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Cuba Practice Chair August Maxwell Speaks With the *Wall Street Journal* on Trump Administration Travel Ban

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Akerman Cuba Practice Chair August “Gus” Maxwell recently spoke with the *Wall Street Journal* on how the Trump administration’s travel ban will impact the island nation. The ban, which went into effect June 9, completely bars travel to the U.S. by citizens of 13 countries, while citizens from an additional list of countries, including Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela, will be barred from permanently immigrating to the U.S., along with applying for tourist or student visas.

“The ban stops Cuban academics and students from attending U.S. colleges,” Gus told the publication. “It also bars a small but influential group of entrepreneurs and intellectuals who had previously been encouraged to visit the U.S. in support of their work on the island.”

Citizens from these seven countries that are barred from permanently immigrating to the U.S. will still be eligible for other temporary visas, such as the H-1B temporary work visa.

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