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## Victoria Jaensch Karins Elected Chairperson of American Immigration Lawyers Association, Central Florida Chapter

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Sarasota, FL - Jaensch Immigration Law Firm is proud to announce that attorney Victoria Jaensch Karins has been elected chairperson of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Central Florida Chapter (AILA-CFC). The Central Florida Chapter includes over 300 immigration attorneys and, aside from southeast Florida, covers the entire state. Previously Ms. Karins served as the Education Chair and the Vice Chair Tampa Region for AILA-CFC. She is the first AILA-CFC chairperson ever from Sarasota.

As chair Ms. Karins will serve as the initial point of contact between AILA-CFC and outside organizations, companies, and agencies. She will be in charge of the chapter's general operations and communications to and from the national level.

"It is an honor to be elected to this post. I look forward to serving my fellow immigration attorneys with enthusiasm," says Ms. Karins, who obtained her law degree in 1994 and has been practicing immigration law ever since. Together with her brother, managing attorney P. Christopher Jaensch, and the other attorneys at Jaensch Immigration Law Firm, she is part of the largest immigration law firm on Florida's Gulf Coast.

"With major potential changes in immigration law on the horizon it is very important for immigration attorneys to work together for positive reform," says Ms. Karins, referring to the Senate bipartisan immigration reform bill. She herself has already been to DC to lobby for reform. "The political climate seems amenable to immigration reform," says Ms. Karins, "the bill still has to go through the committee process and floor debate and we look forward to helping shape it throughout the process," she continued. "That being said," she added, "it is also important for us to educate the public to reduce the potential for fraudulent activities from unlicensed and fly-by-night organizations, otherwise known as *notarios*."

Immigration reform could bring far-reaching changes such as the creation of a start-up visa, retiree visa, and most controversially, a path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States. "Certain people are too focused on the provisions regarding the path to citizenship, the bill contains so much more," says Ms. Karins. "The creation of a start-up visa for foreign entrepreneurs, a W visa for foreign workers, the expansion of the H-1B visa program, and the creation of a retiree visa could all be very positive in terms of increased vitality and economic growth," she continued.

For further questions Ms. Karins can be reached via her email – [victoria@visaamerica.com](mailto:victoria@visaamerica.com) – or by phone – (941) 366-9841.

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About Jaensch Immigration Law Firm: The law firm was established in Sarasota in 1984 and provides a wide range of immigration legal services to students, investors, entrepreneurs, professional and skilled workers, athletes, coaches, aliens with extraordinary and exceptional credentials and more. The law firm is comprised of five immigration lawyers, Peter J. Jaensch, P. Christopher Jaensch, Victoria Jaensch Karins, and Kevin Runyan. The main website of Jaensch Immigration Law Firm is [www.VisaAmerica.com](http://www.VisaAmerica.com). For more information contact marketing coordinator, Michael Marquet, at 941-366-9841 or send email to [mmarquet@VisaAmerica.com](mailto:mmarquet@VisaAmerica.com).