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**BOCA RATON, FL – May 1, 2006** – With legislation on immigration reform pending, **Ellis & Ged**, a Boca Raton-based law firm operating for more than a decade, is offering complimentary consultation and expert counsel to immigrants seeking permanent residency and citizenship. The majority of today’s immigrants, and the population as a whole, remain unaware that forms of relief and protection already exist today as a result of Section 245 (i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. To that end, there are immediate steps that can be taken toward application for permanent residency and citizenship, regardless of the outcome of pending reform bills.

“The fact is immigrants don’t need to wait in fear of the outcome of pending immigration reform,” said Brian Becker, Esq., associate counsel with Ellis and Ged. “While so many people in the country remain focused on what may pass, current relief and protection is available today. It is critical that aliens not only learn about their options, but that they also have access to licensed attorneys who specialize in immigration practice.”

At the helm of Ellis and Ged’s immigration division, Mr. Becker has successfully represented clients on little-known or understood procedures and laws. Immigration laws represent some of the most complicated legislation in today’s judicial system.

“Paramount to all immigration matters is that foreigners work with licensed attorneys whom they can trust to get the job done and done right,” said Mr. Becker. “A high percentage of cases we see here at Ellis and Ged are individuals who initially thought they could save money by utilizing a paralegal, notary public, or other non-attorneys promoting quick visa or citizenship programs. We are constantly being asked to undo or repair detrimental advice. Working with those not educated in immigration laws inevitably causes delays, denials, or worse, deportation. All of this can be avoided by working with a trusted advisor skilled in the intricacies of immigration law.”

From a business perspective, immigration labor is crucial to Florida. With South Florida serving as a leading gateway into the United States today, and unemployment rates near record lows, many businesses today are already having trouble filling jobs despite need for highly skilled, educated workers. Ellis & Ged successfully represents employers, from small mom-and-pop companies to large, multinational corporations, in obtaining work visas for foreign workers followed by permanent residency and citizenship.

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“With an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants nationwide, obtaining US Citizenship is about more than the right to live in America,” said Mr. Becker. “It’s about the right to work, to vote, it’s a means of reuniting families, it represents protecting children’s rights to remain in America and ensuring fairness and equality in legal matters and when traveling abroad. There are so many benefits and responsibilities that go in hand with obtaining lawful permanent residency and eventually US citizenship. Our mission is to help guide the process, making it as seamless as possible for our clients.”

“We do what it takes to get the job done and to win the most favorable results for our clientele,” said Glen Ged, founding partner. “While no attorney can promise outcome, we can promise each and every client who walks in our door the highest quality service and legal counsel offered today. Brian Becker and his team handle the firm’s immigration matters with an unparalleled level of respect, compassion and knowledge; we are proud to have them represent such a large part of our practice.”

Ellis & Ged represents clients all over the United States and throughout the world, and the skilled staff is fluent in many languages including Spanish, Creole, French, Portuguese, Turkish, German, Romanian, and Hungarian.

**About Brian Becker, Esq.**

Possessing a unique combination of experience and education in Immigration Law, Mr. Becker has educated Immigration Judges and Immigration Trial Attorneys while representing clients on little-known or understood procedures and laws. His victorious record in cases which his colleagues have considered “no-win” situations has earned him a reputation as one of the best in the industry. As such, Mr. Becker has won cases before the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of the State, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Immigration Courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals, the U.S. District Courts, the U.S Courts of Appeal and other administrative bodies. He is a member of the Florida Bar and is licensed to practice before the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, and the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and is fluent in Spanish. He is also an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (“AILA”). Mr. Becker pens a weekly column on various immigration topics for *El Sentinel*, the Spanish version of the *Sun Sentinel* Newspaper., and has also spoken on radio programs.

**About Ellis & Ged**

The Boca-Raton based law firm of Ellis & Ged, P.A. has been serving the S. Florida community for over ten years, achieving favorable settlements on behalf of its clients. As

one of South Florida's leading and resident expert counsel in all immigration matters, the firm has two locations, including a satellite office in Sarasota. Ellis and Ged also offers comprehensive legal counsel and services in the area of Personal Injury and No-Fault Litigation, Nursing Home Abuse, Class Action Law Suits, Estate Planning, Real Estate and transactional matters. The firm offers an in-house Mock Trial Room to prepare clients and witnesses for effective courtroom appearances and has video capability to record mock trials, witness depositions, and mock jury deliberations. Ellis and Ged is recognized by the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers as an Eagle Patron Member, signifying a contribution and commitment to the legal profession and due process. For more information, visit [www.ellisandged.com](http://www.ellisandged.com), or call (561) 995.1966

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