Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy describes:

- The information that the American Immigration Council, Inc. ("the Council" or "we") collects and receives from you when you interact with our websites: www.Americanimmigrationcouncil.org; www.J1Journeys.org; www.ImmigrationImpact.com ("Websites");

- If and why information may be collected by and/or disclosed to third parties;

- How we collect, use, and disclose the information that we receive; and

- Information regarding how we store and secure information.

How to Contact Us:

- If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Policy, you may contact us via info@immcouncil.org, by phone at 202-507-7500, or by U.S. Mail at:

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Services We Provide

The Council offers the following services ("Services"):  

- Provides resource information on immigration topics including research publications, practice advisories and litigation updates;

- Sponsors J-1 Visa Exchange program;

- Provides information about the Council and its activities and events; and

- Solicits donations for the Council and deploys various marketing tools.
Information We Collect

Information You Provide to Us. The only information the Council collects about you is information you may voluntarily provide to us or information that you voluntarily provided to our partner organization, the American Immigration Lawyers Association. For example, you may provide your name and email address when you provide the Council with a donation or you may fill out required personal information as part of the application process for the J-1 Visa Exchange program.

Information We Collect Automatically. The Council may receive certain types of information automatically when you access our Websites, such as your browser type and internet protocol (IP) address. While our system may collect this information, we generally do not identify you or match this information with your other personal information; however, we reserve the right to do so under certain circumstances (including, but not limited to, reporting to law enforcement authorities, in response to subpoenas, or to enforce our Terms of Use). We use the information to diagnose Website technical problems, facilitate your use of our Websites, or track aggregate Website traffic patterns.

Cookies. Cookies are text files that are placed on your hard drive by a website when you visit that website. They identify your computer and record your preferences and other data about your visit to that website so when you return to the site, the site can personalize your return visit. The Council may use cookies to collect information about your visit to determine which of our areas, features, and forums are most popular, personalize and improve your experience on our Websites, and complete transactions you may request. You can reset your browser to refuse all cookies or to indicate when a cookie is being sent. By prohibiting the use of cookies, however, you may restrict your access to certain types of content or features.

How We Use and Share Your Information

With your consent. We may share your information with third parties if you have given us your consent to do so.

To perform services. We may disclose your information to third parties to perform services requested or functions initiated by users, such as processing donations and exchange program applications and managing litigation case files. In addition, we may disclose your information in order to identify a user in connection with communications sent through our Websites.

To communicate with you. We use your data to send you information about our Services, to respond to you when you contact us, or to solicit your feedback. If you provided us with an email address, we may also send newsletters, surveys, offers, and other materials related to our Services.

With third party service providers performing services on our behalf. We may share information with our third-party service providers to perform the functions for which we engage them (e.g. to process payments). We may share information as needed to operate other related services.
With our Sister Organization. We may share some or all of your information with our sister organization, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, which helps us to carry out our mission, but only to the extent that we must share the information to carry out our operations.

To create anonymous data. We may remove all identifying information from your data to create anonymous data. Because this anonymous data cannot be used to identify you and poses no risk to you, we may use or disclose this anonymous data as we deem necessary for our operations.

For legal purposes. We also may share information that we collect from users, as needed, to enforce our rights, protect our property or protect the rights, property, or safety of others, or as needed to support external auditing, compliance and corporate governance functions. We will disclose your information as we deem necessary to respond to a subpoena, regulation, binding order of a data protection agency, legal process, governmental request, or other legal or regulatory process. We may also share your information as required to pursue available remedies or limit damages we may sustain.

Potential New Owner. We may share your information with others in connection with, or during negotiations of, any merger, sale of company assets, consolidation or restructuring, financing, or acquisition of all or a portion of our business by or into another company.

Legal Basis for Using Your Personal Information

If you are in a country within the European Economic Area (EEA), we will only use your personal information as permitted by law. Under most circumstances, we will use your personal information for the following permissible reasons:

- to perform the contract we are about to enter into or have entered into with you (e.g., when we provide you services through the J-1 Exchange Program);
- to carry out our legitimate interests provided that your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests (e.g., follow-up communication for a donation you made to us);
- when you provide consent (e.g., when you request to receive newsletters, alerts, or other communications from us you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time by contacting us); or
- to comply with a legal or regulatory obligation.

Links to Third Party and Co-Branded Websites

Our Websites contain links to third party websites and services and some of those third-party websites may be co-branded with our logo (the “Third Party Services”). For example, our Websites contain links to Third Party Services for donations and for the transmission of information for the J-1 Exchange Program. If you decide to visit and submit any information to a Third-Party Service, you are subject to its privacy policy and practices and
not this Privacy Policy. We encourage you to review carefully the legal and privacy notices of all other digital services that you visit.

Your Options with Your Information

- **Opt-Out.** You can opt-out of receiving any communications from us at any time by contacting us or following the unsubscribe instructions at the bottom of electronic communications.

- **Change Your Information.** You can change, update, or delete your information with us at any time by contacting us.

- **Access or Object to Use of Your Information.** In addition to the opt-out and edit options, if you are in a country within the European Economic Area (EEA), you can request access to your information, object to or seek to restrict our processing of your information or ask for the erasure of your information in certain circumstances. Please note that, you can always ask us to delete your information from all marketing communications or subscriptions at any time.

If you need further assistance regarding your options, please contact us and we will consider your request in accordance with applicable laws. If you are in the EEA, you also have a right to lodge a complaint with your local data protection authority.

Data Retention

The Council retains personal information for as long as needed to perform and provide the Services. We will retain and use this personal information as necessary to comply with our legal obligations, prevent fraud, resolve disputes, troubleshoot problems, assist with any investigation, collect any fees owed, enforce any agreement, or take any other actions permitted by law. The Council will conform to the time periods required by laws regarding data retention in the corresponding applicable jurisdictions.

Information Security

We use a combination of technical, administrative, and physical controls to maintain the security of your data. However, the security of information transmitted through the internet can never be guaranteed. In order to protect you and your data, we may suspend your use of any of the on-line service, without notice, pending an investigation, if any breach of security is suspected. Access to and uses of password-protected and/or secure areas of our Websites are restricted to authorized users only. Unauthorized access to such areas is prohibited and may lead to criminal prosecution.

Children’s Privacy: Our Websites are NOT Child-Directed

Children under thirteen (13) should not send any information about themselves to the Council. We do not collect
personally identifiable data from any person that we know to be under the age of thirteen (13). If we learn that a child under thirteen (13) has submitted information to the Council through any part of our Websites, we will attempt to delete this information as soon as practical.

Changes to this Privacy Policy

This Privacy Policy may be updated from time to time for any reason. If you have provided your email address, we will notify you before we make any material changes to this Privacy Notice. You can then decide whether you would like to continue to use the Services. If you have not provided us with your email address, we will notify you of any changes to our Privacy Policy by posting the new Privacy Policy on our Websites, and we will change the “Effective date” below. You should consult this Privacy Policy regularly for any changes.

Effective date: October 10, 2018