AILA Texas Spring Conference

Employment-Based Roundtable

1. DOL (PERMs, PWR)
   1. Processing times: <https://flag.dol.gov/processingtimes>
   2. FLAG updates: <https://www.aila.org/infonet/dol-flag-updates>
   3. Prevailing Wages—update on new PW
   4. Current Trends (corporate layoffs etc..)
2. CBP
   1. ARO updates
   2. TN/L  processing along border(s): <https://help.cbp.gov/s/article/Article-1694?language=en_US>
   3. Sunset of L-1/H-1B/H-2B/J-1 Visa Ban

1. DOS
   1. National Interest Exception (also current conflation with standards and emergency requests at consulates) <https://www.aila.org/advo-media/issues/all/covid-19/resources-national-interest-exceptions>; <https://www.aila.org/advo-media/aila-practice-pointers-and-alerts/niv-appointments-nie-waivers-schengen-uk-ireland>
   2. Updates on Consular re-openings and prioritization of IV/NIVs: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/visa-services-operating-status-update.html>
   3. Visa Bulletin and Final Action dates
   4. Current Trends
2. USCIS
   1. Backlogs in processing: <https://www.aila.org/advo-media/press-releases/2021/lawsuit-l2-h4-processing-delays>
   2. H1B lottery—post mortem of FY2022

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* 1. Policy memo updates, hot tips, current trends
     1. <https://www.aila.org/advo-media/aila-practice-pointers-and-alerts/i485-rejections-derivative-applicants>
  2. I-9 Compliances during Covid
     1. Remote Verification – still okay?
     2. Return to Work – requirements for in-person review of documents