



## Welcome

Welcome to the Winter 2008 edition of the Guberman, Garson, Bush *Immigration Update*. Happy New Year to all of our readers. Our goal is to provide you with timely information relating to immigration issues. If you wish for us to cover a specific topic in an upcoming issue, please send your request to the email address below. We look forward to your feedback.

## New Entry Requirements for Travel to the United States

Valid passports continue to be required for all air travel to or from the United States. As of January 31, 2008, Canadian citizens entering the United States by land or sea will be required to present:

- a) a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's licence;  
AND  
a birth certificate or a citizenship card;  
OR
- b) For youth under 18, a birth certificate;  
OR
- c) A valid Canadian passport.

To obtain current information concerning Canadian passports, please visit <http://www.ppt.gc.ca/>.

## Renewal of Permanent Resident “Maple Leaf” Cards

For many people who became permanent residents in Canada after June 2002, their Permanent Resident cards may soon expire. Be sure to check your Permanent Resident card and be aware of its expiry date. Permanent resident cards are only valid for 5 years and then the card must be renewed. It is the responsibility of the Permanent Resident to take the appropriate steps to renew the card by way of making application. A new card will not be issued without specifically requesting it. The application should be made well in advance of the expiry date, since the Permanent Resident card is required for travel on all commercial carriers. It is your travel document as a Permanent Resident of Canada.



### Crossing the Border: What You ABSOLUTELY Need to Know – Lunch and Learn

Guberman, Garson, Bush – Immigration Lawyers, is pleased to be co-sponsoring a discussion panel on the topic “Crossing the Border: What You ABSOLUTELY Need to Know”. It will be held on Monday, February 11, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Toronto, Ontario. Details pertaining to the event are included in a separate attachment to this edition of *Immigration Update*. It will be an informative session.

### Customized Immigration Seminars

As your immigration lawyers, we are always pleased to meet with you at your office. Based on the needs of your company or law firm, we can prepare an insightful presentation customized to address the current requirements of professionals, employees or clients. Topics can range from border crossing strategies to long term immigration planning. Please contact your lawyer at Guberman, Garson, Bush to book a presentation.

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