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August 2012 Barnett Law Group Breaking News

Pamela Barnett to speak at the Southwest Multi-Service Center, 6400 High Star, Houston, Texas 77074, Sat., Aug. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. on Deferred Action for Dreamers. This event is sponsored by ILW and FIEL and is open to the public.

The big news this month involves 2 administration discretionary procedures:

1. Deferred Action for Dreamers which begins August 15, 2012; and
2. Provisional I-601 Extreme Hardship Waivers for Spouses and Children of U.S. citizens to excuse unlawful presence.

Deferred Action for Dreamers

The USCIS is developing a new form to request Deferred Action Status which will be published at www.uscis.gov on August 15. We know that most probably a second form already in existence to request the work card, known as I-765, will also be required. The filing fee for both forms will be \$465. Our firm will be developing a questionnaire on August 15. If you would like our summary which describes the eligibility requirements, please contact us.

Stateside Processing of Provisional I-601 Waivers

USCIS announced on August 2, 2012 that those relatives of U.S. citizens requiring a waiver to excuse unlawful presence may begin filing on a new Form I-600A with a lockbox in the US. The waivers will be adjudicated at the Nebraska Service Center and will take about 3 months to process. Individuals in Mexico will continue to have the option to file with the Consulate until Dec. 4, 2012 when it will become mandatory to file the waiver with the U.S. Lockbox. The new Form I-600A is not yet available so stay tuned for its issuance. In the meantime you may request our summary for Extreme Hardship Waivers.

If you are interested in learning more about these new developments, please contact our firm at (713) 980-9939 or psb@barnett-lawgroup.com.