



Federal Civil Trafficking Cases Involving Legal Visas (2004 - 2023)

Foreign-born human trafficking victims frequently enter the United States with legal visas, eager to work in legitimate jobs. The widely held belief that all trafficking victims enter the country without documentation is simply false. In fact, in a large number of federal criminal and civil trafficking cases, victims have legal contracts to work as seasonal agricultural workers, seasonal tourism-industry workers, domestic workers, au pairs, and even highly-skilled workers. Instead, the workers discover that their employer-sponsored visas render them vulnerable to traffickers. Unscrupulous employers threaten foreign workers with revocation of their employment sponsorship, blacklisting, or even deportation to coerce the workers into forced labor or services. Workers often owe considerable debts to their employer or recruitment agents to repay exorbitant recruitment fees. Traffickers sometimes threaten workers that they will owe thousands of dollars if they “abscond.” In other cases, traffickers threaten family members in the country of origin. The workers feel trapped, believing that they have no choice but to continue working exploitative conditions, often for far less pay than promised, if any.

The table below lists civil cases with at least one charge or claim under the federal human trafficking statutes, Chapter 77 of Title 18. This list may not be exhaustive as not all cases reference the underlying visa category. If you are aware of additional human trafficking civil cases involving legal visas, please contact the Human Trafficking Legal Center at info@htlegalcenter.org.

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Case Name	Docket Number	District Court	Alleged Trafficking Type	Plaintiff's Country of Origin	Visa Type
Chere v. Taye	2:04-cv-06264	D.N.J.	Labor	Ethiopia	A-3/G-5
Waru v. Madhvani	1:05-cv-00662	D.D.C.	Labor	Uganda	A-3/G-5
Sabbithi v. Al Saleh	1:07-cv-115	D.D.C.	Labor	India	A-3/G-5
Mazengo v. Mzengi	1:07-cv-00756	D.D.C.	Labor	Tanzania	A-3/G-5
Baoanan v. Baja	1:08-cv-05692	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	A-3/G-5
Ayapponey v. Kunikiraman	1:08-cv-04133	N.D. Ill.	Labor	Malaysia	A-3/G-5
Leo v. Al Naser	1:08-cv-01263	D.D.C.	Labor	India	A-3/G-5
Gurung v. Malhotra	1:10-cv-05086	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	India	A-3/G-5
Doe v. Siddig	1:10-cv-01256	D.D.C.	Labor	Sudan	A-3/G-5
Kiwanuka v. Bakilana	1:10-cv-01336	D.D.C.	Labor	Tanzania	A-3/G-5
Doe v. Penzato	3:10-cv-05154	N.D. Cal.	Labor	Brazil	A-3/G-5
Judavar v. Al Mannai	1:11-cv-00625	D.D.C.	Labor	Indonesia, Philippines	A-3/G-5

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Ballesteros v. Al-Ali	1:11-cv-00152	D.R.I.	Labor	Philippines	A-3/G-5
Oluoch v. Orina	1:14-cv-421	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Kenya	A-3/G-5
Bhardwaj v. Dayal	1:11-cv-04170	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	India	A-3/G-5
Villarreal v. Tenorio	8:11-cv-2147	D. Md.	Labor	Peru	A-3/G-5
Elat v. Ngoubene	8:11-cv-02931	D. Md.	Labor	Cameroon	A-3/G-5
Carazani v. Zegarra	1:12-cv-00107	D.D.C.	Labor	Bolivia	A-3/G-5
Doe v. Amal	1:12-cv-01359	E.D. Va.	Labor	Morocco	A-3/G-5
Butigan v. Al-Malki	1:13-cv-00514	E.D. Va.	Labor	Philippines	A-3/G-5
Rios Fun v. Pulgar	2:13-cv-03679	D.N.J.	Labor	Peru	A-3/G-5
Laamime v. Abouzaid	1:13-cv-00793	E.D. Va.	Labor	Morocco	A-3/G-5
Cruz v. Maypa	1:13-cv-00862	E.D. Va.	Labor	Philippines	A-3/G-5
Maysaroh v. American Arab Communications, LLC	1:14-cv-00866	E.D. Va.	Labor	Indonesia	A-3/G-5

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Pattaiso v. Alahmad	1:14-cv-00041	M.D. Pa.	Labor	Indonesia	A-3/G-5
Rana v. Islam	1:14-cv-1993	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Bangladesh	A-3/G-5
Lipenga v. Kambalame	8:14-cv-03980	D. Md.	Labor	Malawi	A-3/G-5
Ouedraogo v. Bonkougou	1:15-cv-01345	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Burkina Faso	A-3/G-5
Sakala v. Milunga	8:16-cv-00790	D. Md.	Labor	Zambia	A-3/G-5
Hussain v. Shaukat	1:16-cv-00322	E.D. Va.	Labor	Pakistan	A-3/G-5
Jeganathan v. Krishnan	1:16-cv-06784	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Sri Lanka	A-3/G-5
Sulaiman v. Laram	1:16-cv-08182	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	A-3/G-5
Nabong v. Paddayuman	1:17-cv-00400	D.D.C.	Labor	Philippines	A-3/G-5
Tamang v. Mehra.	1:17-cv-00370	E.D. Va.	Labor	Nepal	A-3/G-5
Meda v. Kogda	1:17-cv-06853	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Burkina Faso	A-3/G-5
Tekle v. Al Saud	1:18-cv-00211	E.D. Va.	Labor	Eritrea	A-3/G-5

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Barjo v. Cherian	8:18-cv-01587	D. Md.	Labor	India	A-3/G-5
Doe v. Khobragade	1:18-cv-11134	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	India	A-3/G-5
Kunamwene v. Mwoombola et al.	1:19-cv-01957	D.D.C.	Labor	Namibia	A-3/G-5
Ravelombonjy v. Zinsou	1:19-cv-07025	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Madagascar	A-3/G-5
Saracho v. Huerta et al.	3:21-cv-06957	N.D. Cal.	Labor	Paraguay	A-3/G-5
Skrywer v. Imene-Chanduru	8:21-cv-03007	D. Md.	Labor	Namibia	A-3/G-5
Kumar v. Alhunaif et al.	1:23-cv-321	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	India	A-3/G-5
Velez v. Sanchez	1:04-cv-04797	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Ecuador	B-1/B-2
Cruz v. Toliver	5:04-cv-231	W.D. Ky.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Midjan v. Chan	3:07-cv-01977	N.D. Cal.	Labor	Indonesia	B-1/B-2
Ramos v. Hoyle	1:08-cv-21809	S.D. Fla.	Labor	Peru	B-1/B-2
Samirah v. Sabhnani	2:08-cv-2970	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Indonesia	B-1/B-2

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Martinez v. Calimlim	2:08-cv-00810	E.D. Wis.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Does v. Chang	08-cv-2189	N.D. Tex.	Labor	South Korea	B-1/B-2
DSouza v. Lobo	2:09-cv-00410	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	India	B-1/B-2
Canal v. de la Rosa Dann	4:09-cv-3366	N.D. Cal.	Labor	Peru	B-1/B-2
Moratal v. Nolasco	1:10-cv-06008	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Eusebio v. Assaf	1:11-cv-00811	N.D. Ill.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Fernandes v. Hayes	6:11-cv-00137	W.D. Tex.	Labor	India	B-1/B-2
Brojer v. Kuriakose	2:11-cv-03156	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	India	B-1/B-2
Lunkes v. Yannai	1:12-cv-00630	S.D.N.Y.	Both	Brazil, Hungary, France	B-1/B-2
Sulastri v. Halsey	2:12-cv-3538	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Indonesia	B-1/B-2
Edwards v. Edwards	8:12-cv-03761	D. Md.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Hara v. Mak	2:13-cv-02924	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Indonesia	B-1/B-2

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Garnica v. Edwards	1:13-cv-3943	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Chile	B-1/B-2
Dlamini v. Babb	1:13-cv-02699	N.D. Ga.	Labor	Swaziland	B-1/B-2
Chigangu v. NDusha	5:14-cv-00062	E.D. Ky.	Labor	Democratic Republic of Congo	B-1/B-2
Muchira v. Al-Rawaf	1:14-cv-00770	E.D. Va.	Labor	Kenya	B-1/B-2
Arma v. Prakoso.	8:14-cv-03113	D. Md.	Labor	Indonesia	B-1/B-2
C.G.B. v. Santa Lucia	2:15-cv-03401	D.N.J.	Labor	Cameroon	B-1/B-2
Lagayan v. Odeh	1:15-cv-01953	D.D.C.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Sandigan v. Al-Emadi	1:15-cv-01691	E.D. Va.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Bolocon v. Sermoneta	1:16-cv-521	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Lesnik v. Tesla	5:16-cv-01120	N.D. Cal.	Labor	Slovenia, Croatia	B-1/B-2
Mugambiwa v. Chiweshe	1:17-cv-02541	D. Md.	Labor	Zimbabwe	B-1/B-2
Llanto v. Esmail	1:17-cv-01159	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2

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Bergado v. Velonza	2:17-cv-09070	C.D. Cal.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Masangcay v. Kamenetskaya	1:18-cv-03666	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Bit v. Singh	2:18-cv-03908	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	India	B-1/B-2
Mbome v. Njie	4:18-cv-00597	N.D. Tex.	Labor	Cameroon	B-1/B-2
Suarez v. Scudder	2:18-cv-05777	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Doe v. Pletin	2:18-cv-06974	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Russia	B-1/B-2
Mahammad v. Prosoft Technology Group	1:18-cv-08173	N.D. Ill.	Labor	India	B-1/B-2
Wang v. Gold Mantis Construction Decoration, LLC	1:18-cv-00030	D.N. Mar. I.	Labor	China	B-1/B-2
Roncesvalles v. Gulec	0:19-cv-60495	S.D. Fla.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Daniel v. Madumere	4:19-cv-01945	S.D. Tex.	Labor	Nigeria	B-1/B-2
Jose v. Joshua et al.	2:19-cv-04583	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	India	B-1/B-2

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Nassali v. Kamyra	8:19-cv-02444	D. Md.	Labor	Uganda	B-1/B-2
Treadway v. Otero	2:19-cv-00244	S.D. Tex.	Both	Cambodia	B-1/B-2
Avila v. Espinel	1:19-cv-08385	N.D. Ill.	Labor	Colombia	B-1/B-2
Dumapias v. Haybyrne	1:20-cv-00297	E.D. Va.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Josenia Ferreyra Santos v. Villalona et al.	1:20-cv-05253	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Dominican Republic	B-1/B-2
Iyengar v. Balasubramaniam	2:20-cv-13942	D.N.J.	Both	India	B-1/B-2
Sharma v. Mann Liquors	5:21-cv-0480	N.D. Cal.	Labor	India	B-1/B-2
Cho v. Chu	1:21-cv-02297	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	South Korea	B-1/B-2
Maslic et al v. Ism Vuzem D.O.O. et al.	5:21-cv-02556	N.D. Cal.	Labor	Bosnia and Herzogovenia, Slovenia, Croatia	B-1/B-2
Mayhay v. RN Staff Inc. et al.	1:21-cv-04040	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Calicdan v. M.D. Nigeria	6:21-cv-03283	W.D. La.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Hernandez-Garcia v. Dana et al.	3:21-cv-01673	S.D. Cal.	Labor	Mexico	B-1/B-2

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Ortiguerra v Grand Isle Shipyard	2:22-cv-309	E.D. La.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Ali v. Ghulam	1:22-cv-00799	E.D. Va.	Labor	Pakistan	B-1/B-2
Parucha v Magnan	1:22-cv-7294	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	B-1/B-2
Shagoofa v. Eshaqzi	8:23-cv-1351	C.D. Cal.	Labor	Pakistan	B-1/B-2
Salazar Mora v. Venegas	1:23-cv-21994	S.D. Fla.	Labor	Peru	B-1/B-2
Singh v. Singh et al.	3:23-cv-339	E.D. Va.	Labor	India	B-1/B-2
Alvarez et al. v. Flores et al.	1:23-cv-16001	N.D. Ill.	Labor	Mexico	B-1/B-2
Adem v. Queen of Sheba, LLC	1:16-cv-00078	N.D. Ind.	Labor	Ethiopia	Diversity Visa
Pab v. Som	3:19-cv-01480	N.D. Tex.	Labor	Cambodia	Diversity Visa
Reabroy v. Typhoon!, Inc.	3:08-cv-01178	D. Or.	Labor	Thailand	E-2
Treemeth v. Typhoon!, Inc.	3:12-cv-00882	D. Or.	Labor	Thailand	E-2
Alabado v. French Concepts, Inc.	2:15-cv-02830	C.D. Cal.	Labor	Philippines	E-2

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Paguirigan v. Prompt Nursing	1:17-cv-01302	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	EB-1/EB-2/ EB-3
New York State Nurses Association v. Albany Medical Center	1:19-cv-01265	N.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	EB-1/EB-2/ EB-3
Baldia v. RN Express Staffing Registry, LLC	1:19-cv-11268	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	EB-1/EB-2/ EB-3
Rustia v. RN Staff, Inc.	1:21-cv-02477	S.D. Ind.	Labor	Philippines	EB-1/EB-2/ EB-3
Vidal v Advanced Care Staff	1:22-cv-5535	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	EB-1/EB-2/ E-B3
Villarin v. Health Care Facility Management, LLC	1:23-cv-97	S.D. Ohio	Labor	Philippines	EB-1/EB-2/ EB-3
Byron et al. v. Avant Healthcare Professionals, LLC	6:23-cv-1645	M.D. Fla.	Labor	St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Jamaica	EB-1/EB-2/ EB-3
Salem v. Michigan State University	1:19-cv-00220	W.D. Mich.	Labor	Jordan, Malaysia	F-1
Sun v. Xu	2:19-cv-02242	C.D. Ill.	Both	China	F-1
Fan v. Jiang et al.	3:21-cv-00458	D. Nev.	Both	China	F-1/H-1B
Mallannagari v. GSS America, Inc.	1:09-cv-1352	N.D. Ill.	Labor	India	H-1B

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Ramakapeta v. Marlabs	2:10-cv-04650	D.N.J.	Labor	India	H-1B
Nunag-Tanedo v. East Baton Rouge Parish School Board	8:10-cv-01172	C.D. Cal.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Aguirre v. Best Care Agency, Inc.	2:10-cv-5914	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Singh v. Ling Technologies	1:11-cv-00844	E.D. Va.	Labor	India	H-1B
Amerineni v. Maruthi Technologies, LLC	3:11-cv-03548	N.D. Tex.	Labor	India	H-1B
Panwar v. Access Therapies, Inc.	1:12-cv-00619	S.D. Ind.	Labor	India	H-1B
Tuburan v. Massey	1:12-cv-08561	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Javier v. Beck	1:13-cv-02926	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Access Therapies v. Mendoza	1:13-cv-01317	S.D. Ind.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Calumba v. Massey	1:13-cv-08936	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	unknown	H-1B
Franco v. Diaz	1:14-cv-1909	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Paraguay	H-1B

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Mojsilovic v. University of Oklahoma	5:14-cv-00886	W.D. Okla.	Labor	Serbia	H-1B
Bernal v. Rana	1:15-cv-00889	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Unknown	H-1B
Saraswat v. Jayaraman et al.	1:15-cv-04680	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Unknown	H-1B
Saiyed v. Archon	2:16-cv-09530	D.N.J.	Labor	India	H-1B
Guan v. Ran	1:17-cv-00332	E.D. Va.	Labor	China	H-1B
Magbojos v. Grandison Management	1:18-cv-03520	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Delos Reyes v. Abundant Nursing	1:19-cv-02596	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Agbo v. MCB Clinical Research Centers	1:19-cv-02064	D. Colo.	Labor	Ivory Coast	H-1B
Cruz v. Management Health Systems, LLC	9:19-cv-81601	S.D. Fla.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Mallela v. Cogent Infotech Corp.	2:19-cv-01658	W.D. Pa.	Labor	India	H-1B
Salcedo v. Rn Staff Inc. et al.	1:21-cv-01161	S.D. Ind.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Patel v. Venkateshan et al.	1:21-cv-11903	D. Mass.	Labor	India	H-1B

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Pajarillaga v. RN Staff, Inc.	1:22-cv-00381	S.D. Ind.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Riahinezhad v. Delavari et al.	2:23-cv-6992	C.D. Cal.	Labor	Iran	H-1B
Lyu v. Alfa Chemistry, Inc. et al.	2:23-cv-7951	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	China	H-1B
Dela Cruz v. Grant et al..	1:23-cv-9614	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Esturas v. Ralex Services, Inc. D/B/A Glen Island Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation et al.	7:23-cv-10169	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Hsiao et al. v. Crystal Windows & Door Systems, LTD.	1:23-cv-8666	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Taiwan	H-1B
Luzuriaga v. Ace Healthcare Resources LLC	1:23-cv-3744	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B
Bahian et al v. Care Worldwide Inc. et al.	2:21-cv-13337	D.N.J.	Labor	Philippines	H-1B/R-1
Catalan v. Vermillion	1:06-cv-01043	D. Colo.	Labor	Chile	H-2A
Asanok v. Million Express Manpower, Inc.	5:07-cv-00048	E.D.N.C.	Labor	Thailand	H-2A
Trevino-Villarreal v. Garcia	6:08-cv-00031	N.D. Tex.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A

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Antonio-Morales v. Bimbos Best Produce, Inc.	2:08-cv-05105	E.D. La.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Cuarenta-Ramos v. Odom	4:09-cv-368	E.D. Ark.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Sanchez v. Williams	5:10-cv-0117	E.D. Ky.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Camayo v. Peroulis and Sons Sheep, Inc.	1:10-cv-00772	D. Colo.	Labor	Peru	H-2A
Murray v. Altendorf Transport	2:10-cv-00103	D.N.D.	Labor	South Africa, New Zealand, Romania	H-2A
Huerta v. L.T.West, Inc.	6:11-cv-01589	W.D. La.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Ruiz v. Fernandez	2:11-cv-03088	E.D. Wash.	Labor	Chile	H-2A
Aquino v. Peroulis	1:13-cv-00418	D. Colo.	Labor	Peru	H-2A
Caballero v. All Nation Staffing, LLC	0:14-cv-61497	S.D. Fla.	Labor	Honduras	H-2A
Ajiatas-Solval v. Cisco	1:14-cv-00197	M.D. Ga.	Labor	Guatemala	H-2A
Barriga-Bermudez v. Gutierrez-Tapia	8:15-cv-01171	M.D. Fla.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Cruz-Cruz v. McKenzie Farms	5:15-cv-00157	E.D. Ky.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A

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Gutierrez-Morales v. Planck	5:15-cv-00158	E.D. Ky.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Luna-Duarte v. Mejia	1:16-cv-00108	W.D.N.C.	Labor	Guatemala, Mexico	H-2A
Suarez v. Chavez	2:16-cv-04785	C.D. Cal.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Zevallos v. Stamatakis	2:17-cv-00253	D. Utah	Labor	Peru	H-2A
Alvarado-Flores v. Garcia-Pineda	5:17-cv-00369	E.D.N.C.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Arauco-Lapo v. Wentz	2:18-cv-00095	D. Or.	Labor	Peru	H-2A
Rosas v. Sarbanand Farms	2:18-cv-00112	W.D. Wash.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Bernal v. Coleman	1:18-cv-00088	W.D. Ky.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Arreguin v. Sanchez	2:18-cv-00133	S.D. Ga.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Janse van Rensburg et al v. Hood et al.	3:19-cv-00008	E.D. Ark.	Labor	South Africa	H-2A
Alcaraz v. RC Orchards LLC	1:19-cv-03192	E.D. Wash.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Gonzalez Leiva v. Clute	4:19-cv-00087	N.D. Ind.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A

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Ovando v. Barajas	5:19-cv-00464	N.D. Fla.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
West et al v. Butikofer	2:19-cv-01039	N.D. Iowa	Labor	South Africa	H-2A
Cortez-Romero v. Corp	2:20-cv-014058	S.D. Fla.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Moshan-Martinez v. Valadez	5:20-cv-00205	E.D.N.C.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Reyes-Trujillo et al v. Four Star Greenhouse, Inc. et al.	5:20-cv-11692	E.D. Mich.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Garcia et al v. Stemilt Ag Services LLC	2:20-cv-00254	E.D. Wash.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Rodriguez v. City Pinestraw And Harvesting, LLC et al.	2:20-cv-00093	S.D. Ga.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Fouche v. US et al.	3:21-cv-00050	E.D. Ark.	Labor	South Africa	H-2A
Vilchez v. Kunzler Sheep and Cattle et al.	2:21-cv-00609	D. Utah	Labor	Peru	H-2A
Marin-Santiago et al v. Canela et al.	5:21-cv-00061	S.D. Ga.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Fierro Cordero et al v. Stemilt AG Services, LLC	2:22-cv-00013	E.D. Wash.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A

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Martinez-Morales v. Valentino Lopez Jr.	5:22-cv-00187	E.D.N.C.	Labor	Guatemala	H-2A
Rodriguez v. Svihel	0:22-cv-1462	D. Minn.	Labor	Dominican Republic	H-2A
Gomez Echeverria v Purpose Point Harvesting	1:22-cv-314	W.D. Mich.	Labor	Guatemala	H-2A
Aliaga Aguero v Esnoz	1:22-cv-1237	E.D. Cal.	Labor	Unknown	H-2A
Alvarez Garcia v Berkshire Nursery	7:22-cv-8776	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Perez-Hernandez v. Hernandez et al.	6:23-cv-26	S.D. Ga.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Aguilar-Ocampo v. Bahena	5:23-cv-195	E.D.N.C.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Velasco Rojas et al v. First Pick Farms, LLC et al.	1:23-cv-604	W.D. Mich.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Campos Arroyo v. Lamm Farms, LLC et al.	5:23-cv-417	E.D.N.C.	Labor	Mexico	H-2A
Fernandez Flores v. San Angel 2 of Arkansas, Inc.	2:23-cv-175	E.D. Ark.	Both	Mexico	H-2A
Abraham v. Singh	2:04-cv-00044	E.D. La.	Labor	India	H-2B

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Aguilar v. Imperial Nurseries	3:07-cv-193	D. Conn.	Labor	Guatemala	H-2B
Briones v. JNS Construction Services, LLC	1:08-cv-00461	D. Colo.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
David v. Signal International, LLC	2:08-cv-01220	E.D. La.	Labor	India	H-2B
Gomez-Argueta v. Reed	7:09-cv-02027	N.D. Ala.	Labor	Guatemala	H-2B
Magnifico v. Villanueva	9:10-cv-80771	S.D. Fla.	Labor	Philippines	H-2B
Vazquez v. Karageorgis	1:10-cv-04839	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Morales-Ramirez v. International Personnel Resources, Inc.	2:10-cv-7031	E.D. Pa.	Labor	Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico	H-2B
Ramos-Madriral v. Mendiola Forestry Service, LLC	1:10-cv-01078	W.D. Ark.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Jimenez v. Vanderbilt Landscaping LLC	3:11-cv-00276	M.D. Tenn.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Antigo v. Lombardi	1:11-cv-408	S.D. Miss.	Labor	Philippines, Indonesia, Jamaica, Belarus, Turkey	H-2B
Sarmiento v. The Club	9:11-cv-81388	S.D. Fla.	Labor	Philippines	H-2B

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Achari v. Signal International, LLC	2:13-cv-06218	E.D. La.	Labor	India	H-2B
Joseph v. Signal International, LLC	1:13-cv-00324	E.D. Tex.	Labor	India	H-2B
Samuel v. Signal International, LLC	1:13-cv-00323	E.D. Tex.	Labor	India	H-2B
Kambala v. Signal International, LLC	1:13-cv-00498	E.D. Tex.	Labor	India	H-2B
Marimuthu v. Signal International, LLC	1:13-cv-00499	E.D. Tex.	Labor	India	H-2B
Meganathan v. Signal International, LLC	1:13-cv-00497	E.D. Tex.	Labor	India	H-2B
Does v. Pure Forest, LLC	2:14-cv-00879	E.D. Cal.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Alarcon v. Holloway	2:15-cv-03095	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-2B
Ladra v. Rubias	1:15-cv-04231	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-2B
Castro v. Midwest Rides	0:16-cv-00014	D. Minn.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Belvis v. Colamussi	2:16-cv-00544	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-2B

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Velasquez Gomez v. Nunez Pine Straw, Inc.	2:16-cv-00030	S.D. Ga.	Labor	Guatemala	H-2B
Alvarado v. Skelton	3:16-cv-03030	M.D. Tenn.	Labor	Guatemala	H-2B
Casilao v. Hotelmacher	5:17-cv-00800	W.D. Okla.	Labor	Philippines	H-2B
Carillo v. Colamussi	2:17-cv-04926	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-2B
Adia v. Grandeur Management, Inc.	1:17-cv-09349	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	H-2B
Castillo Chaidez v. Hemphill, et al.	2:18-cv-01837	E.D. Pa.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Lipa v. Villanueva	1:18-cv-24354	S.D. Fla.	Labor	Philippines	H-2B
Perez v. Huerta Farms, Inc.	1:18-cv-16255	D.N.J.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Guevara-Morales v. Sanchez Forestry	1:19-cv-00052	E.D. Tex.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Camarena v. B and H Farm	4:19-cv-00074	S.D. Ind.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Flores v. Jimenez	1:19-cv-02767	N.D. Ill.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Mendez Perez v. CJR Framing, Inc.	3:19-cv-01429	N.D. Tex.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B

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Macias v. Monterrey Concrete	3:19-cv-00830	E.D. Va.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Delfin v. Grandeur Management, Inc. et al.	4:20-cv-03651	D.S.C.	Labor	Philippines	H-2B
Alcaraz et al v. Schmidt Landscaping, Inc. et al.	2:21-cv-00691	W.D. Pa.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Alvarez et al v. Telluride Resort Partners, LLC et al.	1:23-cv-354	D. Colo.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Hernandez et al. v. Patricio et al.	5:23-cv-23	S.D. Ga.	Labor	Mexico	H-2B
Mistry v. Udwardia	5:12-cv-00034	W.D. Okla.	Labor	India	H-4
Patel et al v. Patel et al.	1:21-cv-06700	N.D. Ill.	Labor	India	H-4
Scurtu v. International Student Exchange	1:07-cv-00410	S.D. Ala.	Labor	Moldova	J-1
Does v. Gonikman	2:13-cv-14057	E.D. Mich.	Labor	Ukraine	J-1
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Cuenca-Vidarte et al. vs. Samuel et al.	8:20-cv-01885	D. Md.	Labor	Colombia, Mexico	J-1
Besera v. Great Au Pair, LLC et al.	1:20-cv-03862	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	Philippines	J-1
Norambuena et al v. Western Iowa Tech Community College et al	5:20-cv-04054	N.D. Iowa	Labor	Chile	J-1
De Britto Bucco et al. v. Western Iowa Tech Community College et al.	5:21-cv-4001	N.D. Iowa	Labor	Brazil, Chile	J-1
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Samandarova V. Hookah Exotix LLC, et al.	1:22-cv-22787	S.D. Fla.	Labor	Germany	J-1
Loh Xiao Han et al. v. Interexchange, Inc. et al.	1:23-cv-7786	S.D.N.Y.	Labor	Malaysia, Thailand, Colombia, Ecuador	J-1
Agra v. Dolci et al.	1:23-cv-10255	E.D.N.Y.	Both	Brazil	O-1
Shukla v. Sharma	1:07-cv-2972	E.D.N.Y.	Labor	India	R-1

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Castellanos v. Worldwide Distribution Systems USA, LLC	2:14-cv-12609	E.D. Mich.	Labor	Mexico	TN
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