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EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PLAN AHEAD FOR HOLIDAY TRAVEL AND VISA APPLICATION

During the Christmas and New Year holiday travel season, U.S. Embassies and Consulates around the world experience an increase in visa applications, and appointment availability can become more backlogged than normal. Employers and employees are encouraged to plan now for travel and visa application during the holiday season in order to avoid delays in visa application and return to the United States after international travel.

Employees with upcoming international travel plans should take steps now to examine their immigration documents and ensure that they possess all documentation that may be required of them when applying for a U.S. visa abroad and/or applying for readmission into the United States after international travel. Applications for passports, extensions of nonimmigrant status and scheduling of visa appointments should be undertaken now in order to avoid unnecessary delays in travel plans.

Additionally, Tindall & Foster, P.C. advises clients to complete the visa application forms electronically whenever possible in order to avoid unnecessary delays during the travel season. For assistance or more information regarding the completion of Forms DS-156 and DS-157, or regarding the visa application process abroad, please contact your Tindall & Foster immigration attorney. In appropriate cases, your Tindall & Foster immigration attorney will be able to assist you in scheduling a visa application appointment, completing the required forms, and collecting required documents for the visa application and interview.