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PLAN AHEAD FOR VISA APPLICATION AT U.S. CONSULATES ABROAD

Most visitors to the United States must apply for a nonimmigrant visa at a U.S. Consulate abroad prior to seeking admission into the United States. Appointment availability at U.S. consular posts occasionally can become backlogged, due to seasonal fluctuations in applicant volume as well as local political events. Recent violent protests in Belgrade and the anticipated change in government in Pakistan serve as a reminder that U.S. Consulates are subject to local events and could experience periodic closures in cases of extreme political or social unrest or direct a threat to U.S. interests. For these reasons, Tindall & Foster reminds clients to plan ahead for visa application abroad, allowing for flexibility in travel schedules whenever possible. If you require assistance in ensuring that your employee has all required documentation for an upcoming visa appointment, please contact your Tindall & Foster immigration attorney in advance of scheduled travel. Advance planning and preparation will afford your employees the greatest flexibility when traveling abroad.