



## **USCIS Issues Policy Update Regarding U Visa/ U Nonimmigrant Applications**

On June 14, 2021, USCIS issued a policy alert which provides that USCIS will now conduct an initial review of Form I-918 and will issue employment authorization and deferred action for 4 years to U Visa petitioners and their qualifying family members if USCIS determines that the U Visa petition is bona fide. This is a significant change from the previous procedure which was to have the U visa petitioner wait for a final adjudication of their U Visa petition in order to receive their employment authorization document (EAD).