



COVID-19

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

IS YOUR OFFICE OPEN?

Yes, our office is accepting new clients and diligently working on our cases, though we have implemented rigorous safety measures to protect our office staff. While we are temporarily prohibiting all in-person meetings at our office, we are conducting all appointments with Zoom or by phone. We have also implemented strict policies designed to keep our employees healthy, including daily office cleaning and sanitizing, limiting the number of employees in the office at all times, and working from home.

We are well-equipped to work productively from home. Our office uses online, cloud-based platforms such as Clio Manage, Clio Grow, and Prima Facie that allow us to work and manage our cases remotely. Our phones are always manned during regular business hours and we are ready to handle your case professionally, diligently, and with a caring touch that is too often sorely lacking in the legal world.

IS USCIS OPEN DURING COVID 19?

Yes, USCIS is still accepting and adjudicating cases. However, since March 18, 2020, USCIS has closed its offices to the public. Routine biometrics appointments, naturalization and residency interview appointments, and naturalization oath ceremonies have been cancelled. USCIS announced its tentative plan to reopen June 4, 2020, though that date may change depending on any new developments in our national fight against COVID-19.

IS USCIS MAKING DECISIONS ON CASES?

Yes. USCIS has approved our clients' I-765 work authorization applications, I-131 travel documents including advance parole documents, and re-entry documents. We have also received approvals on standalone I-130 petitions and employment-based I-485 adjustment of status applications, without an interview.

HOW COULD FILING NOW BENEFIT MY CASE?

Generally, we believe that you should file now. This gives USCIS the time to do any initial processing and puts you closer to the front of the line once USCIS reopens for biometric appointments and interviews.

Of course, every case is unique. Our office will analyze your case and explain what is best for you and your situation. There may be extenuating circumstances such as past criminal records, unlawful presence in the United States, or tax issues that may complicate your case that need to be resolved. We are prepared for those questions, have experience dealing with them and will guide you to the right decision for you.