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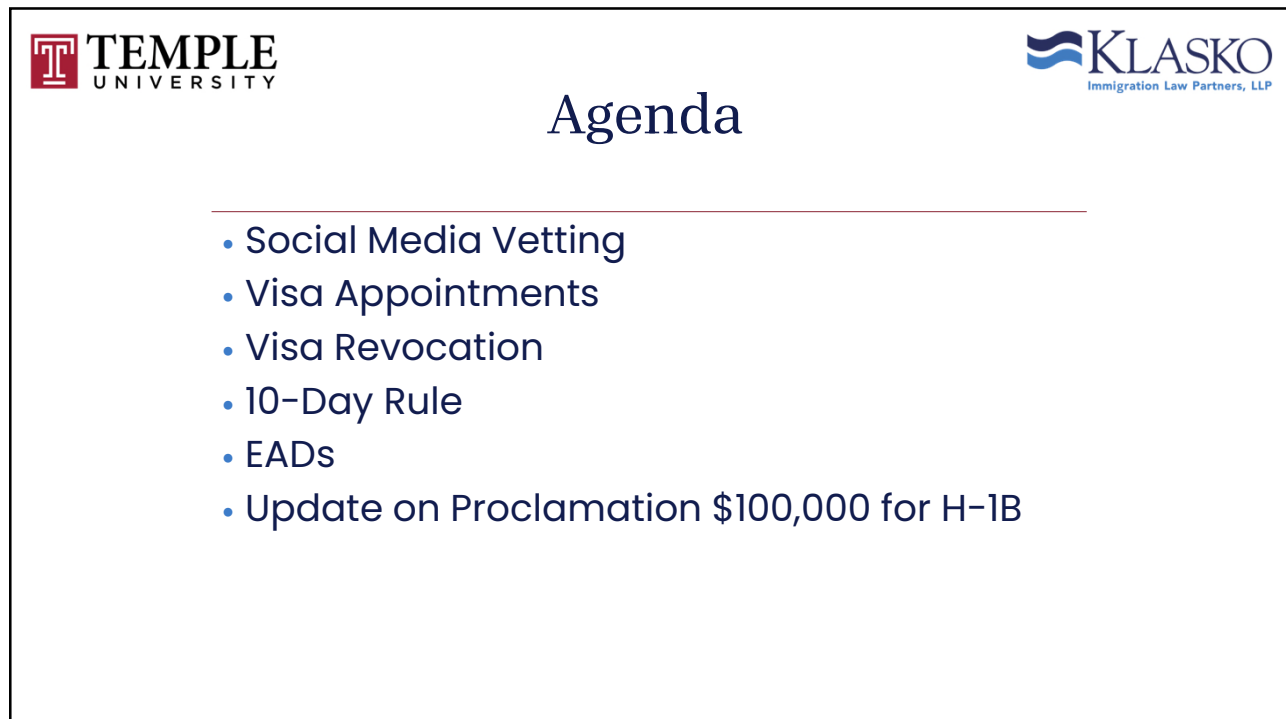
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Temple University Travel Townhall


Romina Gomez

December 12, 2025

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Agenda

- Social Media Vetting
- Visa Appointments
- Visa Revocation
- 10-Day Rule
- EADs
- Update on Proclamation \$100,000 for H-1B

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Social Media Vetting

- Effective December 15, 2025, the State Department is extending its social media vetting to H-1B and H-4 visa applicants
- H-1B and H-4 visa applicants will need to update their social media settings to make accounts publicly viewable
- The DS-160 already requires most nonimmigrant visa applicants to list all social media usernames/identifiers
- Consular officers may review online activity as part of national security and eligibility assessment in adjudicating visas

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Requested for Applicant

- Phone numbers ever used for the past 5 years both personal and professional
- Email addresses (including "throwaway" email addresses) ever used for the past 10 years both personal and professional
- All other names ever used since birth including maiden name and nicknames (and provide the date of birth used with each other name listed)

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Requested for Applicant

- All countries of citizenship and all prior countries of citizenship
- U.S. point of contact information including phone number and email address
- Prior passport/travel document/National ID number information including passport/ID number, country of issuance, dates of validity

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Requested for Spouse, Children

- Current phone number and all phone numbers used for the past 5 years
- Physical address including zip code/postal code
- Social Security Number
- Business/Employer Name, address, and FEIN

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Social Media Examples (not exhaustive)

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| • Discord | • MySpace | • TikTok |
| • Douyin | • Pinterest | • Tumblr |
| • Facebook | • QQ | • Twitch |
| • GroupMe | • Qzone | • VK |
| • IMO | • Reddit | • Weibo |
| • Instagram | • Skype | • Weixin/WeChat |
| • Jodel | • Snapchat | • WhatsApp |
| • Kuaishou | • Telegram | • X (Formerly Twitter) |
| • LinkedIn | • Threads | • YouTube |

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Visa Appointment Rescheduling

- There have been widespread cancellation of H-1B and H-4 visa appointments in India that were scheduled for December that have been rescheduled to February – March 2026.
- Notices sent to applicants explain the cancellation of appointments and delays are due to the new social media vetting policy.
- Consulates note that that the appointment system may be treating some Machine Readable Visa (MRV) fee receipts as expired if the fee was paid more than one year ago. Therefore, if a receipt is flagged as expired, the portal may not allow rescheduling and may warn that canceling the appointment, or failing to appear, could result in forfeiture of the fee.

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Visa Revocation

- The State Department has initiated visa revocations for some H-1B visa holders based on prior arrest history, including arrests that occurred years ago, even if they did not result in a conviction/guilty plea.
- Visa revocation does not serve as a basis to deport individuals; however, if they do travel abroad, they would need to apply for a new visa and the consulate will review the arrest history before issuing a new visa. Depending on the circumstances, it is possible the visa could be denied.
- Individuals with visa revocation should expect heightened scrutiny and potential delays in visa processing.

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10 Day Rule

- The "10-day rule" is discretionary grace period CBP Inspectors provide to certain nonimmigrants (H, O visas), allowing entry up to 10 days *before* the petition starts and staying up to 10 days *after* it ends. This grace period is intended for settling in/departing activities and is not intended for work.
 - CBP has discretion and might deny entry and tell you to return within the 10-day period if you try to enter sooner.

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10 Day Rule

- If you enter sooner than 10 days before your extension's I-797 Approval Notice start date, CBP may limit your admission to the expiration date on your previous I-797 Approval Notice.
 - If this happens, you will either need to travel outside the US again before your I-94 records expires and or fees may be incurred to file an amended petition with USCIS.
- Upon entry, check your I-94 record to see what your expiration date is. If it provides an extra 10 days after your Form I-797 expiration date, we will still use the I-797 Approval Notice date to reflect your status on immigration forms.

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H-1B Proclamation

- The policy is in effect from September 21, 2025 through September 20, 2026.
- Current Employees, Extending H-1B Employees, and New H-1B Lateral Hires Unaffected
- When the \$100,000 Fee Applies.
- If an H-1B employee/candidate is outside of the US, leaves the US while an H-1B petition is pending, or if USCIS refuses to extend/change their status in the US

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Update on Proclamation

- Oral arguments on the summary judgment motion filed by US Chamber of Commerce and the Association of American Universities are scheduled for December 19, 2025 in US District Court.
- A decision is expected in January but will likely be appealed and the Proclamation may stay in effect while the appeal is pending.
- As we await the outcome of the legal challenges to the Proclamation, USCIS confirmed the \$100,000 fee is not required for a H-1B petition filed with a change or extension of stay.
- However, if USCIS plans to approve the H-1B petition but deny the request to change or extend status, it will request the \$100,000 fee before issuing the approval notice for consular notification.

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Impact of the H-1B Proclamation

Location	Petition Status	Impact of Changes
H-1B Inside the U.S. Petition Filed Before 12:01 a.m. EST on September 21, 2025	Approved Petition	Not impacted.
	Amendment	Not impacted.
	Change of Status	Not impacted.
	Extension	Not impacted.
	Change of Employer (Port)	Not impacted.
	Consular Notification	Not impacted.
H-1B Inside the U.S. Petition Filed After 12:01 a.m. EST on September 21, 2025	Approved Petition	Not impacted.
	Amendment	Not impacted.
	Change of Status	Not impacted.
	Extension	Not impacted.
	Consular	Impacted. Must meet new requirements (\$100,000 payment or national interest exemption).

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Impact of the H-1B Proclamation

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H-1B Outside the U.S. Petition Filed Before 12:01 a.m. EST on September 21, 2025	Previously Approved Petition	Not impacted.
	Consular Notification (Beneficiary possesses valid H-1B visa)	Not impacted.
	Consular Notification (Beneficiary does not possess valid H-1B visa)	Not Impacted.
H-1B Outside the U.S. Petition Filed After 12:01 a.m. EST on September 21, 2025	Previously Approved Petition	Not impacted.
	Consular Notification (Beneficiary possesses valid H-1B visa)	Not impacted.
	Consular Notification (Beneficiary does not possess valid H-1B visa)	Impacted. Must meet new requirements (\$100,000 payment or national interest exemption).

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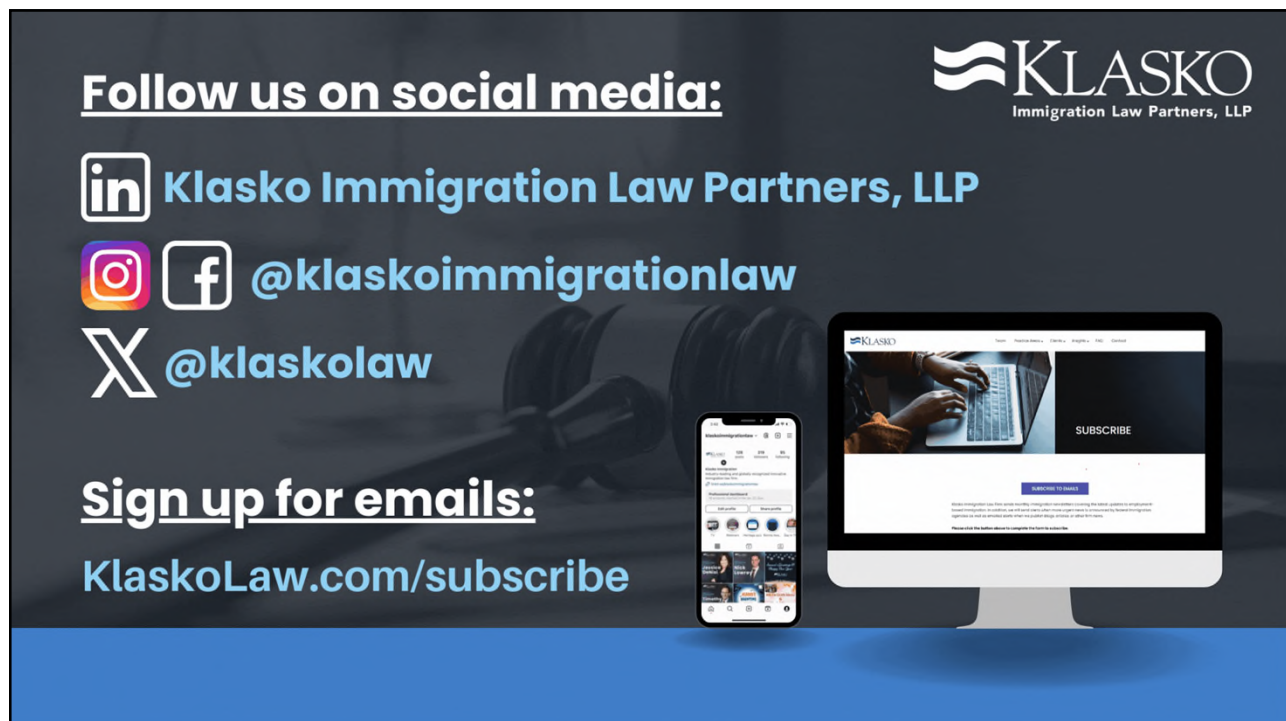
Recent Travel Restrictions

High Level	Restrictions	Restrictions		Exceptions	National Interest Exemption
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective 06/09/2025 19 countries covered Impacts those outside of U.S. without visas or other travel documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Restrictions: all immigrant and nonimmigrant visa applicants Partial Restrictions: all immigrant and certain nonimmigrant (F, M, J, B) visa applicants 	Full	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Permanent Residents Dual Nationals with passport from non-covered nation National Interest Exemption A, G, Nato visas Athletes (World Cup, Olympics, etc.) Special immigrant visa holders Iranian religious minorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humanitarian grounds/national interest (medical professionals during health emergencies) Critical infrastructure Significant economic activity Law enforcement or intelligence efforts Urgent need by U.S. employer or agency Athletes, artists, or other public figures
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afghanistan Burma Chad Republic of Congo Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Haiti Iran Libya Somalia Sudan Yemen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burundi Cuba Laos Sierra Leone Togo Turkmenistan Venezuela 		

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Romina Gomez
Senior Associate

Romina Gomez is a Senior Associate with the Firm's Philadelphia office and works with both corporate and individual clients on a wide range of business and family-based immigration matters. She has worked in immigration law for over fifteen years.

As a child of monolingual immigrant parents, Romina learned to become an advocate for those trying to navigate unfamiliar and often confusing systems and agencies. She now uses these advocacy skills to guide corporate clients in their efforts to hire and retain quality individuals from the initial consultation to throughout the green card process.

Prior to joining Klasko Immigration Law Partners, Romina had her own practice based in Philadelphia and provided legal services to corporate clients and individuals on a variety of nonimmigrant and immigrant options, including applications for E, H-1B, TN, L-1, labor certifications, and immigrant petitions. She also has experience with marriage and family-based immigration, naturalization, and humanitarian visas, including VAWA applications for abused spouses and U visas for victims of crimes.

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