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KNOW THY CLIENT

By LISA R. GREEN

As we approach the third anniversary of 9/11, the pain and disbelief of that fateful day are rekindled. The families and friends of victims continue to grieve the loss of their loved ones; all Americans still grieve the loss of our security and innocence. Another group of people who continue to suffer are many of the foreign-born nationals who are currently in the United States or those people abroad who dream of pursuing work or education, or joining family in the United States.

Since 9/11 a myriad of regulations and statutes have been enacted: civil rights have been curtailed; new hurdles and barriers to remain in or gain entry to the United States have been established and an uncodified closed-door policy prevails at the Department of Homeland Security. In the past, an inadvertent or minor infraction on the part of a foreign-born national could usually be remedied. In the new post-9/11 culture, however, DHS's overly strict adherence to all regulations and statutes often has devastating effects on foreign-born nationals.

If you are retained by a foreign-born national, his or her immigration status may affect your representation and counsel. A person's immigration status can have an effect on wide-ranging areas of law, including criminal, domestic relations, estate planning, tax, litigation, employment, labor and business law. The purpose of this article is to aid you in assessing your foreign-born client's immigration status so that you can advise him or her as to the ramifications of this status with regard to your particular area of expertise. After reading this article you should have a better idea of what questions to ask your client or at least know that a question needs to be asked. The first line of inquiry is to ask your client what his or her status is.

The answer should fall within one of these five categories: (1) U.S. Citizen: A person can be a U.S. citizen either by birth in the United States or by naturalization.

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Convenient and low-cost CLE programs are offered monthly throughout the year by the various 15 sections of the bar. The cost of one general or ethics credit is only \$15. The bar offers discounted CLE programs for \$10 to New/Young Lawyer members. Each December the bar sponsors the annual Ethics Update CLE 1/2 day program. The Trial Skills program will be offered in March as a 4-week series with ethics and general credits. NITA and the BCBA sponsor this program at a special rate for BCBA members.

E-Newsletter is sent out each week with the current weekly CLE programs, programs for the following week, news from the court and important bar news.

Legal Directory

All members receive a free annual "Legal Membership Directory" which lists all Boulder County Bar members. Each year members have the opportunity to list themselves under specialty headings (\$25) in the directory as a supplement to their free alphabetical listings. Additional copies of the Directory are sold for \$10. Members are welcome to purchase display ads for the annual directory.

Mentor / Mentee Program

The goal of the Mentoring Project is to provide support for new admittees to the practice of law and to acquaint them at an early stage with the highest level of professionalism and ethics and familiarize themselves with the Boulder legal community. Mentees must have been in practice for less than three years. Mentees are required to have passed the Colorado Bar and to maintain an appropriate level of malpractice insurance. Anyone wishing to be a mentor should contact the Bar office. Anyone who wishes to be assigned to a mentor should contact the Bar office and request a Mentee Application.

Mailing Lists / Labels

BCBA membership lists are sold primarily for legal educational purposes that will benefit the BCBA membership. They will not be sold for political, fundraising, or business generation purposes. The current Bar Association list is available to members for \$150 and non-members for \$300. Mailing labels for members cost \$200 and non-members \$400. Section lists are available free to members and section labels for \$50. For non-members, section lists cost \$20 and labels \$40.

Web Page

Check out the website at <http://www.boulderbar.org>. The website has a *Members Only* section with Court opinions and many other resources to assist you in your practice. The monthly newsletter is always on line as is the Calendar of Events for the coming three months.

Building Your Client Base

You can be listed in the Find A Lawyer section under two specialty headings for \$60. Our office refers public calls from people looking for lawyers to the Find A Lawyer page. Each month the Find A Lawyer page receives over 1200 hits. Call the Bar office for details about signing up for Find a Lawyer listings.

SEPTEMBER 2004 *(Details for programs on page 6)*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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A person is eligible for naturalization 3 or 5 years after obtaining permanent residence, depending on the source of permanent residence. (There is an exception for children.) Citizens enjoy full rights, benefits and privileges of all laws in the United States.

(2) Permanent Resident: This is also referred to as lawful permanent resident, or, in the vernacular, “green card holder.” Permanent residents are permitted to reside in the United States permanently, work anywhere in the United States for any employer and travel in and out of the United States. They do not, however, enjoy full rights and privileges of all the laws of the United States and are still within the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security. Most importantly, a lawful permanent resident may be removed from the United States.

(3) Non-Immigrant: A non-immigrant is a person who is in the United States for a specified time frame and purpose. This is known as the “alphabet soup” of immigration law. Some common examples of non-immigrant status are B1/B2 visitor for pleasure or business; F1 student; H-1B specialty occupation. (There are more than 20 other types of non-immigrant visas.) The terms of a non-immigrant visa are restrictive. Non-immigrants are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security and can be removed from the United States.

(4) Illegal/Out of Status: This group comprises individuals who entered the United States illegally in that they were not inspected or admitted into the United States. It also includes those who entered the United States legally on a valid visa but either overstayed or violated the terms of that visa.

(5) Applicants for Certain Benefits: There is a protective status bestowed on those who have applied for perma-

nent residence in the United States but have not yet received this status or applied for or received asylum in the United States but have not yet received their permanent residence. Merely applying for any other status does not protect your client. This includes the initial applications for family or employment-based immigration.

If your client is unsure of his or her status, a review of the documentation presented should shed some light for you. The following is a list of documentation you can review to ascertain someone’s status:

(1) U.S. Citizen. To determine if somebody is, in fact, a U.S. citizen, he or she must possess a birth certificate evidencing birth in the United States, U.S. passport or a certificate of naturalization. If your client does not have any one of these three documents, it is unlikely that he or she is a U.S. citizen.

(2) Permanent Resident. If your client is a permanent resident, he should have either a valid I-551 stamp in his passport or a valid alien registration card. If your client possesses an expired stamp or card, he still may, in fact, be a permanent resident and just in need of applying for a new permanent resident card.

(3) Non-Immigrant. To establish valid non-immigrant status, your client should have Form I-94 (a white or green card¹). An I-94 will indicate the date of entry into the United States, status in which the person was admitted (for example, F1, student, B1/B2, visitor) and date until which they are allowed to remain in the United States. In some cases, the date is written as “D/S” which stands for “duration of status.” This is common for students and means that, as long as they maintain student status, they can remain legally in the United States. If the I-94 has an expiration date and that date has passed, your client may be out of status.

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BY BRIDGET McCANN

The Center's Legal Initiatives Project (CLIP) was formed in 1992 to challenge Amendment Two, which would have prohibited municipalities from providing legal protections for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) persons. Since this well-deserved victory in the U.S. Supreme Court, CLIP has continued its legal advocacy on behalf of the GLBT community of Colorado through impact litigation and advocating for GLBT-friendly public policies. It also runs a state-wide legal referral hotline for citizens seeking a GLBT-friendly attorney.

Some important achievements include:

- The Colorado Court of Appeals declared sexual orientation alone is not a legal basis to restrict the

rights of gay and lesbian parents (*In re Marriage of Dorworth*, 33 P.3d 1260, Colo. App. (2001).

- The Colorado Supreme Court denied efforts by the state to overturn judges' rulings allowing the names of two mothers to appear on a birth certificate (unpublished);

- The Colorado Court of Appeals upheld lower court decision (*In re ELMC*, unpublished) granting a non-adoptive parent equal parenting rights and responsibilities for a child she raised for several years with her former lesbian partner; the court declared petitioner a "psychological parent" under the Uniform Parentage Act, Title 19, Article 4, C.R.S.

- A large jury judgment for a gay man fired because of his sexual orientation (*Anderson v. Cherry Creek Dodge*), judgment based on inten-

tional infliction of emotional distress; protection under the Smoker's Rights Statute, § 24-34-402.5, C.R.S. withstood summary judgment;

- A consent decree and order recognizing a student-initiated gay-straight alliance as official club status equal to other student clubs and ordering the school district not to treat or identify the club as a support group. *Homosexual-Heterosexual Alliance Reaching for Tolerance (HHART) v. Cherry Creek District No. 5*); and

- Addition of a private cause of action to Denver's anti-discrimination ordinance, which includes sexual orientation and gender variance.

CLIP also serves as a resource for attorneys representing GLBT clients, offering expertise on legal issues affecting GLBT persons.

CLIP invites attorneys throughout the state to join its attorney referral database. The state-wide legal hotline receives several hundred calls annually from Colorado citizens seeking GLBT-friendly attorneys. Attorneys practicing in all areas of law are needed.

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Bridget McCann is a Legal Intern at CLIP.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

'What Have You Done for Me Lately?'

BY MELODY K. FULLER



It may surprise you to know that some of our local colleagues have chosen not to join the Boulder County Bar Association. For many of us, our professional lives and the practice of law in Boulder County are inextricably intertwined with the BCBA. Not to be part of this group, not to be a member of the local bar is simply unimaginable. But try, if you might, to contemplate your life as a lawyer and as a community member without the Boulder County Bar. I firmly believe that my professional and personal life is immeasurably enriched by the friends and colleagues I have come to know through the bar association.

When I decided to take up skiing in mid-life, it appeared that ski trips and bar events might conflict (let alone my public service employment and job duties). Instead I met some like-minded souls at a bar dinner who invited me to accompany them on a ski hut trip planned for the following year. My dream of hauling my somewhat slow and heavy self (plus pack and survival equipment) up a steep, 11,000-foot mountain through deep snow, in

bitter cold, skirting avalanche territory, to try to sleep in a rustic cabin with no indoor plumbing while suffering from oxygen deprivation and listening to the snores and groans of tired skiers, actually would come true with other lawyers! Who would have guessed that the bar association would facilitate an annual athletic endeavor that now is the highlight of my winter?

As a young(er) lawyer for Boulder County Legal Services, I benefited from the moral, substantive, pro bono and financial support our bar offered the local legal aid office. Again, I found like-minded colleagues in the Boulder County Bar. Only this time it was people who understood that our justice system is only as good as the justice for the most disadvantaged members of our community. And what was good for me at legal aid was hugely beneficial for the low-income county residents who would go without competent legal assistance but for the support of BCBA lawyers.

So when I hear from bar leaders around the country that many lawyers ask before joining or renewing their bar membership, "What have you done for me lately?", I pause to consider what, in addition to moral support and friendship, a bar association like ours has to offer our members. In case you need a reminder, a refresher or information about bar services, we will devote the inside page of our newsletter to notifying you of membership benefits and how to use them. We want our newsletter to be an information

source, a place you can turn to in order to jog your memory about where to go or how to find whatever you need for your legal practice.

The most significant benefits of bar membership, like friendship and collegial relations, may not be easily articulated, defined or capable of listing in the newsletter or promotional materials. However, most bar members can easily recite a slew of membership services they utilize. The bar directory, updated annually to follow our more transient members, is the most convenient and useful list of attorneys and their contact information for local lawyers and staff. Whenever I am

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Pre-registration is required for all BCBA CLE programs. Register by emailing lynne@boulder-bar.org. You will be charged for your lunch if you make a reservation and do not cancel prior to the CLE meeting. BCBA CLE's cost \$15 per credit hour for members and \$20 for non-members unless otherwise noted. CLE credit is \$10 per hour for members of the Young/New Lawyer Section who have practiced 3 years or less. Materials are \$5 without CLE credit.

Thursday, September 2

BCBA Section Co-Chair Meeting
4:30 PM at Faegre & Benson

September 7 - October 26

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Thursday, September 9

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"Software Licensing Do's & Don'ts"
Presenter: Sue Oakes, In-house Counsel,
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Noon at Hutchison, Black and Cook
Box Lunch \$10 (veggie, beef or turkey)
CLE \$15

Friday, September 10

ROCK AROUND THE BLOCK
5:30 PM See page 14 for details.

Week of September 13

Community Food Share
Monday and Tuesday 6 - 8 AM
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See page 13 to sign-up

Tuesday, September 14

Employment Law Section
"Supervisory Training Techniques"
Presenter: Shelly Bailey
Box Lunch \$10 (veggie, beef or turkey)
Noon at Caplan and Ernest CLE \$15

Wednesday, September 15

Family Law Section
"Affidavit with Respect to
Financial Affairs"
Presenter: Bill Redak
Noon Brown Bag Lunch at the Justice
Center Courtroom C CLE \$15

Wednesday, September 15

Criminal Law Section
"Discovery Issues of Criminal Law"
Presenters: Bryan Quiram, Deputy DA
and Megan Ring, PD
Justice Center, Courtroom B
Noon Brown Bag lunch CLE \$15

September 16

Civil Litigation/Medical-Legal
"New Frontiers in Connective Soft Tissue
Trauma Treatment"
Presenters: Peter Ray, D.C.
Julie Stapleton, D.O.
Dr. Elizabeth Yurth and Paul Battle
Noon - 2PM at
Lunch \$14 CLE \$30

Friday, September 17

Bankruptcy Section
Noon at Dolan's in Boulder

Tuesday, September 21

Business Law
"Mediation for Business Transactions"
Presenter: Steve Clymer
Accord Dispute Resolution Services, Inc.
Noon at Dolan's Restaurant
Lunch \$14 CLE \$15

Wednesday, September 22

Tax, Estate Planning, Real Estate
"Hot Docs and Other Drafting Systems
for Estate Planning"
Presenter: K Gabriel Heiser
Noon at Hutchison, Black and Cook
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Tuesday, September 28

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'What Have You Done for Me Lately?' (continued from page 5)

called upon to make a referral, I scan the practice sections of the directory and then thumb through the book looking for names. And I always find someone I know and trust.

The bar programs and events provide for the face-to-face interaction so important for networking. Everyone welcomes the chance to put a face with a name (and telephone number). Many bar section meetings and programs, in addition to the New/Young Lawyer Happy Hours, are free if you don't request CLE credit. You can meet your colleagues, learn about a substantive area and hear about local practice issues for little or no cost. Even more importantly, the collegiality that develops through shared bar experiences makes an enormous difference in maintaining civility with

adverse counsel. It is simply easier to play nicely together in court when you've met and talked in a non-adversarial forum.

Our sections and committees, through their monthly meetings, provide the bulk of CLE credits for many local lawyers. Excellent programs at bargain CLE rates are the norm for most section meetings, and the bar's in-depth programs such as Trial Skills Series, Annual Ethics updates, Nuts 'n Bolts and Law and Literature and Legal Spanish classes offer convenient, high quality educational and social opportunities. The annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser which helps support the Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado and this year's Rock Around the Block II that donated all proceeds to Boulder County Legal Services are

fun events that promote public service support to the community.

The newsletter and the e-newsletter/calendar provide another local connection to colleagues, the courts and professional activities and announcements. This is our newsletter, written and edited by your colleagues and put together by our very own executive director. The articles, announcements, calendar, lists of benefits, pro bono page and commentaries are our relevant and current information source and a Who's Who for Boulder County lawyers.

And don't forget about the BCBA website and its Find-a-Lawyer Directory. There's no need to plow through that pile of papers on your desk looking for information or the latest newsletter; you can find it right on line. Visit the website at www.boulder-bar.org soon and often.

Some would say, "What have you done for me lately?" is a narrow and self-limiting approach and that professionalism mandates that lawyers ask what contribution they can make to and for the bar. I agree, but I can't separate the two concepts of serving and receiving, perhaps because the bar has generally given me more than I have or ever will contribute to it. Our success as a bar is reliant on the contributions of each of our members. I urge you to participate wholeheartedly and reap the benefits.

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PRO BONO PAGE

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Mike Miner
Lenny Tanis

Thank you to the following attorneys who accepted pro bono referrals for the Boulder County AIDS Project during the past month:

Seth Benzra
Paul Bierbaum
Jeanine Pow

Pro Bono Corner: See you at Rock Around the Block on Friday, September 10!

Boulder County Bar Association Professionalism Committee On-Call Schedule

Sept. 6	Bruce Fest	303.494.5600
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The I-94 is different from the visa in the passport. This is often an area of confusion. The visa embossed in the passport allows the person to enter the United States in a particular category. Once he or she has entered the United States, DHS issues an I-94, which then controls the length of stay in the United States. It is therefore possible for somebody to be in the U.S. legally with an expired visa and a valid I-94. The I-94, not the visa, is the controlling document. If your client

does not have any of this documentation or has an expired I-94, your client is likely to be either illegally in the country or out of status.

Once you have established the immigration status of your client, you can determine whether this status will have an effect on your legal advice. Criminal lawyers need to be aware that convictions for certain crimes can render any non-citizen removable from the United States. Tax and estate planning attorneys certainly know that

there are serious ramifications for non-citizens. Litigators should be aware whether they are putting their clients in jeopardy by bringing them "into the system." The list goes on. If you have a client who is a non-citizen (permanent resident, non-immigrant or illegally present), they may want to pursue a more protected immigration status. Given the constraints of time and space, we will save that discussion for another time.

Footnotes:

1. Canadians often do not have I-94 cards.

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LAW SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE

BY PAT FURMAN

Thanks to the generosity of the students on the University of Colorado Boulder campus and the hard work and dedication of the law students, faculty and administration, construction will soon begin on a new, \$46 million law school building. Plans are to break ground later this year and have the new building open for business in the fall of 2006.

The student government of the Boulder campus voted to assess a fee, rising in increments to \$400 a year, on all the Boulder campus's approximately 29,000 students. This fee will generate a revenue stream of more than \$11 million a year for 20 years. The revenue is dedicated to capital construction projects and scholarship money. The new law school building is first on the capital construction project list. Approximately \$21 million in bonds will be issued based on this fee increase. In addition, the law students voted several years ago to tax themselves by raising law school tuition \$1,000 a year to fund approximately \$5.5 million in bonding authority towards the building.

In short, well over half of the money for the new building is being provided by the students themselves, by democratic decision. This is an extraordinary gesture by these students, particularly in light of the fact that many them will never take a single class in the new law school building or other buildings being funded by the fee. Our students, undergraduate and law school alike, have shouldered a responsibility that was traditionally carried by state government. Their willingness to do so shows a degree of foresight, selflessness and maturity not often seen in today's society.

The chancellor of the Boulder campus has committed more than \$5 million to help fund a slightly larger new building than was originally planned. Instead of a building that can house a maximum of 600 students, we are now planning a building for a maximum of 750. Whether and how fast we actually move towards that maximum will be the subject of ongoing discussion. The state legislature appropriated about \$1.5 million several years ago. This money was used to pay for architectural and engineering plans.

Finally, the law school must raise \$12.8 million from alumni and friends. We have raised \$8.5 towards this goal. We need to raise the remaining \$4.3 million while the building is under construction. We will need the help of our alumni and friends to meet this challenging but achievable goal. Yes, Dean Getches will be calling you.

Since the student vote, the plan has gained the necessary approvals from the Board of Regents, Colorado

Commission on Higher Education and legislative Joint Budget and Capital Development Committees. The building committee of the Law School is updating the architectural and engineering plans prepared several years ago to reflect changes in learning technology and techniques, take advantage of design features in other recently opened law schools and to address the change in size.

The law school is committed to creating a building that serves our students and faculty, as well as the practicing bar and general public. We are designing a building that is efficient and cost-effective, but that also reflects the grandeur and majesty of the law. We hope that the new building will be a source of pride to all our alums and an important resource for everyone.

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