, Safe Passage Project, and New York Law School.

Her panel, *“Particular Social Groups in Our New Reality,”* examined how recent PSG decisions are being applied in ways that further restrict access to asylum for individuals fleeing gender-based violence and violence perpetrated by transnational criminal organizations.



## GYH Honored with Kind & Generous Award

GYH was honored to attend the Foundation for Farmworkers' event at the Mexican Cultural Institute, where the firm received the Kind & Generous Award in recognition of its ongoing commitment to supporting farmworker communities and advancing immigrant rights.



The Foundation for Farmworkers is a volunteer-led nonprofit organization that provides critical support to farmworker families through emergency financial assistance, pro bono immigration services, and educational initiatives. A key part of the Foundation's work is its Head Start program, which promotes early childhood development and school readiness for children from farmworker families.

The evening was especially meaningful as the award was presented by one of our clients who previously participated in the Foundation's Head Start program, highlighting the lasting impact of educational opportunity and community support.

We are grateful to the Foundation for Farmworkers for this recognition and proud to continue supporting individuals and families navigating complex immigration and legal systems.



GYH Attorneys joined the AILA National Day of Action today alongside hundreds of advocates supporting US families, businesses, and individuals navigating the immigration system every day.

## Accolades

**GYH has been recognized in the 2025 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll released by the District of Columbia Courts**



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## RECOGNIZED ON THE 2025 CAPITAL PRO BONO HONOR ROLL

### ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED

- Gianna Borroto
- Adriana R. Robinson
- Catherine Walker
- Juliana Carvajal-Yepes
- Anne Rowley
- Becki L. Young
- Jaclyn Dennis
- Patrick Taurel
- Jason Levy
- Lauren M. Twst
- Ariel M. Rawls
- Marcela Villeda Sanchinelli



This recognition reflects our firm's continued commitment to expanding access to justice and providing meaningful legal support to individuals, families, small businesses, and community organizations who might otherwise go without representation.

As Chief Judges Anna Blackburne-Rigsby and Milton C. Lee, Jr. noted, pro bono service is “indispensable to the efficient functioning of our civil justice system” and plays a critical role in expanding access to justice for District residents who cannot afford counsel.

We are proud to be included among more than 180 firms, organizations, and institutions recognized this year, alongside leading partners such as the DC Access to Justice Commission and the DC Bar Pro Bono Center.

This recognition reflects GYH's continued commitment to public service and advancing access to justice through meaningful pro bono engagement.

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## GYH HONORED WITH

AILA-DC 2025–2026  
Pro Bono Champion Award

AWARDED TO:

### Ariel Rawls

In recognition of outstanding leadership, dedication to pro bono advocacy, and continued commitment to the immigration community.



## Ariel Rawls Awarded as the Pro Bono Champion Award

GYH was proud to attend the AILA-DC awards celebration, where Attorney Ariel Rawls was recognized as the recipient of the 2025–2026 Pro Bono Champion Award. Presented by the American Immigration Lawyers Association Washington, D.C. Chapter Executive Committee, the award honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to pro bono service, advocacy, and leadership within the immigration community.

Following her recognition last year with the Education Award, Ariel continues to make a lasting impact through her leadership, professionalism, and dedication to the immigration field. Her contributions continue to strengthen the AILA-DC community and inspire those around her.

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## Anne Rowley Nominated for an Immies from the Building Fellowship

Of Counsel Anne Rowley has been nominated as a Thought Leader for the Immies through The Build Fellowship.

This recognition highlights Anne's continued dedication to immigration advocacy, leadership, and service to businesses and individuals pursuing the American Dream.

**Vote for Anne here.**



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## 2026 The Daily Record Awards Becki Young

Managing Partner **Becki Young** has been honored with a Managing Partners Award, recognizing senior firm leaders who demonstrate exceptional vision, integrity, and impact within their organizations and communities.



Throughout her career, Becki has been a dedicated advocate for immigrants, employers, and families navigating the complexities of U.S. immigration law. In addition to her legal practice, she is deeply committed to mentoring the next generation of attorneys, fostering a collaborative firm culture, and advancing the immigration law profession through leadership and service.

This recognition celebrates leaders whose professional achievements, commitment to developing talent, and meaningful contributions help strengthen both their organizations and the communities they serve. We are proud to see Becki's leadership, dedication, and impact recognized through this well-deserved honor.

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