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### Agenda

- Key updates in recent weeks
  - Department of State rules B-1 in Lieu...
  - Department of Labor wage calculations
  - DHS H-1B requirements rule and lottery determinations
- What does President Biden mean for immigration
  - First 100 days
  - Longer term changes

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### Hard to Keep Score – Important Updates

- Public Charge rule introduced in 2018 has been under attack since it's introduction Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> it was struck down; Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Court of Appeal stayed decision pending appeal; Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> struck down by 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit; I-944 is currently a required filing
- DHS introduced new H-1 rules 10/8 1<sup>st</sup> case summary judgement (rule struck down Dec. 1st) DHS publicly capitulated Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>
- DOL introduced new wage calculation rules 10/8 three courts struck down, 1 set 10-day period to fix erroneous PWDs – to use or not use bad PWDs
- DHS introduced new F-1/J-1 rules and new lottery selection criteria –
   pending will litigate if final rules introduced
- DOS seeking to end B-1 in Lieu of H-1B/H-3 pending
- Attempt to put S. 386 in spending bill (h-1 restrictions/CCP)



#### First 100 Days

- There is a pandemic and split House/Senate no legislative changes likely
- Changes on the regulatory and Executive Order front (400-900 changes in last 4 years)
- What is likely to go:
  - Muslim Travel Ban (3.0)
  - Push to reunite separated families
  - Reauthorization of DACA (2 courts have told DHS to accept new cases)
  - Pause on immigration related litigation related to recent rules
  - Return to regular refugee resettlement numbers (125k target)
  - Termination of NIV Ban (June 22<sup>nd</sup> memo)
  - Examination of prior Trump EOs and pending regulations (pending regulations will remain pending H-1 Cap; D/S rule; H-4 EAD rule; B-1 in lieu of H rule and die on the vine...)

### Remainder of Term

- Regulatory reform pull out the bad regulations what doesn't make sense
  - Public Charge regulation
  - DOL wage rule
  - DHS new H-1 rules
  - DOS B-1 in lieu of H-1/H-3
  - Hire American/Buy American could be Build America Better EO
- Pause on litigation will turn into withdrawal on many
- Revisit DHS policies and manuals
- Investment in Consular infrastructure/normalizing relations with allies
- Likely an attempt will be made on immigration reform (post-Trump) on wish list remove per country quotas; increase GC numbers; exempt US Ph.D. from H lottery/give auto GC; legalization (Dreamers/TPS/Others) [note: we talk litigation and visa revalidation]



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