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AGENDA

Time	Subject/Activity
9:00 - 9:30	Registration - Continental Breakfast and Distribution of Materials
9:30 - 10:45	Basic and Advanced EB-5 Eligibility Criteria -- Forms, Forms, Forms: I-924, I-526, I-829, DS-260 & I-485
10:45 - 11:00	Networking Break
11:00 - 11:25	EB-5 Administration: Best Practices*
11:25 - 11:30	Networking Break
11:30 - 12:45	EB-5 Immigration, Business and Securities Issues, Challenges & Trends
12:45 - 1:45	Lunch
1:45 - 3:00	EB-5 Best Practices and Compliance Strategies
3:00 - 3:15	Networking Break
3:15 - 3:40	Integrity Measures and Regional Center Compliance with Securities Law*
3:40 - 3:45	Networking Break
3:45 - 5:00	EB-5 Ethics and Risk Management
5:00 - 5:30	Hot Topics in EB-5

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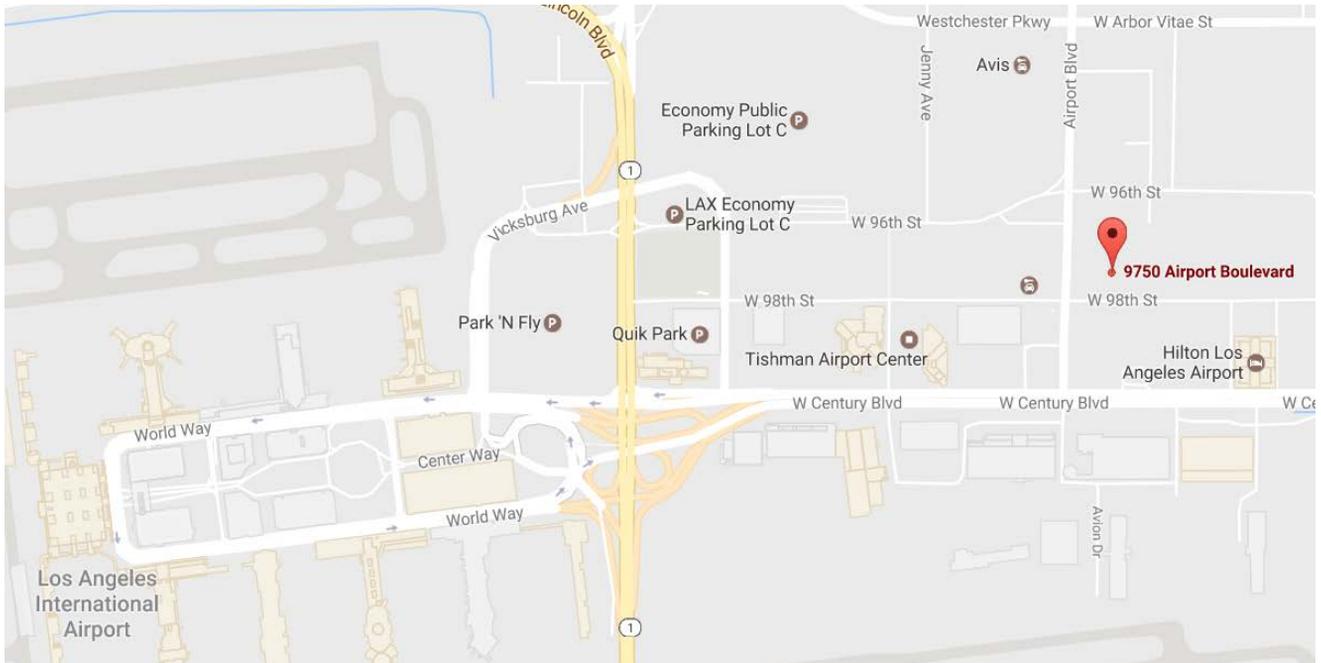


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Panelists' Bios

[Angelo Paparelli \(Discussion Leader\)](#) is a partner of Seyfarth Shaw LLP. Mr. Paparelli, with a bicoastal practice in Southern California and New York City, is known for providing creative solutions to complex and straightforward immigration law problems, especially involving mergers and acquisitions, labor certifications and the H-1B visa category. His practice areas include legislative advocacy; employer compliance audits and investigations; U.S. and foreign work visas and permanent residence for executives, managers, scientists, scholars, investors, professionals, students and visitors; immigration messaging and speech-writing; corporate policy formulation; and immigration litigation before administrative agencies and the federal courts. He is frequently quoted in leading national publications on immigration law. He is also a past President of the Alliance of Business Immigration Lawyers, a global consortium of leading immigration practitioners. Paparelli's blog and a comprehensive list of his many immigration law articles can be found at www.entertheusa.com. He is an alumnus of the University of Michigan where he earned his B.A., and of Wayne State University Law School where he earned his J.D. Paparelli is admitted to the state bars of California, Michigan and New York. Angelo is one of the most highly regarded business immigration lawyers and scholars in America. He is named a "Star Individual" for California (above Band 1) in the 2014 edition of Chambers USA.

[Mahsa Aliaskari](#) is senior counsel in the Immigration Department of Seyfarth Shaw LLP's Los Angeles office. Since 2000, Ms. Aliaskari has partnered and guided companies and individuals across the U.S. and abroad in various circumstances, including: Temporary residence and employment visas for professionals, extraordinary ability workers, entertainers and athletes in the H-1B, E-3, TN, O and P visa categories, Entrepreneur and Investor visas and permanent residence in the E visa category for treaty traders and investors, as well as the L-1 visa category for intracompany executives, managers and employees and Immigrant visa sponsorships across employment based categories including for those with extraordinary abilities, multinational executives, professionals and skilled workers under the PERM labor certification program. Ms. Aliaskari's practice also focuses on advice and counsel in the EB-5 Immigrant Investor program. She works with high net worth foreign nationals pursuing legal permanent resident status in the U.S. through both direct investment as well as investment in regional center projects. In addition, Ms. Aliaskari works with clients seeking to utilize the EB-5 Regional Center program to raise capital for projects in the U.S. Working with clients across a variety of industries, she counsels them on ensuring compliance with EB-5 regulations, the creation of new regional centers, amendments of regional center designations and partnering with existing regional centers for EB-5 capital raises.

[Steve Anapoell](#), Managing Partner and co-founder of BridgeForth Capital and its subsidiaries, is recognized as one of the top EB-5 program securities attorneys in the United States and is considered a thought leader in the industry. Prior to forming BridgeForth Capital, Mr. Anapoell was a founding shareholder of the Orange County, California office of one of the largest international law firms in the world, where he established the firm's EB-5 Corporate and Securities practice. In this position, Mr. Anapoell served as lead corporate and securities counsel for some of the largest and highest profile real estate projects in the country. Mr. Anapoell is the former Chair and Vice Chair of the State Bar of California, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies Committee and has been selected numerous times by Los Angeles Magazine as one of Southern California's "Super Lawyers" in the areas of Securities & Corporate Finance, Business/Corporate and Tax. He also holds a rating of preeminent in his field by Martindale-Hubbell, one of the world's most respected rating services of attorneys.



Panelists' Bios

[Robert Blanco](#) specializes in business and employment immigration cases. He prepares both immigrant and non-immigrant petitions for skilled workers, executive managers, high net worth investors, and people of extraordinary ability in the arts, sciences, and business. As a member of the firm's EB-5 team, Mr. Blanco prepares cases for individual investors and advises U.S. businesses on how to structure investment projects under the regulations of the EB-5 program. He also represents clients before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Mr. Blanco graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School with a concentration in Corporate Law. Mr. Blanco is admitted to practice law in the state of California.

[Chad Blocker](#) is a Partner in Fragomen's Los Angeles office. He joined the firm in 1998 and has counseled on a broad array of immigration matters for a diverse client base including organizations in the following industries: financial services (investment banking, corporate banking, wealth management, private equity), technology, consulting, insurance and risk management, resort/hospitality, media, and energy, among others. His practice includes all aspects of corporate immigration including nonimmigrant visas, permanent residence, naturalization, Form I-9 and Labor Condition Application compliance as well as corporate restructuring matters. He also consults with individual clients on naturalization matters and family-based petitions as well as EB-5 immigration investor petitions, including Form I-526 and Form I-829 issues as well as EB-5 adjudication trends and results. From 1996 to 1998, Chad served as a Law Clerk to federal Administrative Law Judge John C. Holmes of the U.S. Department of Labor's Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals (BALCA) in Washington, D.C. where he assisted Judge Holmes in writing more than 50 appellate decisions. Chad is a frequent speaker on business-related immigration developments and trends at industry organizations and events. He has presented at a number of Council for Global Immigration conferences on topics ranging from the impact of 9/11 on visa processing to H-1B Labor Condition Application compliance. He has also presented at conferences held by the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and Worldwide ERC, among other prominent organizations. In addition, he was an instructor on "Immigration for Start-Ups" at General Assembly, a global educational community for entrepreneurs and start-up companies in business, technology and design.

[Belma Demirovic Chinchoy](#) has helped investors and projects that have ranged from a \$180 million development in New York to a \$1 million direct investment in a California vineyard-related operation. She specializes in working with individual investors and businesses to prepare and file EB-5 petitions. Belma Chinchoy's deep familiarity with USCIS's Requests for Evidence (RFE) provides sound and strategic counsel for her clients and enables them to prepare petitions that are approvable upon filing. In addition to preparing numerous initial EB-5 petitions for investors (I-526) and petitions to remove conditions on conditional residence (I-829), Belma has had extensive experience advising businesses on EB-5 compliance and providing guidance for establishing EB-5 regional centers. Prior to joining the Law Offices of Carl Shusterman, she was a practicing attorney in a large EB-5 firm where she and her team focused on responding to complex EB-5 RFEs.

[Michael Clark](#) is a partner in the Corporate department of Seyfarth Shaw LLP. Mr. Clark has broad experience in mergers and acquisitions and corporate and securities law matters, both domestically and internationally. He has represented public and private companies and, in particular, companies in the security, energy, technology and aerospace industries.



Panelists' Bios

[Catherine DeBono Holmes](#) is Chair of JMBM's Investment Capital Law Group, and the author of the Investment Law Blog. She has practiced law at JMBM for over 30 years, focusing on investment capital and business transactions. Cathy helps clients worldwide to raise, invest and manage capital from U.S. and non-U.S. investors. She has represented more than 100 real estate developers in obtaining financing through the EB-5 immigrant investor visa program for the development of hotels, multi-family and mixed-use developments through the U.S., and has represented numerous Chinese investors in the purchase of hotels and businesses in the U.S. With extensive experience in the hospitality industry, Cathy specializes in resort and urban mixed-use financing and development, hotel management and franchise agreements, resort and hotel purchase and sale transactions, and public-private hotel development. Her finance and investment experience includes handling business formations for entrepreneurs, private securities offerings, structuring and offering of private investment funds, and business and regulatory matters for investment bankers, investment advisers, securities broker-dealers and real estate/mortgage brokers.

[Lincoln Stone](#) is a Certified Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law as recognized by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. Lincoln also is recognized as a preeminent immigration lawyer by peer-based ratings such as Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers publications. Lincoln's experience as a lawyer dates back to 1986 and includes a federal court clerkship, work as a trial attorney with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and private practice in immigration law, business transactions and litigation. Lincoln is renowned internationally as an expert, speaker, and author in the complex area of immigration law concerning investors and entrepreneurs. His private sector clients include thousands of high net worth individual investors from all over the world, entrepreneurs and start-up enterprises, as well as U.S. businesses and venture firms that have raised more than \$3 billion in some 100 different job-creating enterprises through the EB-5 immigrant investor program. He is Editor-in-Chief of three editions of the book Immigration Options for Investors and Entrepreneurs. From 2007 to 2012 Lincoln developed, chaired, and organized nine highly successful EB-5 investor visa conferences held for lawyers throughout the country. Lincoln served more than a decade, and five years as Chair, for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) EB-5 Investor Visa Committee. He received two individual President Commendations for his contributions to AILA and advancing the practice of EB-5 investor law.

[Osvaldo Torres](#) has over 25 years of corporate, securities and media law experience. Mr. Torres' extensive experience qualifies him to handle a wide variety of challenging matters, including those where the interests of the client extend into or originate from Latin America and other territories. Some of the types of transactions on which Mr. Torres served as lead counsel include: registration of debt and equity securities; tender offers; purchase and sale of television stations and cable networks; the \$773 million merger pursuant to which Telemundo was acquired by affiliates of Sony, Liberty Media and others; and hundreds of licensing and distribution agreements involving Latin American and U.S. based companies. Mr. Torres' professional experience has also included service as Senior Vice President, and General Counsel for both HBO Latin America and Telemundo Group, Inc. His law firm experience includes being a member of the corporate and securities departments of Greenberg Traurig in Miami and Schulte Roth and Zabel in New York City.



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[Reid Thomas](#) is the Executive Vice President at [NES Financial](#), leading the company's sales and marketing organization. He brings over 20 years of executive management experience at both private and public companies, including Laszlo Systems, Octel Communications, and VINA Technologies. During his time with NES Financial, Mr. Thomas has been instrumental in the rapid growth of the company's EB-5 business, making NES Financial the leader in EB-5 by providing innovative solutions specifically built for the industry. Mr. Thomas' active participation in the EB-5 community has made him a frequent and sought after speaker at events and conferences across the country. He has written numerous articles, blogs, and white papers on the topics of escrow and fund administration, solidifying his position as an industry expert.



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Torres Law P.A. is a South Florida law firm specializing in Corporate, Securities and Media law matters. With over 25 years of experience at several large, nationally-recognized law firms (including Greenberg Traurig in Miami and Schulte Roth & Zabel in New York City) and as in-house General Counsel to several large businesses (including the then publicly-traded Telemundo Group, Inc. and the privately held venture HBO Latin America Group), we offer our clients large-firm quality with the intimate benefits of a smaller firm. Our clients can expect superior service with a one-on-one, client-lawyer relationship at a reasonable cost. We will never waste your time on matters we cannot handle efficiently and effectively. Through our hard work and loyalty, we have created and preserved longstanding relationships with our clients and with referral sources who share our values and commitment to service and excellence.

Testimonials

"The full day format combined with high quality panelists allowed the opportunity to address many current topics in a meaningful way." – *Daniel Dwyer*

"I would highly recommend this Summit; it covers a broad range of issues in a comprehensive manner. Well done!" – *Clem Turner*

"The program is well worth the time for those seeking to understand the pitfalls and challenges for EB-5 investors and developers." – *Gordon Quan*

"As director of the Vermont EB5 Regional Center, who previously worked in muni and corporate bond industry, as well as has series 66 and series 7, I questioned whether the program would be worth my time. It was well worth attending." - *Brent Raymond*

"Absolutely invaluable to those who are new in the practice of EB-5" - *Rose Bautista, JD. Immigration Information Specialist, County of Hawaii, Office of the Mayor*

"Great way to get up to speed on issues and most players in industry"
– *John Neill*

"It covers both basic & complex info - something that anyone interested in EB-5 should attend." - *Katie Wu*

"Excellent comprehensive presentation that provided a perfect entree to the EB-5 Visa Category" - *Mark Kalish*

"Great "Intro to EB-5" workshop. Get to hear from all parts of the EB-5 Industry." - *Catharine Yen*

"I think this would be useful to all people seeking investors from other countries." - *William Howell*

"Coming in with no prior legal, let alone EB-5, experience, I found the lectures very logically formed & easily accessible." - *Khalid Raof*

"An essential conference to stay on the cutting edge of EB-5." - *Boyd Campbell*

"I like the format/organization of the topics presented during the workshop." - *Pamela Toyos*

Very positive and structured with an emphasis on cutting edge information." - *Michael Harris*

"Access to so many acclaimed professionals in the field at one time is well worth it." - *Rani Emandi*

"The EB-5 discussions are essential and understanding new trends and USCIS recent policies which effect a successful EB-5 project." - *Ed Beshara*

"It teaches everything about EB-5 in a day. It was worth travelling from India to attend this workshop." - *Sudhir Shah*

"A frank and informed foundation for dealing in the EB-5 visa world." - *Art Williamson*

"I highly recommend the EB-5 Summit. As someone who participates in conferences and summits nationally and internationally, I can state that this was the most in-depth information I have heard regarding EB-5 immigration matters. Well done!" - *Clem Turner*

"The Panels were excellent very knowledgeable and thoughtful. This is something that other events regarding EB-5 do not measure up to."
- *Jeff carr*



ILW at a Glance

- ❖ Founded in 1999, ILW is focused on immigration. ILW has two divisions: law publishing and marketing services. We are a small, customer-focused company—just under one dozen people; our offices are in mid-town Manhattan. ILW Publisher Sam Udani has been in the immigration field for 24 years.
- ❖ ILW's flagship product for the last 16 years is Immigration Daily, an online newspaper sent out by email each working day to 32,000+ subscribers. During the last 12 months, Immigration Daily featured 1,500+ articles from 300+ authors. Immigration subscribers include 10,000+ attorneys, paralegals, and corporate HR personnel, 10,000+ immigrants, hundreds of people in academia, think tanks and journalists, 1,000+ officials at US Department of Labor, US Department of State, US Department of Homeland Security, and other executive branch agencies, dozens of people in courts throughout the country, many members of Congress and their staff in both parties and both Chambers on the Hill, 100+ officials in state governments across the country, and thousands of other people interested in US immigration law and policy. Immigration Daily has been quoted in published and unpublished opinions by federal courts.
- ❖ ILW has provided Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits for attorneys in many states. We have conducted over 600 CLE seminars and workshops to immigration attorneys during the last 15 years. ILW has provided immigration law CLE seminar content on Westlaw and law.com
- ❖ ILW has published dozens of books on immigration law (most titles intended for lawyers) covering every major area of immigration law during the last 12 years. In addition, for many years ILW has distributed 7 immigration law titles from 3 other law publishers (American Lawyer Media, Juris Publishing, and Legal Research Bureau). ILW.COM has co-published a book with the Society of Human Resource Management. One of our books was in the Mandarin language..
- ❖ For the past 8 years, ILW has provided full-spectrum marketing to a small handful of immigration law firms. For the past 4 years, ILW has provided marketing services to small handful of EB-5 projects.
- ❖ ILW's EB-5 activities fall into three general categories: Persian Gulf, India and China. In the Persian Gulf, ILW has conducted over 50 events in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Kuwait, Manama, Doha, Muscat, Riyadh, Jeddah and Istanbul. We manage agent networks in many middle-eastern countries. In India, ILW works with a Investment Bank with over 100 offices throughout India, along with a US immigration law firm with a US immigration attorney permanently stationed in India. ILW conducts events and manages the investment process through the Indian investment bank. ILW has also conducted many EB-5 events in China, Taiwan and for Chinese students in the USA under Reg D.
- ❖ ILW.COM's website has 250,000+ visitors each month and 2,000,000+ page views each month. ILW's LinkedIn Group has 2,500+ immigration professionals, ILW's Twitter feed has 11,000+ followers, and ILW.COM's discussion board has 20,000+ registered users. ILW.COM features 50,000+ pages of free immigration information online, the largest content repository for US immigration law information on the worldwide web. For 16 years, ILW.COM averages as approximately in the top 20,000 largest US websites.



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