USCIS Updates Policy Guidance on Safe Mailing Address and Case Handling Procedures for Certain Protected Persons (April 11, 2023)

USCIS announced updated policy guidance on mailing address procedures for persons eligible for and recipients of victim-based immigration relief, specifically Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petitioners as well as those who are seeking or currently hold T or U nonimmigrant status (protected persons). USCIS must ensure that information related to a protected person is disclosed only to authorized parties identified by the protected person. This update provides guidance to the public and USCIS employees on mailing address and adjudication procedures for victim-based and non-victim-based forms filed by protected persons.

USCIS Updates Policy Guidance on Self-Selecting a Gender Marker on Forms and Documents (March 31, 2023)

USCIS announced that it will accept the self-identified gender marker for individuals requesting immigration benefits. The gender marker they select does not need to match the gender marker indicated on their supporting documentation. No proof of gender identity is required. Gender markers may also be changed after filing.

State Department releases 2022 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices (March 20, 2023)

The State Department has released the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2022. Remember to submit the most current Human Rights Report prior to your asylum interview or merits hearing.