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## **Preparing for Immigration Reform**

### *Sarasota Immigration Attorneys Preparing for Increased Demand*

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**Sarasota, FL** – Immigration Reform passed the Senate on Thursday, June 27 by a vote of 68-32. It still has to go through committee and floor debate in the House of Representatives, reconciliation, and signing. Nevertheless, Jaensch Immigration Law Firm is already preparing in case the bill becomes law.

Last year the firm established a Latin American Division, managed by Cesar Gomez, former director of the Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce, to expand ties and establish strategic partnerships with the local Latin American community. What's more, over the last 6 months the firm has doubled its office space and increased staff by 20% with further increases planned.

“Comprehensive Immigration Reform could change almost every aspect of the immigration system. It would create many new opportunities, not only for undocumented immigrants, but for investors, students, and workers as well,” says P. Christopher Jaensch, managing attorney of Jaensch Immigration Law Firm. “Such a sweeping change would create new demand for our services and we want to be ready to handle that,” he adds.

The firm began disseminating information about the bill the moment it appeared. They created a new website that collects and displays the latest immigration reform news. They embarked on an informational campaign using emails, social media, and news articles. The campaign educates the Sarasota-Bradenton area about the possibilities that immigration reform would bring.

Members of the firm traveled to Washington in April before the bill had entered the Senate. Victoria Jaensch Karins brought letters from Sarasota area employers and individual immigrants demonstrating the need for immigration reform. Soon after the Gang of Eight unveiled the legislation and submitted it to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The firm is conducting bi-lingual seminars in Manatee and Sarasota Counties, as well as Arcadia, to explain the provisions of the bill. They also created a fingerprint data collection center where individuals interested in obtaining information about their own criminal and immigration detention history can have their fingerprints taken and sent to the FBI for a records search.

“It will be especially important for those who may wish to apply for legalization to demonstrate the absence of a criminal record,” says Mr. Jaensch, “and for that they need to have their

fingerprints taken.” He adds that in the past, “this could only be done through the local jail or police office.”

All those interested in learning the latest on the progress of immigration reform can do so on Jaensch Immigration Law Firm’s news blog, [ImmigrationSarasota.com/ImmigrationReform](http://ImmigrationSarasota.com/ImmigrationReform).

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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).