

PETITION

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SPECIAL MEMBERS' MEETING ON CPD:

- 1) Mandatory points should be offered by CSIC free-of-charge
- 2) CPD points should be affordable to all members and not be a means to supplement the budget of CSIC and CMI Inc.
- 3) CPD points should be tailored to members' needs, according to their level of knowledge and experience
- 4) All providers of CPD points should be treated transparently, equally and fairly to allow for healthy competition
- 5) No member of CSIC or Director should receive any CPD points for participating in the activities of a Committee, as these activities have no relevance to competence or professional development in the area of immigration law
- 6) The deadline for accumulating mandatory and voluntary points should be moved to October 31, 2010 to allow for the full two years for members to comply with the requirements
- 7) A CPD sub-committee comprised of 3 members, one Director and the Manager of the Education Department of CSIC should be appointed within 14 days to undertake consultations with the membership to determine their needs for the CPD program and make written recommendations to the Board of Directors. Their names and mandate will be posted on the CSIC website. Their report will be posted in the members' area.

THE REASONS FOR MAKING THIS PETITION ARE:

We feel that the CPD program at CSIC and its criteria have been designed without regard to the purpose of the Continuing Professional Development, which is to educate members according to their level of knowledge and skills, increase the quality of services provided by authorized immigration consultants to the public, and to instill pride and desire of the members to grow professionally.

The current CPD program is too expensive and is not meeting the needs of members.

We believe that the mandatory points, offered by CSIC and CMI Inc. should be provided free-of-charge, as the membership fees are intended to cover the entire operation of the Society.

We believe that members should be given more incentive to be active in the profession through various activities, i.e. publishing, presenting, participating in discussions and debates.