# Jessica A. DeNisi

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Jessica DeNisi is a Partner in the firm's New Yorks office and, together with Ron Klasko, leads the EB-5 Developers and Regional Centers Practice.

Jessica is recognized by the EB-5 industry as one of the preeminent lawyers in the field representing developers and regional centers who wish to use foreign investment capital under the EB-5 program to fund job creating projects through the creation of a regional center, under an existing regional center or as a stand-alone investment. In 2025, she was recognized by EB-5 Investors Magazine as one of the top 25 EB-5 lawyers in the country.

Jessica orchestrates the meticulous preparation and filing of I-956, I-526, and I-526E petitions and related forms, collaborating seamlessly with economists, business strategists, legal experts, and market analysts to assist regional centers, developers, and investors achieve their EB-5 goals.

Structuring projects and establishing regional centers is highly technical work with many layers of processes which requires the coordination of a network of securities lawyers, economists, business plan writers, and other professionals. In the age of the RIA (the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022), structuring an EB-5 compliant project and ensuring ongoing compliance is more complex than ever. Jessica navigates these complexities, guiding her clients to successfully complete development deals that create jobs and help investors to obtain green cards.

#### **EDUCATION**

Tulane University Law School, J.D.

University of Washington School of Law, L.L.M.

### **ADMISSIONS**

California

#### PRACTICE AREAS

EB-5 Immigration



Jessica's recent tenure at the State Department as an Attorney Advisor to the Bureau of Consular Affairs uniquely provides her with the know-how to navigate complex consular immigration issues across a multitude of visa categories. In this role, Jessica also developed a deep understanding of government stakeholders across the globe, which she leverages to support our clients in navigating visa processing at consulates and embassies around the world and other key public policy work.

In addition to her EB-5 clients, Jessica works with entrepreneurial, high-net-worth individuals in their investment-based immigration pursuits. She has deep experience in successfully representing E-2 investors, and creatively preparing immigration petitions for L-1 clients for their overseas businesses.

Prior to practicing immigration law, Jessica worked as a tax and business attorney.

Jessica completed her undergraduate studies at Wake Forest University and earned an M.A. in Near Eastern Studies from the University of Arizona. Jessica received her J.D. from Tulane University Law School and an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Washington School of Law. Jessica is admitted to practice in California.

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Klasko Immigration Webinar, EB-5 Program Update: The Gold Card (March 3, 2025)

2025 EB-5 & Global Immigration Expo Newport Beach, *Post-Election Outlook for the EB-5 Industry* (January 9-10, 2025)





Visa Franchise, *EB-5 Direct at \$500,000* (July 29, 2021)

Chetcuti Cauchi Webinar, S. E-2 Visa through Grenadian Citizenship for Nigerian Nationals (February 19, 2021)

2020 IIUSA Virtual Industry Forum, Real Estate Workouts: Unique Challenges Facing EB-5 in the Wake on COVID-19 (November 12, 2020)

Chetcuti Cauchi Webinar, S. E-2 Visa through Grenadian or Turkish Citizenship (October 14, 2020)

2020 EB-5 & Uglobal Virtual Expo Hong Kong, *L-1 And E-2 Visas: A Closer Look at Non-Immigrant Options for United States* (October 13, 2020)

IIUSA – EB-5 Regional Center Compliance, A Systemic Approach to Long Term Success (April 7, 2016)

#### AWARDS

Named by *EB-5 Investors* magazine's 2024 list as one of the "Top 25 Attorneys 2024: Immigration Attorneys"

Named by *EB-5 Investors* magazine's 2019 list as one of the "Top 25 Attorneys 2019: Top 5 Rising Stars"



