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## December 2013 Barnett Law Group Breaking News

### **Merry Christmas! Happy Kwanzaa! Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!**

To all our clients and friends we here at The Barnett Law Group wish you all the best as we close out 2013! It's been a challenging year for many of us on the immigration scene but we are hopeful for changes in our immigration laws in the coming year. No matter what happens in 2014, we value your continued support and good will and will promise to continue to do our best on your cases. We'll be in the office during the next two weeks on the following days: Monday, Dec. 23; Friday, Dec. 27; Monday, Dec. 30; Thursday, Jan. 2 and Friday, Jan. 3. We plan to celebrate with our families on the other days and hope that you and your families have a wonderful holiday season.

### **Reminder for H-1B Employers**

If you are planning on sponsoring a new H-1B employee in 2014 January is the time to contact our office to start the process. We anticipate that all visas will be gone on the first day of filing, April 1, 2014 so we must prepare the petitions well in advance in order to have the best chance of making the visa cutoff. More than 2X the allowable 65,000 visa petitions were filed on April 1, 2013 so alternatives to the H-1B visa category must be explored. The H-1B is the only short-term work visa for most and this is one category where we need a big increase in the yearly visa allotment.

### **Reminder to those DACA Eligible Applicants**

Only about half of the estimated 1 million eligible DACA young people currently in the US have filed for DACA. Don't wait for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. Contact us to discuss the many options you or a family member may have now for immigration relief.

**If you are interested in learning more about these new developments, please contact our firm at (713) 980-9939 or [admin1@barnett-lawgroup.com](mailto:admin1@barnett-lawgroup.com).**