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The Voice of FilAmerica

Political empowerment is still a treasure that eludes us as a community here in America. While we are the second largest Asian American community in the United States, we have yet to harvest the power that comes from our numbers. The Voice of FilAmerica features elected and appointed officials - regardless of political affiliation - in the different US states who are of Filipino ancestry. As your Filipino American community newspaper, the Asian Journal recognizes the fact that we all have a responsibility towards bringing political empowerment to fruition, especially for our future generations. It is our hope to have our voices heard all over America.

Delano Europa

First Filipino appointed Justice of the Peace

MORE than 16 years ago, Filipino Canadian Delano Europa became the first Filipino appointed Justice of the Peace in the Ontario Court of Justice in Canada.

A former a municipal judge of Solano, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, Europa appeared to have set his path in his homeland. However, unforeseen circumstances prevented him from fulfilling that role.

He left his municipal judge position and moved to Canada with his second wife where he started over. Despite being educated at the San Beda College of law and a former judge, in Canada he was nothing. He started as a laborer at an asbestos plant pushing drums inhaling chemicals that caused him to prematurely age, according to a profile story about him on the Business Mirror.



He quit shortly after, worked several odd jobs before finding a job as a parking lot attendant in Toronto. Wanting a better life for himself and his family, Europa studied law at the University of Toronto during his free time and began bringing language tapes - Chinese, Japanese, French and German - while parking cars.

It all paid off. In 1992, he saw an advertisement in the Toronto Star for the Justice of the Peace post.

He applied and became the first Filipino to be appointed to the post in Ontario.

As Justice of the Peace, he's responsible for handling criminal cases including misdemeanors and other crimes committed by Canadians. ■

IMMIGRATION EDGE



ATTY. DANIEL HANLON

ON October 28, 2009, President Obama signed into law amendments to the Immigration & Nationality Act (INA) reversing the longstanding rule that visa petitions filed for relatives are automatically revoked upon the death of the Petitioner. The new law will ameliorate the harsh, unfair consequences resulting to thousands of beneficiaries of family and employment-based visa petitions who have been waiting for years for their priority dates to become current, only to have their hopes dashed by the untimely death of the Petitioner before they could obtain their green cards. The signing

New law: Visa petitions survive the death of the petitioner

of this new law could mark an end to nearly 15 years of anti-immigrant lawmaking and the beginning of an era of "common sense" fairness in new immigration legislation.

For decades, the rule was simple: The Petition dies with the Petitioner. The only way to avoid application of that law was through approval of a Request for Humanitarian Reinstatement with the office of the USCIS that originally approved the petition. Since the decision to grant such a request was solely within the discretion of the USCIS, these applications were assigned a very low priority within the USCIS offices, causing bereft Beneficiaries of petitions filed by recently deceased US Citizens and Green card holders to suffer

inordinate delays and additional anxiety while their fate lay in the hands of a USCIS officer.

Under the new law, the rule is completely reversed: The Petition survives the death of the Petitioner. The only way this rule does not apply is if the USCIS, in its discretion, believes that the revalidation of such a petition would be "against the public interest." In the vast majority of cases, the Beneficiaries of such petitions are merely innocent victims of long delays in visa availability and the tragic loss of their petitioning relative. The new law removes the additional penalty of losing any opportunity to obtain lawful permanent resident status to these already suffering victims.

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