



Legal Alert: Revised I-9 Form Now Available

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As discussed in our prior Legal Alert, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has published an interim final rule that narrows the list of documents employers may accept to verify employment authorization on the I-9 form. The revised Form I-9 becomes effective on February 2, 2009. At that time, employers will be required to use only the new form to verify the employment eligibility of new hires and reverify existing employees where necessary. USCIS has published a final version of the I-9 form, a copy of which is available here. Additionally, you may download the new form from the agency's web site: http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/I-9_IFR_02-02-09.pdf.

The current version of the I-9 form, dated June 5, 2007, will no longer be available after the interim final rule takes effect on February 2, 2009. USCIS will accept comments on the interim final rule until February 2, 2009.

If you have any questions about the interim final rule or other business immigration issues, please contact Geetha Nadiminti, gnadiminti@fordharrison.com, 404-888-3940 or any member of Ford & Harrison's Business Immigration practice group.