

MAY 4, 2016 BULLETIN TO ALL IMMIGRATION CLIENTS

USCIS Announces FY 2017 H-1B Visa Cap Lottery Complete

On May 2, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it **has completed the data entry of all FY 2017 H-1B cap-subject petitions for both the “advanced degree” exemption petitions as well as the general-category cap selected in the computer-generated random process.** For cap-subject petitions not randomly selected, USCIS will reject and return the petition with filing fees. Due to the high volume of filings, USCIS is unable to provide a definite time frame for returning these petitions but will issue an announcement once all the unselected petitions have been returned.

The Cohen & Grigsby Immigration Department will continue to keep you posted as to the status of your respective FY 2017 H-1B cap cases. Please remember that there may be other visa alternatives to filing an H-1B petition. As we have done in the past when a case is not selected in the cap, we will work with you to identify any alternatives that will permit the affected employee to legally remain employed or begin employment in the United States.

Please contact any member of the Cohen & Grigsby Immigration Department at 412.297.4900 if you have any questions regarding this information. To receive future bulletins, please send an e-mail to bulletins@cohenlaw.com

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