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### **Sarasota Immigration Attorneys See Surge in Applications for What Could Be the Last Green Card Lottery**

*Applicants Rush in Before Congress Eliminates the Green Card Lottery*

**Sarasota, FL, 10/21/13** – Immigration attorneys across the Sarasota-Bradenton area are seeing a surge in applications for the Diversity Visa or Green Card Lottery this year. Held every year in October, the Diversity Visa Lottery allows residents of countries that do not send many immigrants to America to apply for a Green Card. In order to be granted a Green Card, applicants have to prove their nationality, demonstrate a clean criminal record, and show that they will not be a public burden.

This year's surge is due to the ongoing debate in Congress about immigration reform. In July, the Senate passed a comprehensive immigration reform bill that would eliminate the Diversity Visa. Just a few weeks ago, in the midst of the shutdown, House Democrats produced their own bill which would do the same.

“What we are seeing is an attempt on the part of the House Democrats to use the momentum they gained from ending the shutdown to pressure House Republicans into compromising on Immigration Reform,” said Chris Jaensch, managing attorney of Jaensch Immigration Law Firm, Sarasota's largest immigration firm. “The Diversity Visa is already unpopular with conservatives and not seeing it on the Democrats' bill means that if immigration reform passes, regardless of the form it takes, the Diversity Visa is out,” he continued.

President Obama has announced that Immigration Reform is one of his major objectives for the next 90 days, along with a budget and a farm bill. We could see Immigration Reform before the end of the year.

This year the Diversity Visa application window is open until 12 noon eastern standard time on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.



P. Christopher Jaensch, Managing Attorney, Jaensch Immigration Law Firm

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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).