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## IMMIGRATION UPDATE

### President Bush Signs Into Law Two Bills Which Provide Work Authorization for Spouses of Certain Visa Holders and Which Shorten Length of Tenure Required Under Blanket L Petitions

President Bush has signed into law two bills, one that provides work authorization to spouses of E visa holders and the other to spouses of L visa holders. One of these bills also provides for a reduction to six months in the amount of time that an individual must be employed by a company abroad before being eligible for an L visa where a blanket petition exists.

INS has not yet provided instructions or guidance regarding the processing

procedures for work authorization applications under this new law. As soon as this information is published, we will provide it to you.

#### **Paul Hastings' Seminar on Emerging Issues in Immigration and Employment Law Scheduled for February 12, 2002 in Atlanta, Georgia**

Please remember to register for the Paul Hastings' Seminar on Emerging Issues in Immigration and Employment Law which will be held

on Tuesday, February 12, 2002, in Atlanta. Information regarding the seminar can be located at [www.paulhastings.com/seminar](http://www.paulhastings.com/seminar). We hope you will be able to join us.

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