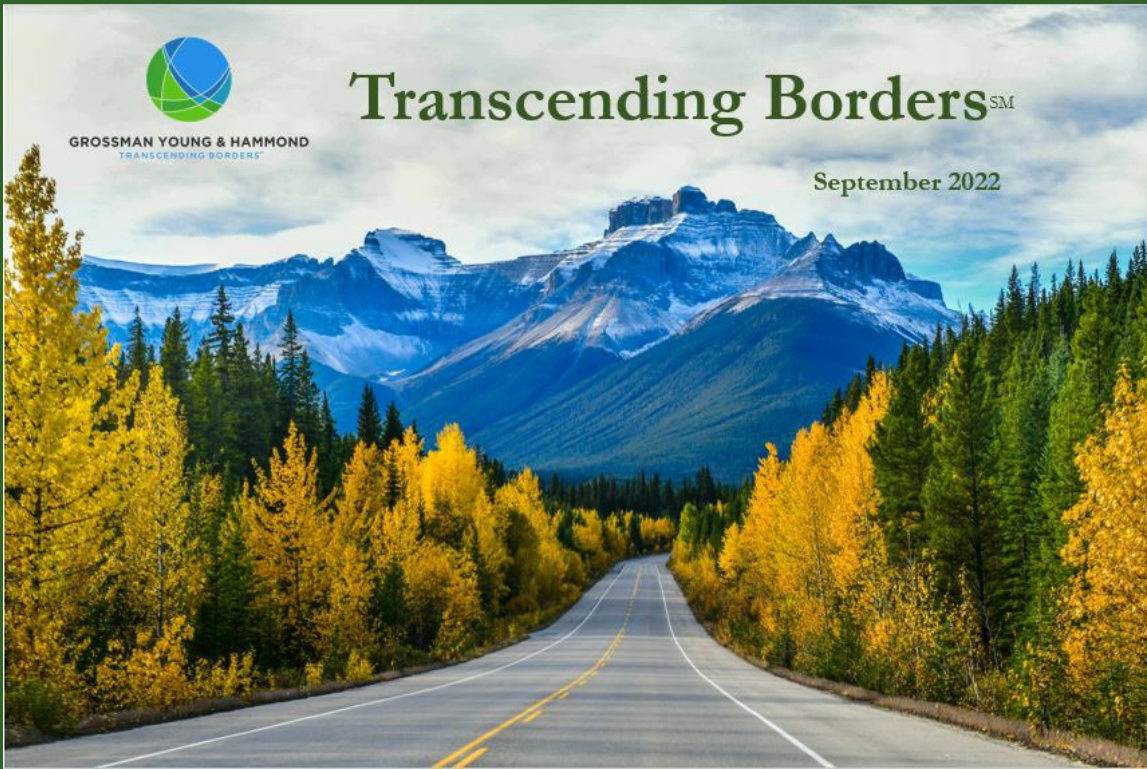




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Policy Alerts



DHS Issues Notice of Extension of Venezuela for TPS

Last week, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) **published** guidelines for the previously announced 18-month extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Venezuela in the Federal Register.

Existing Venezuelan TPS beneficiaries will be required to re-register their status (by filing an I-821 with USCIS) within a 60-day period beginning September 8 and ending

November 7, 2022. Existing beneficiaries will also be required to reapply for employment authorization documents (by filing an I-765 with USCIS), which will remain valid through March 10, 2024. The notice in the Federal Register also serves to automatically extend the validity of existing work authorizations for Venezuelan TPS beneficiaries through September 9, 2023.

Venezuelan individuals with currently pending TPS applications need not complete the re-registration process, and if their applications are approved, they will be granted TPS through the extended period.

Certain eligible Venezuelan nationals who meet at least one of the late initial filing criteria found at 8 CFR § 244.2 (f) and (g) may also continue to apply for TPS under this extension.

By, William Thompson, Legal Intern

October 2022 Visa Bulletin: Significant Retrogression for EB-2 India



The Department of State has released the **Visa Bulletin for October 2022**. The bulletin reveals a more than two-year retrogression in India’s employment-based immigrant EB-2 category Date for Filing – moving from December 1, 2014, to May 1, 2012. Due to the **rapid forward movement** of EB-2 cutoff dates for India throughout fiscal year 2022 under an “unprecedented” high employment limit, the Department has experienced a large increase in demand for this category of visa. This increase in demand (alongside a projected reduction in the number of available EB-2 visas for India in fiscal year 2023) has prompted the Department to move back the category’s Date for Filing in order to keep visa approvals within the maximum allowable limit over the course of the next fiscal year. The bulletin also reveals a heavy demand for “unreserved” immigrant investor EB-5 visas in both China and India which has similarly triggered retrogression in the China “unreserved” EB-5 category and the imposition of a final action cut-off date for the previously current India “unreserved” EB-5 category.”

Finally, USCIS announced it would shift to accepting adjustment-of-status applications based on the October 2022 Visa Bulletin **Dates for Filing** Chart, rather than the Final Action Dates Chart.

By, William Thompson, Legal Intern

Final Rule Promises Noncitizens Seeking Health Benefits will not Face Immigration Consequences

On September 15, 2022, DHS **issued a final rule** ensuring that non-citizens who receive or apply for public health benefits will not suffer immigration consequences. The significance of this rule relates to the way DHS will interpret the “**public charge**” grounds for inadmissibility when adjudicating citizenship applications. The controversial rule instructs immigration officials to use their



discretion to deny green card applications and non-immigrant visa petitions for individuals it deemed likely to rely on public benefits such as public housing or food stamps. The Trump administration's 2019 changes drastically expanded the definition of public charge from someone who is dependent on the government for subsistence to someone who is "more likely than not" to use certain public benefits in the future.

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Firm News



Becki Young & Sandra Grossman in DC Magazine Dynamic Women Spotlight

"Dynamic Women are fierce, committed and tenacious advocates who demand and obtain justice for their clients around the world."

GYH is proud to announce the inclusion of Co-Managing Partners, **Becki Young** and **Sandra Grossman** in DC Magazine's Dynamic Women spotlight! It is an honor to be featured alongside such remarkable women.

[View the feature.](#)

Attorney at Law Magazine acknowledges Gregory Sheehan joining GYH

On September 14th, *Attorney at Law Magazine* published a press release about GYH's addition of **Gregory Sheehan**, Counsel, to the firm's business immigration practice. Gregory Sheehan, who officially joined the firm in August, comes to GYH after eight years in various adjudicatory and supervisory roles at United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).



"Our mission at GYH is transcending bordersSM through creative legal solutions," says **Becki Young**, Co-Managing Partner. "Part of understanding and implementing the legal strategies most likely to secure positive outcomes is understanding the audience of adjudicators within USCIS. Gregory is an accomplished attorney who cut his professional teeth at USCIS, where he rose through the ranks, adjudicating a variety of case types, most recently, investment visa program applications. Gregory's unique, first-hand insight is an invaluable asset to crafting the most effective and

efficient legal strategies for our clients.”

“I have worked with many great minds while in US government, and I know this will continue at GYH,” says Sheehan. “I’m able to bring policy insight and management experience from private practice and USCIS operations into a climate of profound expertise. I look forward to being a part of this firm’s growth and continued service to their clients.”



***U.S. News & World Report* acknowledges GYH Attorneys**

We are proud to share that attorneys **Sofia Hassander** and **Nikki Whetstone** were included in ***Best Lawyers***’ “Ones to Watch” 2023. Sofia and Nikki join attorney Yeon Me Kim on this list, who also was included for the third year in a row.

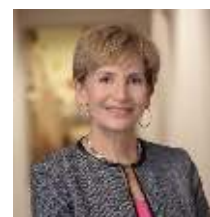
Denise Hammond (Senior Counsel), **Becki Young** (Partner), and **Sandra Grossman** (Partner) were all also ranked again in the *2023 Best Lawyers in America*® list. 2023 marks Denise Hammond’s 16th year of inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*®.

GYH as a whole was listed as a **Tier 1 Firm** in the new *2023 Best Law Firms* awards! Tier 1 recognition is reserved for the highest scoring firms during the annual review process.

Denise Hammond named “Thought Leader” by *Who’s Who Legal*

Senior Counsel, **Denise Hammond**, was selected for inclusion in the first edition of *Who’s Who Legal’s Thought Leaders: USA 2023!*

The *Who’s Who Legal* research team surveyed over 50,000 lawyers to identify top U.S. legal experts.



While Denise has always been a thought leader for those of us here at GYH, we are

delighted to see her recognized by her peers outside the firm. Congratulations, Denise!



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