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FINAL RULE INCREASING USCIS FEES MAY BE IMMINENT

The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) posted this past Monday that the USCIS Final Rule to increase fees could be published any day now because the review of the final rule was completed on Friday, January 19th. While we do not know what the Final Rule will include, the Proposed Rule increased some fees dramatically. Of particular note for T&R clients are:

- H-1B registration fee: \$10 to \$215 (a 2,050% increase)
- Form I-129 for H-1B: \$460 to \$780 (a 70% increase)
- Form I-129 for L-1: \$460 to \$1,385 (a 201% increase)
- Form I-129 for O-1: \$460 to \$1,055 (a 129% increase)
- Form I-526E for EB5: \$3,675 to \$11,160 (a 204% increase)
- Form I-485 adjustment of status: \$1,140 to \$1,540 (a 35% increase)

These are only a small number of the proposed fees but provides you with a sense of what could be on the horizon if the Final Rule mirrors the Proposed Rule.

Please note that any new H-1B registration fee will likely be in place by the time the H-1B lottery registration period opens.

We will provide an update as soon as the Final Rule becomes available.

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