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Frager builds law practice on rising tide of immigrants

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Barry Frager doesn't have to wait until Memphis in May to experience international flavor. He just throws an office party.

As the owner and senior attorney of the Frager Law Firm, which specializes in immigration law, Frager sees America's melting pot bubbling away each day.

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Immigration attorney Barry Frager has expanded his practice in Memphis three times since 1999, and has added offices in Nashville and Springdale, Ark.

"We're a nation of immigrants -- undeniable," Frager said. "If you look back at our history, it's hard for us to say that someone seeking out a new life in a new world is necessarily a bad thing."

In 1990, Frager began working for the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service in Los Angeles, but moved to private practice a year later. Now he represents immigrants who are defending themselves against deportation and removal from the United States and those seeking asylum or refugee status in Memphis' Immigration Court.

He moved to Memphis in 1994 and opened his own firm in 1995. Now located in Clark Tower, the firm has added a Nashville office and expanded its Memphis office space three times since 1999.

In December, Frager opened a third office in Springdale, Ark., near Bentonville, which is home to a Tyson chicken processing plant with a large immigrant work force.

"Of course we have to balance it with following the rule of law," Frager said. "So we have immigration laws that serve as the parameters of how many people can come legally and the processes that should follow."

It's not lost on him that illegal immigration is a hot-button issue these days. Some of his clients fall into that category, but Frager said that America learns something from the process of deciding who can stay in the United States and who cannot.

"Before we just say we're making you leave, let's hear why that might cause you to

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be in danger," Frager said. "To listen to a person's claim is a very humane and compassionate thing, and maybe we learn something."

For example, political asylum cases historically involved Middle Eastern, Eastern European, or Central African nations, but now more and more asylum seekers are coming from Mexico to escape drug cartels and other violent groups that the Mexican government cannot control.

Frager employs seven other attorneys and a staff of 15, including experts in several languages.

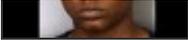
"Not only is Barry a good attorney, he puts on one of the best continuing legal education programs in the country on an annual basis," said Terry Smart, a attorney who occasionally works with Frager on special cases and has attended Frager's workshops on immigration law, held in May at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

"He has a lot of experience, and I think he does a good thing for the immigrant community in the area," said Smart. "He puts in six days a week."

Frager is currently the national section chair of the immigration law section of the Federal Bar Association.

Like his office parties, Frager's CLE workshops typically offer foods to sample from several or more Third World nations.

Frager's holiday party in early December offered 22 cuisines, each served in a different room of his office suite. Most Memphians, he said, miss out on the tapestry of international cultures already in Memphis because they don't even know they are here.

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