

About the Author

Robert Pauw is a nationally known immigration litigator. He has been counsel for plaintiffs in many significant immigration cases, including:

- *Ruiz-Diaz v. United States*, Case No. 07-1881-RLS (W.D. Wash. June 11, 2009) (nationwide class action lawsuit challenging the USCIS policy on refusing to allow religious workers to file concurrent I-360/I-485 applications);
- *Morales-Izquierdo v. Gonzales*, 477 F.3d 691 (9th Cir. 2007) (en banc) (challenge to DHS policy on reinstating prior orders of deportation);
- *Rafaelano v. Wilson*, 471 F.3d 1091 (9th Cir. 2006) (challenge to execution of removal order where petitioner claimed that she departed within voluntary departure time);
- *Perez-Enriquez v. Gonzales*, 463 F.3d 1007 (9th Cir. 2006) (en banc) (establishing that individuals who obtained permanent residence under the SAW legalization program are eligible for §212(c) waivers of deportation);
- *Lee v. Gonzales*, Case No. C04-449 RSL (W.D. Wash, Feb. 16, 2006) (class action lawsuit challenging naturalization denials based on lack of good moral character);
- *Quezada-Bucio v. Ridge*, 317 F.Supp.2d 1221 (W.D.Wash. 2004) (challenge to DHS policy on mandatory detention for certain noncitizens);
- *Immigrant Assistance Project v. INS*, 306 F.3d 842 (9th Cir. 2002) (nationwide class action lawsuit challenging legacy INS's interpretation of "known to the Government" and "continuous unlawful residence" for purposes of the legalization program);
- *Gorbach v. Reno*, 219 F.3d 1087 (9th Cir. 2000) (en banc) (nationwide class action lawsuit invalidating legacy INS regulation authorizing administrative denaturalization);
- *Proyecto San Pablo v. INS*, 189 F.3d 1130 (9th Cir. 1999) (class action lawsuit on behalf of legalization applicants who were deported after January 1, 1982);
- *Walters v. Reno*, 145 F.3d 1032 (9th Cir. 1998) (national class action lawsuit setting aside legacy INS regulation on document fraud procedures);
- *Gete v. INS*, 121 F.3d 1285 (9th Cir. 1997) (class action lawsuit invalidating legacy INS vehicle seizure procedures);
- *Reno v. Catholic Social Services*, 509 U.S. 43 (1993) (class action lawsuit challenging legacy INS implementation of the legalization program).

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