**Immigration Law**

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Thursday Night

6:15-9:30

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**First Class Assignment:**

**Class #1, August 16, 2012**

**READING** AILA LINK-Core Publications, Essentials of Immigration Law, Chapter 1, Read as far as “Immigrants and the Constitution”

Overview

Organizational structure & immigration components of the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the Department of State; immigration terminology, immigration documentation, and historical background of U.S. immigration. Conduct of initial Client consultations

**Immigration Priorities Exercise** – please complete the exercise on the following pages prior to the first class and come prepared to discuss your choices.

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**IMMIGRATION PRIORITIES EXERCISE**

You have just been appointed Immigration Czar, giving you absolute power over immigration status questions in the United States. For purposes of this exercise, U.S. immigration law is exactly what YOU want it to be – don’t concern yourself with the actual state of current immigration law.

First, rank the following applicants for admission to legal immigration status from 1 to 24.

Second, decide how many of the applicants you will admit. In other words, from your ranked list will you allow admission to none, to all or to some number in between?

Be prepared to discuss and explain your decisions.

\_\_\_\_\_A is the spouse of a U.S. citizen and has three children. A has never worked.

\_\_\_\_\_B is the minor child of A and her current U.S. citizen spouse.

\_\_\_\_\_C is A’s minor child by a previous marriage.

\_\_\_\_\_D is A’s adult child by a previous marriage.

\_\_\_\_\_E is a highly skilled scientist with no relatives in the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_F owns a large and successful business that she wishes to expand into the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_G is an agricultural laborer who never finished high school.

\_\_\_\_\_H is an outstanding basketball player who has been drafted by an NBA team.

\_\_\_\_\_I is an experienced nurse with no relatives in the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_J, now age 18, was brought to the United States on a tourist visa by a parent at age three from a country with an Islamic fundamentalist government. She speaks the language of her home country, but has not returned there since her arrival in the United States. She just graduated from high school with honors.

\_\_\_\_\_K is the adopted teenage child of a U.S. citizen with a juvenile delinquency adjudication for possession of marijuana.

\_\_\_\_\_L is a victim of domestic violence who has assisted the police in the prosecution of her abuser.

\_\_\_\_\_M came to the United States six ago with a student visa to complete a Ph.D. program. M became involved in a same-sex relationship with a U.S. citizen five years ago. Recently, M and her partner traveled to New York and were married. M’s student visa is about to expire and M wants to remain permanently in the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_N is a 15-year-old girl who was smuggled into the United States and forced to work at a brothel for several months before being freed during a police raid.

\_\_\_\_\_O is a 15-year-old boy who was smuggled into the United States and forced to work long hours on an isolated farm where his documents and wages were withheld.

\_\_\_\_\_P is the aging parent of a legal permanent resident.

\_\_\_\_\_Q is the spouse of a U.S. citizen and the U.S. citizen spouse is almost finished serving a prison sentence for a felony conviction for drug trafficking.

\_\_\_\_\_R entered the country illegally and gave birth to a child, a U.S. citizen, who was born with severe physical disabilities.

\_\_\_\_\_S is the adult sibling of a U.S. citizen and has a spouse and five minor children.

\_\_\_\_\_T is the spouse of a legal permanent resident. T and her spouse have two minor children born in the United States. T entered the United States undocumented several years ago.

\_\_\_\_\_U participated in a failed military coup to overthrow a brutal dictator in her home country and claims that she will be tortured if returned to her native country.

\_\_\_\_\_V is a 6-year-old girl who claims she will be subjected to female gender mutilation if returned to her native country.

\_\_\_\_\_W is V’s mother.

\_\_\_\_\_X came to the United States two years ago with her young son and husband, who has several years left in his Ph.D. program. X, who has been the primary caretaker for her son, and husband were recently divorced.