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**This Immigration Update<sup>®</sup> from FosterQuan, LLP contains important information regarding the following:**

**USCIS WILL RETURN TO PRIOR, LONGSTANDING PRACTICE OF SENDING ORIGINAL FORM I-797 APPROVAL NOTICES TO THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS) recently began sending original Form I-797 Approval Notices directly to petitioners and applicants, sending only a “courtesy copy” to the attorney representing the petitioner or applicant in the case. Due to the problems caused by this change in CIS procedures, the CIS has agreed to return to the previous, longstanding practice of sending original Form I-797 Approval Notices to the attorney of record.

The CIS has stated that returning to prior practice requires reprogramming CIS systems, which can take several weeks to fully accomplish. FosterQuan advises clients to continue to be on the lookout for any documents received directly from the CIS, and to provide counsel a copy of all correspondence received so that we may review and provide further guidance.

As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor changes in CIS procedures and will make additional information available via future Immigration Updates<sup>®</sup> and on our firm’s [website](#).