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

Immigration Litigation

KLASKO

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

Editorial Board for the Regional Center Business Journal

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

PANEL 1: EB-5 Industry Status: Important Changes in 2026–27, EB5 Investors, Miami, FL (June 02, 2026)

Power Of Self-Sponsorship: EB-5 Investor Visa, Klasko Mini Seminar, New York City (May

19, 2026)

Inside IIUSA D.C.: Key EB-5 Takeaways for 2026 and Beyond, Civitas Capital Group, Webinar (May 19, 2026)

EB-5 Litigation: Strategy, Implications, and Practical Reality, 2026 IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum, Washington D.C (April 30, 2026)

Session 7: EB-5 Litigation: Strategy, Implications, and Practical Reality, IIUSA Industry Forum, Washington D.C. (April 29, 2026)

Shifting Seasons: Immigration Trends and Emerging Issues, 2026 Klasko Spring Seminar: Springing into Action, Philadelphia, PA (April 21, 2026)

Klasko Mini Seminar, New York City (March 26, 2026)

2025 EB-5 & Global Immigration Expo Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City (March 17, 2026)

E-2s for Start-Ups, ABIL Training Webinar, Webinar (October 29, 2025)

EB-5 Grandfathering Deadline & USCIS Age-Out Policy, IIUSA, Webinar, (September 30, 2025)

Latest Immigration Updates: H-1B Fees, Entry Restrictions, and Gold Card Launch, Klasko Webinar, Webinar (September 29, 2025)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Systemic Approach to Long Term Success, IIUSA – EB-5 Regional Center Compliance (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"