

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, INC.,—
IMMIGRATION PROGRAM, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TOM RIDGE, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT
OF HOMELAND SECURITY, ET AL.,

Defendants.

Case Nos. Civ S 98-629-LLK
and S-86-1343-LKK

NOTICE OF PROPOSED
SETTLEMENT OF CLASS
ACTION

Notice is hereby given that a settlement of the above-entitled class action case has been submitted for the Court's approval. The settlement affects the rights of the following two groups of immigrants who are entitled to object to the proposed settlement:

(A) All persons who were otherwise prima facie eligible for legalization under § 245A of the INA, and who tendered completed applications for legalization under § 245A of the INA and fees to an INS officer or agent acting on behalf of the INS, including a QDE, during the period from May 5, 1987 to May 4, 1988, and whose applications were rejected for filing because an INS officer or QDE concluded that they had traveled outside the United States after November 6, 1986 without advance parole.

(B) All persons who filed for class membership under *Catholic Social Services, Inc. v. Reno*, CIV No. S-86-1343 LKK (E.D. Cal.), and who were otherwise prima facie eligible for legalization under § 245A of the INA, who, because an INS officer or QDE concluded that they had traveled outside the United States after November 6, 1986 without advance parole were informed that they were ineligible for legalization, or were refused by the INS or its QDEs legalization forms, and for whom such information, or inability to obtain the required application forms, was a substantial cause of their failure to timely file or complete a written application.

The proposed settlement will allow members of the two groups described above a period of one year to apply for legalization under the 1986 IRCA. Applicants who appear to be eligible for legalization will also be entitled to temporary employment authorization. Applications will be confidential and will not be used to deport applicants who are denied legalization. The full text of the proposed settlement is available for review at the Office of the Clerk of the Court, 501 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or the Center for Human Rights & Constitutional Law, 256 S. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90057, and at www.centerforhumanrights.org/CSSSettlement.pdf.

Class members objecting to the proposed settlement must mail their written objections on or before December 29, 2003, to: Clerk (CSS Settlement Objection), United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, 501 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, with a copy sent to Peter A. Schey and Carlos Holguin, Center for Human Rights & Constitutional Law, 256 S. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90057, and a copy to Earle B. Wilson, United States Department of Justice, Office of Immigration Litigation, P.O. Box 878 Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044.

Hon. Lawrence K. Karlton
Senior United States District Judge