

## Practice Areas

### BUSINESS

L-1 Visas

H-1B

H-1B Transfers

Visas

TN Visas (NAFTA)

Special Visas for Other Countries:

- Australia
- Chile / SingaporeE-1

E-1 Visas

E-2 Visas

PERM Labor Certification

### HOSPITALS / HEALTHCARE

H-1C Visas

H-1B Visas for Doctors

### FAMILY

Spouse / Fiancée Visas

Permanent Residence for Family  
within U.S.

Naturalization /Citizenship

### AMNESTY

## [ICE Expands Biometric Programs to Aid Law Enforcement in Illinois](#)

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In November, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) expanded its use of biometric programs for fingerprint identification and sharing into Crawford, DeWitt, Ford and Piatt Counties in Illinois.

Thus, ICE is now using and sharing biometric information in 26 Illinois counties to identify aliens, both lawfully and unlawfully present in the U.S., who are booked into local custody for an alleged crime. These individuals can then be tracked through the justice system to the point of conviction or exoneration.

This biometric program also facilitates the sharing of critical identity information among the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and certain local authorities.

Since ICE began using this kind of biometric information sharing in 2008, immigration officers have removed from the U.S. more than 46,000 aliens who have been convicted of a crime. ICE officials reportedly have stated that they prioritize the deportation of those convicted of the most serious crimes, including major drug offenses, rape, murder and kidnapping.

ICE official David Venturella reportedly stated that the objective is “to use biometric information sharing to remove criminal aliens, preventing them from being released back into the community, with little or no additional burden on our law enforcement partners.”

If you are an individual living in Illinois and need assistance with procuring legal immigrant status, please do not hesitate to contact our offices to see if we can assist you at (847)564-0712. You are also welcome to visit the pertinent section of [our Website](#) for additional information about our services.