Ronald Klasko

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H. Ronald Klasko (Ron) is widely recognized by businesses, universities, hospitals, scholars, investors, and other lawyers as one of the country's leading immigration lawyers. A founding member of Klasko Immigration Law Partners, LLP, and as its current Chairman, he continues to serve as a thought leader and advocate for his clients and in the broader immigration bar. Ron has practiced immigration law exclusively over four decades.

Under his leadership, the firm has been chosen as a top immigration law firm every year for the last ten years by the highly regarded *Chambers Global*. Ron himself is recognized annually as being in Band 1 of immigration lawyers by *Chambers Global* and Tier 1 in *Best Lawyers in America©*. In addition, he has also been repeatedly selected for inclusion in *Lawdragon's/Human Resource Executive's* list of *The Most Powerful Employment Attorneys Guide* and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2018. *Who's Who Legal in Corporate Immigration* named him as the most highly regarded immigration lawyer in the world.

A former National President of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Ron served as chair of the EB-5 Investor Committee for five years. He also served as Chair of the High Impact Litigation Committee for three years. He served as General Counsel of AILA for three Presidents. He has served as National Chair of AILA's U.S. Department of Labor Liaison Committee and Business Immigration Committee, and he served as National Chair of that organization's INS General Counsel Liaison Committee and the National Task Forces on Labor Certifications, H-1 visas, L-1 visas and Employer

EDUCATION

Lehigh University: B.A. *magna cum laude* 1971, *Phi Beta Kappa*

University of Pennsylvania: School of Law, J.D. 1974

ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

PRACTICE AREAS

EB-5 Immigration

Immigration Litigation

Corporate Immigration

EB-1 Immigration

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Sanctions. Ron is one of only three practicing attorneys ever honored with the AILA Founders Award for his contributions to immigration jurisprudence, and is the only person to have received this award twice.

In the area of treaty investors visas (E-2), Ron is particularly well known, having served as the lead attorney on the famous Matter of Walsh and Pollard case, which established the key precedent for E-2 visas.

At the request of members of Congress and their staffs, Ron has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary and the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform. He has been invited to lecture and provide training to staff members and lawyers of the U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of State, INS General Counsel Management Conference, Immigration Judges Association and U.S. Department of Justice. In addition, he has been an Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law at Villanova University Law School and is a frequent lecturer on immigration law subjects.

Ron is the co-author of the two-volume *Employers' Immigration Compliance Guide* (Matthew Bender 1985). He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

EB-5 Overview

Ron is one of the country's leading lawyers representing EB-5 clients.

Ron is the chair of the firm's EB-5 practice area. Ron represents thousands of foreign investors worldwide, over 50 approved regional centers and numerous U.S. developers and business owners who have sought his counsel in connection with using the EB-5 program to raise capital for investment projects.

Ron's counsel has included applications to designate new regional centers; applications for approval of projects within regional centers; having projects adopted by existing regional centers; structuring projects to be EB-5 compliant; preparing template I-526 petitions; and advice on successfully marketing EB-5 projects. Ron has

successfully represented many direct individual EB-5 investors, direct pooled EB-5 investors, and regional center investors.

During his five years as Chair of the EB-5 Committee of AILA, he led advocacy efforts with USCIS to improve the EB-5 program. As Chair of the Best Practices Committee of IIUSA, the association of EB-5 regional centers. Ron worked with regional centers, developers and EB-5 professionals to develop the first comprehensive list of best practices in the EB-5 industry.

One of the most prolific EB-5 bloggers, Ron is a sought-after speaker and regularly speaks on EB-5 topics around the country and around the world. Ron has been interviewed by U.S. Chinese media on numerous occasions and has been quoted in *Forbes* Magazine and other media on his views on EB-5 matters.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Ron's clients run the gamut from multinational corporations and their employees, to hospitals, to many of the nation's universities, to investors and other private individuals.

His practice focuses on:

Representation of multinational and domestic corporations, their employees and private individuals in immigration matters before USCIS, Department of Labor and U.S. Consulates;

Immigration matters involving administrative and federal court litigation;

Advising employers on immigration compliance and defending employers in enforcement actions;

Complex immigration litigation in federal court;

Consultation and outreach services to community and foreign student organizations and to attorneys;

Representation of universities and hospitals, as well as students, researchers, faculty, and medical doctors;

Representation of foreign investors, as well as regional centers and developers, with E-2 and EB-5 matters;

Matters involving: Extraordinary Ability and National Interest Waiver Petitions, Exchange Visitors, Immigrant Visa Processing and Adjustment of Status, Labor Certifications, Naturalization, Temporary Work Visas and Waivers of Inadmissibility.

ASSOCIATIONS

National Chair, AILA Litigation Conference Committee (2021-present)

National Chair, AILA High Impact Litigation Committee (2018-present) (*previously Administrative Litigation Task Force)*

Member, Board of Governors, AILA (1980–present)

Member, AILA National Committee (2018-2019)

National Chair, AILA EB-5 Committee (2012-2017)

National Chair, AILA Business Immigration Committee (1999–2000)

General Counsel, AILA (1996–1999)

Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law at Villanova University (1985 – 1990)

Invited by U.S House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary to testify on Immigration Reform

National Chair, AILA National Task Forces on Labor Certifications, H-1 visas, L-1 visas and Employer Sanctions

National Chair, AILA's U.S. Dept. of Labor Liaison Committee

National President, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) (1988)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Ron is one of the most sought-after and active immigration law speakers in the country. His talks are in demand from Coast to Coast. He speaks extensively on the latest and most significant immigration issues and how legislative changes will affect multinational corporations, leading universities and research institutions, hospitals, and individuals.

Recent speaking engagements:

EB-5 Regional Center Updates: Preparing for the September 2026 Deadline, AILA Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (June 17, 2026)

(1) US Panel – 2 panelists (2) Opening Remarks — highlight own panel (3) On stage with Director of Panama government, fireside chat, Investment Migration Forum, Paris, France (June 10, 2026)

Fireside Chat: The Evolving EB-5 Legal Landscape, 5th Annual JTC and Saul Ewing

Advanced EB-5 Conference, Miami, FL (May 28, 2026)

What does the new Adjustment of Status policy mean for EB5 investors? Peachtree Group, Webinar (May 26, 2026)

Reinvesting Into a Second NCE to Create Additional Jobs and Maintain EB-5 Compliance, EB5AN, Webinar (April 2, 2026)

EB-5 Industry Updates and the Grandfathering Clause Deadline, with Dan Healy and Ron Klasko, Civitas Webinar, Webinar (April 1, 2026)

You Shall Not Oppress the Stranger: Jewish Perspectives on Immigration in the Age of ICE, Democratic Jewish Outreach Pennsylvania, Webinar (March 11, 2026)

Welcome Remarks and EB-5 in 2026: Filing Strategies Before and After the September 2026 Grandfathering Deadline, the Gold Card, and Final Action Dates/Retrogression, 2026 AILA EB-5 Virtual Conference, Webinar (February 26, 2026)

Visa Options for Startups, AILA South Florida 47th Annual Immigration Law Update, Miami, FL (February 19, 2026)

Panel 2: The EB-5 & Gold Card Outlook 2026: Grandfathering, Visa Strategy, Processing Trends and Industry Direction, 2026 EB-5 & Global Immigration Expo Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA (January 22, 2026)

Immigration Updates CLE, STEP NY – Society of Trust and Practitioners, New York, NY (December 02, 2025)

Surviving the Storm Outside: Let's Litigate, AILA LACC Chapter Conference, Barbados (November 19, 2025)

When Must EB-5 Funds Be Released to the JCE?, EB5AN, Webinar (November 6, 2025)

DHS Proposed Lower EB-5 Fees: Timing, Impact and What to Expect in 2027, Peachtree Group, Webinar (November 05, 2025)

Latest Changes to H-1B Visas & the Gold Card Visa Program, South Florida AILA Chapter, Miami, FL (October 15, 2025)

Options for Individuals with Removal Orders or Who Can No Longer Rely on TPS / Parole, AILA LACC Chapter Webinar, Webinar (October 14, 2025)

EB-5 TBD, CanAm Enterprises, Webinar (October 13, 2025)

Trump Gold Card, EB-5, and H-1B, Civitas Webinar, Webinar (September 30, 2025)

The Trump Gold Card and New $100k Fee for H-1B Visas, EB5AN Webinar, Webinar (September 25, 2025)

Fireside Chat on Litigation, JTC Saul Ewing Conference, Miami, FL (September 18, 2025)

Trump's $5M Gold Card: Competitor, complement or game-changer for EB-5?, EB5 Investors Magazine – Miami, FL (August 27, 2025)

Navigating the Complexities of EB-5: Emerging Challenges and Untapped Opportunities, AILA Annual Conference, Denver, CO (June 18, 2025)

USA Immigration Panel, Investment Migration Forum, Dubai, UAE (May 2, 2025)

EB-5 Litigation: Current Cases & Trends, IIUSA Industry Forum, Houston, TX (April 28, 2025)

Keynote Speaker, AILA PHL Conference, Philadelphia, PA (April 25, 2025)

Outbound Investment Summit – USA, Outbound Investment Group, New York, NY (March 31, 2025)

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

Deep Dive into the State of EB-5 Processing and Adjudications, AILA South Florida Chapter, Miami, FL (February 20, 2025)

Obtaining Citizenship or Residence in Third Countries by Investment or Descent, AILA Web Seminar, Webinar (February 6, 2025)

Part I: How to Find and Keep Your Dream Clients, AILA Business Development Series, Webinar (December 19, 2024)

EB-5 Visa Bulletin Backlog Warning, EB5AN Webinar, Webinar (December 13, 2024)

Battineni v. Mayorkas, IIUSA's Informational Webinar: Battineni v. Mayorkas, Webinar (November 25, 2024)

EB-5 Source of Funds: Latest Issues in Proving the Lawful Source and Path of Invested Capital, AILA, Webinar (November 20, 2024)

Complex Issues in Seeking Adjustment and/or Consular Processing, LACC Chapter AILA Conference, Panama City, Panama (November 15, 2024)

Sustainment & Redeployment, 2024 IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum, Atlanta, GA (May 22, 2024)

Potential Trump 2.0 Administration, 2024 KILP Spring Seminar for Universities and Healthcare Institutions, Philadelphia, PA (April 30, 2024)

Why EB-5 is Better Now, EB5AN and Klasko Immigration Law Partners, Webinar (April 10, 2024)

Understanding EB-5 Project Filings: How an Expedited I-956F Impacts Investors, LCR Capital Partners, Webinar (February 16, 2024)

Ron has spoken at the following venues, among many others:

American Bar Association (ABA)

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

BLS International

Carnegie Mellon University

Duke University

Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)

Florida Bar Conference

Harvard Business School

Henley & Partners

Investment Migration Council

Johns Hopkins University

NAFSA: Association of International Educators

National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA)

Tenet Healthcare Corporation

Thomas Jefferson University

University of Pennsylvania

University of Texas

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Yale University

WHYY – interviewed for article regarding EB-5 visa program

Ron is a prolific writer and blogger and has published hundreds of articles in national and international journals, newspapers, and conference handbooks. In addition, Ron is the co-author of the two-volume *Employers' Immigration Compliance Guide* (Matthew Bender 1985). To request a copy of a specific publication or presentation, e-mail Ron at rklasko@klaskolaw.com.

AWARDS

Top 25 Global Migration Attorneys, *Uglobal* magazine (2020)

Founders Award, *American Immigration Lawyers Association* (1999 & 2019)

Top 25 Immigration Lawyers, *EB-5 Investors* magazine's list as one of the country's (2015-present)

Most highly regarded immigration lawyer in the world, *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* (2007-present)

Band 1 Immigration Lawyers, *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Chambers and Partners (2006-present)

Best Lawyers in America©, Woodward and White (1991-present)

Best of the Bar, *Philadelphia Business Journal* (2019)

Inducted into *Human Resource Executive Magazine*'s Hall of Fame for Most Powerful Employment Attorney (2018)

Named to the Most Powerful Employment Attorney list by *Human Resource Executive Magazine* (2016-2017)

One of only two business immigration lawyers chosen among the top 500 lawyers in the U.S., *Lawdragon* (2006)