

McGeorge Immigration Clinic Continues to Offer Free Legal Services for DACA Renewals

DACA Work Permits Expiring Between Now and March 5, 2018 Eligible for Renewal

Sacramento, CA – Today University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law’s Immigration Law Clinic joins 800,000 recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) in denouncing the rescinding of the program, which provides protection from deportation and work permits to young men and women who came to the United States as undocumented children and successfully complete a rigorous background check. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced on behalf of President Donald Trump this morning that the DACA program created by an executive order of President Barack Obama in 2012 would be officially ending.

Through our annual immigration fair as well as direct representation, “the McGeorge Immigration Clinic has helped approximately 250 people with their initial applications and renewals,” says Blake Nordahl, supervising attorney at the school’s Immigration Law Clinic. “We have watched young people use DACA as a springboard to find better jobs, attend school and support their families. This is a sad time, but we are committed to continuing to help the immigrant community.” According to the City of Sacramento, there are roughly 13,000 people eligible for the program in Sacramento County.

The Department of Homeland Security announced today that initial DACA applications will not be accepted after today, September 5, 2017. However, renewals for applicants whose work permits expire between today and March 5, 2018 will be accepted between now and October 5, 2017.

“We are continuing to offer free legal-services regarding DACA renewals,” states Nordahl. “We encourage eligible young people to renew their permits.” The Immigration Law Clinic is open between 8:30AM and 5PM and is located at 3455 Fifth Avenue. Applicants who believe they are eligible for a DACA renewal may call (916) 340-6080 to schedule an appointment.

The University of the Pacific’s McGeorge School of Law Immigration Law Clinic provides in-depth legal assistance to low-income clients on immigration matters, including VAWA, adjustment of status, specialized visas (U and T), as well as representation before the Immigration Court in removal proceedings.