



The EB-5 Summit for Attorneys & Developers
New Orleans, LA
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AGENDA

Time	Subject/Activity
9:00 - 9:30	Registration - Continental Breakfast and Distribution of Materials
9:30 - 10:30	Source of Funds and Consular Processing; Two Pressure Points in the EB-5 Process
10:40 - 11:10	EB-5 Administration: Best Practices*
11:20 - 12:20	Project Failure: Potential Solutions to I-829 Adjudication Issues
12:20 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 2:30	Pros and Cons of Buying, Renting or Owning a Regional Center
2:40 – 3:10	Renting a Regional Center*
3:20 - 4:20	Securities Issues in EB-5
4:30 - 5:30	Site Visits Are Here: How to Deal with a USCIS Site Visit and Other RC Compliance Tips

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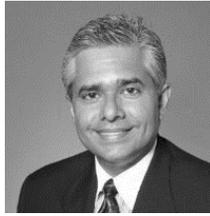
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Panelists' Bios

[Kate Kalmykov \(Discussion Leader\)](#) focuses her practice on business immigration and compliance. She represents clients in a wide-range of employment based immigrant and non-immigrant visa matters including students, trainees, professionals, managers and executives, artists and entertainers, treaty investors and traders, persons of extraordinary ability and immigrant investors. Kate has extensive experience working on EB-5 immigrant investor matters. She regularly works with developers across a variety of industries, as well as private equity funds on developing new projects that qualify for EB-5 investments. This includes creation of new Regional Centers, having projects adopted by existing Regional Centers or through pooled individual EB-5 petitions. For existing Regional Centers, Kate regularly helps to prepare amendment filings, file exemplar petitions, address removal of conditions issues and ensure that they develop an internal program for ongoing compliance with applicable immigration regulations and guidance. She also counsels foreign nationals on obtaining greencards through either individual or Regional Center EB-5 investments, as well as issues related to I-829 Removal of Conditions. Moreover, Kate also works with various human resources departments on I-9 employment verification matters as well as H-1B and LCA compliance. She regularly counsels employers on due diligence issues including internal audits and reviews, as well as minimization of exposure and liabilities in government investigations.

[Angelique Brunner](#) established EB5 Capital in 2006. She splits her time between the company's Washington, D.C. and San Francisco offices. As President, Angel provides strategic direction and oversight to EB5 Capital's real estate, marketing, and legal teams. She serves on the Board of Directors for IIUSA, the national EB-5 trade association. She was the Inaugural Chair of the IIUSA Policy Committee, which guides the industry's communications with USCIS and other governmental agencies. Angel is considered an expert in the EB-5 program and also serves as the face of EB5 Capital, speaking at all of the major industry events and writing articles for publication. Angel has also had the opportunity to speak at events for SelectUSA, which was established by President Obama within the Department of Commerce in order to attract foreign investment and create living-wage jobs for American workers. Angel attended the 2015 SelectUSA Investment Summit where she led a seminar at the Summit Academy that addressed best practices in regional center operations. In 2011, Angel submitted official congressional testimony in support of the EB-5 Program by request of Senator Leahy's (D-VT) office. She works closely with Marriott International and Hilton Worldwide in their efforts to make the Program more effective. Before founding the company, Angel spent over a decade working in finance and investments for both public and private organizations focused on real estate and venture capital.

[Mikki Canton](#) serves as the Managing Director of the City of Miami EB-5 Regional Center and the City of Miami Office of International Business Development. As a long-time public law, government and corporate attorney, both with a global law firm and as managing partner of a major Florida law firm, she works extensively in the international affairs arena and is the architect of the City of Miami EB-5 Regional Center. Mikki has a major history of civic and professional engagement. She has served as a four-term member of The State of Florida Commission of Ethics (Vice-Chair), Harvard University JFK School of Government Women's Leadership Board, Jackson Memorial Hospital Public Health Trust, Miami-Dade College Board of Trustees, among many others. She is a Life Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has published in, and presented at, major international forums.



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[Robert Divine](#) has extensive experience serving clients throughout the world in the arrangement of all types of business-based temporary and permanent immigration status, including specialty occupations (H-1B, TN, E-3), individual and blanket international transferee programs (L-1), traders and investors (E-1/E-2, EB-5), medical workers, religious workers, labor certification, national interest waivers and extraordinary ability aliens. Mr. Divine is active in the Firm's Government Enforcement and Investigations team and has represented and assisted employers and other parties in some of the largest immigration enforcement investigations and prosecutions as well as private RICO actions. He provides strategic advice and training for employers in their immigration compliance efforts. Mr. Divine also has litigated significant business matters, including contract, commercial, product liability, antitrust, ERISA benefits and business torts (including RICO, misrepresentation, Consumer Protection Act).

[Bill Gresser](#) has been the President of EB-5 New York State, LLC, since he co-founded the company in 2007. Since that time he has managed the company as it grew and successfully completed EB-5 projects. Mr. Gresser's background includes having been an attorney for over 20 years and a successful business executive. Mr. Gresser is an emeritus member of the Board of Directors of Invest In the USA (IIUSA®), the leading trade association of Regional Centers and other participants in the EB-5 industry. Mr. Gresser is a regular speaker on advanced EB-5 related topics and is sought out by Regional Centers and developers throughout the U.S. Mr. Gresser obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University, a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center, and a Masters in Business Administration from the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, all with honors.

[Jennifer Hermansky](#) focuses her immigration practice on both employment-based and family-based immigration. Jennifer has experience serving health care, pharmaceutical and real estate industries, as well as entrepreneurs, scientists and researchers in scientific communities. She represents clients in a wide range of employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant visa matters including students, professionals, managers and executives, artists and entertainers, treaty investors, individuals of extraordinary ability, and immigrant investors. Jennifer concentrates on EB-5 immigrant investor visas. She has prepared and filed many I-526 petitions and I-829 petitions for immigrant investors, both through individual investments and regional center investments. Additionally, she regularly works with developers across a variety of industries seeking capital for new projects that qualify for EB-5 investments. She counsels clients on the creation of new Regional Centers, amendments of a Regional Center designations and adoptions of developer projects by existing Regional Centers. Jennifer also regularly counsels approved Regional Centers on an ongoing basis, including job creation issues and Regional Center management recordkeeping and staffing issues.

[Jor Law](#) practices corporate and business transactional law in Los Angeles and is a founding shareholder of Homeier & Law, P.C. Jor has represented a broad variety of clients, both domestically and internationally, from Fortune 100 companies to startup businesses and entrepreneurs in a wide range of industries, including financial services, cleantech, entertainment, aviation, food and beverage, hospitality, manufacturing, retail, real estate, and technology. In addition to counseling companies with structuring, formation, and ongoing corporate issues, Jor's practice includes finance, secured and unsecured lending, mergers and acquisitions, licensing, securities, angel and venture capital financing, internet and new media, technology, e-commerce, and other corporate transactions.



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[William B. Mack](#) focuses his practice on government investigations and regulatory and compliance matters. He is also experienced in advising companies on regulatory and compliance matters relating to the Securities and Exchange Commission regulations, the Exchange Act, Anti-Money Laundering laws and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) rules. Prior to joining the firm, William was a Principal Counsel for Enforcement at FINRA. Before FINRA, He was the Director of the Executive Secretariat in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. William also served as a Deputy Associate Counsel at the White House, advising primarily on appointments and investigations. Before the White House, he practiced at large firms in New York. William clerked for Judge Robert L. Carter in the Southern District of New York.

[Kristal Ozmun](#) is a Partner in Miller Mayer's Immigration practice group. Ms. Ozmun focuses her practice on employment-based immigration with a unique specialization in the EB-5 preference category. She represents EB-5 regional centers in matters related to both immigration law and corporate and securities law, including designation, compliance, and governance. She also advises EB-5 investors in navigating the immigration process and represents a variety of individual clients seeking non-immigrant and immigrant status. Ms. Ozmun is a member of the Massachusetts and New York State bars. She received her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School and her B.A. from the College of Charleston.

[Nataliya Rymer](#) focuses her practice on employment-based immigration and compliance. She represents clients in a wide range of employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant matters, including professionals, managers and executives, artists and entertainers, treaty traders and investors, immigrant investors, and persons of extraordinary ability. Nataliya also has experience working with employers on I-9 employment verification matters as well as H-1B and LCA compliance-related issues. She counsels employers on due diligence issues, including internal audits and reviews, as well as minimization of exposure and liabilities in government investigations. In addition, Nataliya is experienced with family-based immigration and immigration-related federal court litigation issues, as well as waivers of inadmissibility.

Marcelo Salas is a Vice President of Business Development for NES Financial, specializing in EB-5 Fund Administration. Possessing over 16 years of financial services and commercial real estate experience, Marcelo has worked with some of the top firms in the finance sector, where he focused on selling CRE fintech solutions to the institutional investment community as well as building companies' sales organizations and onboarding clients. Currently working with EB-5 Regional Centers, developers, attorneys, and other industry professionals, Marcelo is knowledgeable on fund administration, loan administration, escrows, and the EB-5 process.



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[Samuel Silverman](#) has extensive real estate development, management, financing, and brokerage experience in Florida, Pennsylvania, California, Georgia, and internationally in the People's Republic of China. Prior to EB5AN, Sam served as the Director of Corporate Strategy and Expansion for Professional Golfer Jack Nicklaus in the People's Republic of China, living full time in Beijing. Sam was also previously employed by the Boston Consulting Group, one of the top management consulting and business strategy firms in the world where he worked directly with Fortune 500 Companies in the food service, media, manufacturing, hospitality and real estate spaces in the U.S., Europe, and Middle East. Sam holds a B.A. in Economics with a concentration in Mandarin Chinese from Yale University, a Certificate in Financial Accounting from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and an M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

[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.

[Oswaldo "Ozzie" Torres](#) is a 1987 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. For the entirety of his professional career Mr. Torres has focused on assisting clients negotiate and effect complex corporate transactions, including securities offerings (both public and private), mergers and acquisitions and other sophisticated deals. For the past six years, Mr. Torres has been immersed in EB-5 work, where his rich experience in complex legal matters has allowed him to successfully represent regional centers and projects with their corporate structuring and securities offerings matters. Mr. Torres has worked on numerous EB-5 offerings, including those involving hotel development, multi-family residential construction, senior independent living complexes, healthcare and medical device companies, restaurants and franchises. Mr. Torres frequently speaks at EB-5 conferences on securities issues and other aspects of the EB-5 practice and is a member of the EB-5 SEC Roundtable. He also serves on IIUSA's President's Advisory Council and its Compliance, Public Policy and Editorial Committees, the Steering Committee for the EB-5 Investment Coalition, is rated AV® Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and ranked a Top 15 EB-5 Securities Attorney by EB-5 Investors Magazine. In addition, Torres Law has been selected as a Medallion Partner by NES Financial.

[Abteen Vaziri](#) Director in Greystone's EB-5 group, appeared on CNBC Asia ahead of a House Judiciary Committee hearing to discuss proposed reform of the EB-5 foreign investor visa program.



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[Vivian Zhu](#) practices in the area of EB-5 and E-2 investment-based visa petitions. Ms. Zhu has several years' experience in corporate and securities laws primarily working with Chinese companies. Her experience includes reverse mergers, PIPEs, initial public offerings, follow-on public offerings and Exchange Act filings. Ms. Zhu received her Master of Laws from USC School of Law (2007 – 2008) where she worked as a research assistant in U.S.-China International Transactions. She received her Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Beijing Foreign Studies University (2003 – 2007). Ms. Zhu is licensed in the state of New York and practices exclusively in immigration law. She is fluent in English and Mandarin Chinese.



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E3 Investment Group structures offerings that allow foreign investors the opportunity to receive green cards under the U.S. Government's EB-5 program. They have a unique expertise in creating opportunities that do not involve regional centers, but offer all of the benefits of a scaled organization without the negatives. They call this Scalable-Direct. In essence, they are the Non-Regional Center.



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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 Raouf*

"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

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- ❖ 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 16 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.
- ❖ ILW has conducted over 100 EB-5 events in over a dozen countries over the last 5 years. In 2015 & 2016, we conducted approximately 40 events each year in approximately ten countries. In 2017, we expect to conduct approximately 50 events in 10 countries. We have the largest footprint in the world in EB-5 outside of China. We currently conduct Expos in all major EB-5 countries: China, India, Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Latin America through Miami and International Student Expos in 11 cities across USA.
- ❖ ILW.COM's website has 250,000+ visitors each month and 2,000,000+ page views each month. ILW's LinkedIn Group has 3,000+ immigration professionals, ILW's Twitter feed has 12,000+ 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 world wide web. For 17 years, ILW.COM averages as approximately in the top 25,000 largest US websites.



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