

## **IMMIGRATION UPDATE – SUMMER 2016**



Welcome to the Guberman Garson Segal LLP *Immigration Update*. Our goal is to provide you with on-going information relating to immigration issues.

### **Canada Drops Temporary Resident Visa Requirement for Mexican Citizens**

The Canadian government will eliminate the Temporary Resident Visa requirement for Mexican citizens coming to Canada beginning on December 1, 2016. Until then, Temporary Resident Visas continue to be a requirement for Mexican citizens. Thereafter, Mexican citizens will need to apply for an Electronic Travel Document (eTA) to enter or transit through Canada.

### **IRCC Issues Clarification Concerning Implied Status and Travel Outside of Canada**

Temporary residents who depart Canada while in “implied status” based on a pending extension application may be re-admitted to Canada as a temporary resident while awaiting a decision on their extension application if they are visa-exempt nationals or in possession of a valid multiple-entry visa. Those from temporary resident visa required countries who are in implied status may only re-enter from the U.S. or St. Pierre and Miquelon if seeking to re-enter Canada without a visa.

Whether individuals are visa-exempt or visa-required nationals, they are not permitted to resume work or study upon returning until they obtain a new work or study permit. The right to continue working or studying in Canada under implied status is lost if the individual leaves Canada prior to a decision being made on their extension application.

*As always, if you have questions, concerns or would like to schedule a call to discuss these changes, please contact your immigration lawyer at Guberman Garson Segal LLP (416 363 1234).*