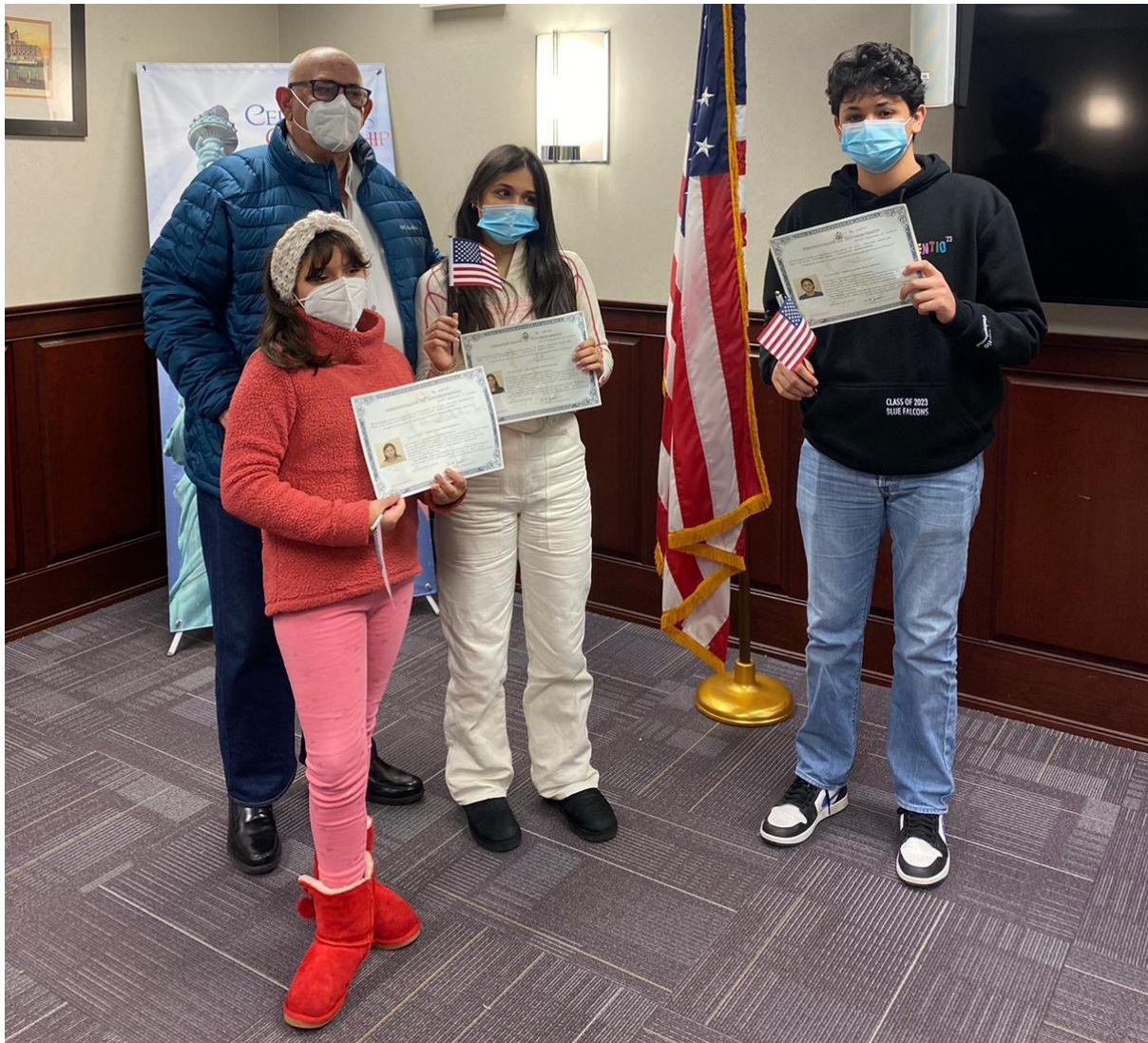




From US citizens to Personas Non Grata to US citizens again

The Ortegas were all U.S. citizens, from the grandfather, Joaquin Sr., to his son, Joaquin Jr., and Jr.'s wife, Laura, and their three kids, including 17-year-old Joaquin III. What made this family unique was that they were all U.S. citizens, but they were all born in, and still living in, the Dominican Republic.

Joaquin Jr. was able to obtain his U.S. citizenship through Joaquin Sr. via a Consular Report of Birth Abroad ("CRBA"), since his father had been born in the U.S. and lived there for a few years as an adult, serving in the U.S. Army, before he moved to the D.R. permanently and Joaquin Jr. was born there.

Fast forward a few decades, and Joaquin meets Laura, with whom he gets married and has three kids. One day they decided to apply for U.S.

visas for their kids to show them a part of the family's legacy and visit family, but the kids' cases were denied; the consular official stated that because the parents were U.S. citizens, and therefore inferring "immigrant intent". The officers then did the unthinkable and recommended that Joquin Jr. file for citizenship for the kids via the same method his father had used to...

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