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**RE: Marriage Based Green Card Interview**

Dear Clients,

Please find below a list of potential United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) interview questions. Also, I have provided you with some helpful tips to prepare for the interview. Please review all the questions. Have a good week. I know you will do great at the interview.

**United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Possible Interview Questions**

1. What is your name?
2. What is your date of birth?
3. What is your address?
4. Where did you meet your spouse?
5. How long have you known your spouse?
6. Have you been married before? Do you have any children?
7. Has your spouse been married before? Does s/he have any children?
8. What's your spouse's full name?
9. Has s/he used any other names?
10. How long did you date before proposing to your spouse?
11. When and how did you meet?
12. What does your spouse do for work?
13. Where does your spouse work?
14. Did you have a wedding ceremony?

15. Please describe your wedding ceremony.
16. Questions about the pictures; when, where and who.
17. Have you met your spouse's family?
18. What is the name of your spouse's parents?
19. Does your spouse have any brothers or sisters?
20. What are their names?
21. Who was at your wedding ceremony or reception?
22. When was your eldest son or daughter born?
23. What are your children's names?
24. Are you living apart right now? If so, why?
25. Have you ever been convicted of a crime anywhere in the world?
26. Have you ever been affiliated with a Communist group?
27. Have you ever been affiliated with a terrorist organization?
28. Have you ever applied for a US visa? If so, did you list that you were single or married? If you listed married, do you have your divorce decree?
29. Have you ever applied for any state or federal benefits?
30. When was the last time you entered the US?
31. When was your last trip outside the US? How long were you gone?
32. Do you plan to continue to reside and work in the US if your green card is approved?

### **More tips on the interview below.....**

1. Speak slow, and answer questions in detail. Stick to the question and don't veer off the subject. Respond clearly and be as descriptive as possible with dates and places and or persons names. It should not take longer than one to two minutes to answer a question, but be sure to explain yourself.

2. If you do not know the answer to a question, do not improvise. Say, "I don't know the answer to that at this time" or "I don't remember." It's okay to not know the answer.

### **3. The answer to many questions will be in petitions and or applications that were filed with USCIS. (See I-130 and I-485).**

Questions like, "what are your wife's parent's names". They will expect you to know the information given in your petition and or application. Review everything in your paperwork with your husband or wife before his or her interview and do a mock interview to see how the information may be applied.

4. Avoid saying "I think . . ." The examiner will expect you to know the answers and not be unsure of your answers. Always, avoid adding "umm", "you know" and "ahh" type fillers to your speech.

**5. When applicable, don't just state, demonstrate. If the examiner asks a question that can be answered with a document or photograph(s), provide it along with your answer.**

For example, if the examiner asks, "What does your family think of your wife," give them a picture or two with your answer; "they like her very much, here is a picture of her with my mother at my home." Or, "how many attended your wedding." Answer, "(give a number, then say) "here are some of our lovely wedding photos of our guests having fun. We have others that we can show you as well."

6. Give American English answers for dates and times. 12/24/07 not 24/12/07.

**7. Dress well, but not overdressed.**

8. Try to appear calm, well organized, and friendly. Nervousness raises suspicions.

9. Remain focused. If the examiner makes jokes, smile and enjoy, but do not make jokes too.

10. Make proper eye contact when conversing with the examiner, and try to control your own facial expressions assure that your face remains pleasant and cordial.

11. Be audible (means speak up) your examiner doesn't have to ask you to repeat your answers.

12. Organize your papers in a way that will allow you to retrieve them easily and quickly. Examiners appreciate order and someone who doesn't waste their time.

**13. Bring a copy of your I-130 petition and I-485 application to the interview along with your passport and or other government photo identification document.**

**14. Bring your last 3 months joint bank account statements, any other joint documents not previously submitted, and 10-15 additional recent photographs.**

15. Remain positive and answer every question truthfully. If you remember these helpful tips, you should do great at your interview.

**[PLEASE CAREFULLY READ LAST PAGE FOR IMPORTANT NOTICES]**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE READ CAREFULLY:** PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT IF YOUR LAST ENTRY INTO THE US WAS WITH A B1/B2 VISITOR VISA OR THROUGH THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM (i.e. ETS) OR YOU ENTERED WITH JUST YOUR COUNTRY'S PASSPORT) THAN YOU WILL LIKELY ALSO ENCOUNTER QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR IMMIGRANT INTENT WHEN YOU ENTERED THE US – FOR EXAMPLE DID YOU INTEND TO MARRY ON YOUR LAST ENTRY TO THE US? IF NOT, WHAT WERE YOUR INTENTIONS ON COMING TO THE US? AND, YOU WILL LIKELY RECEIVE OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING HOW IT CAME TO BE THAT YOU DECIDED TO MARRY AFTER YOUR INTENT WAS TO ENTER THE COUNTRY MERELY TEMPORARILY TO VISIT. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR IMMIGRANT INTENT, PLEASE CONTACT US DIRECTLY TO DISCUSS. THANK YOU.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ILI J. SUBHAN". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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