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*Speakers: Lincoln Stone, K. David Andersson, Elsie Arias, Ed Carroll, Alexandra (Sasha) Haskell (USCIS), Mark Ivener, Robert F. Kruszka (USCIS), David Morris and Susan Pilcher*

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### Seminar Outline

#### FIRST Phone Session on November 19: Recurring Problem Issues

- Source of Capital
- "At risk" investment
- Investment in existing businesses

#### SECOND Phone Session on December 17: Regional Centers

- Due diligence in selecting a regional center
- Employment methodologies
- Co-counsel and other experts

#### THIRD Phone Session on January 21: USCIS On EB5

- Government Perspective On EB5 Program
- Follow up on Stakeholder Meeting and Dec 11 Memo

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### About the Speakers

**Lincoln Stone** (Co-discussion Leader) is certified by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization as a Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law. Following studies in law at the University of Notre Dame and a federal court clerkship with Judge Robert A. Grant, Mr. Stone started his career in immigration law in 1987 with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. In the earliest of Mr. Stone's 20 years of private practice, his experience included immigration law as well as business transactions and litigation. He is Editor-in-Chief of the book *Immigration Options for Investors and Entrepreneurs*, published by the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and he is the author of numerous articles on the subject of investment immigration. Mr. Stone has served as Chair of AILA's EB5 Investor Visa Committee, AILA's National Committee on Pro Bono Services, and the Immigration and Nationality Law Advisory Commission of the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization.

**K. David Andersson** lives in the border community of Ferndale, Washington and practices law at Chang & Boos in Bellingham, Wa. and at Andersson Cross Border in Vancouver, Canada. He was born in Uranium City, Saskatchewan in 1960. He has a Bachelor of Science (Biology/Chemistry) from the University of Alberta, and a Law Degree from the University of British Columbia. Mr. Andersson is called to the Bar in British Columbia (1991) and Washington State (1995). He has represented clients before the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the British Columbia Court of Appeal, the Federal Court of Canada, the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board, United States District Court and the Executive Office of Immigration Review – U.S. Immigration Court. Mr. Andersson is the President of the Whatcom Opportunities Regional Center, Inc. an located on the Canadian border in the far north west corner of Washington State. Mr. Andersson serves as the President of "PACE" – the Pacific Corridor Enterprise Council, an organization concerned with trade and cross border mobility issues. As a representative of PACE, Mr. Andersson has testified before a Canadian Parliamentary Committee on Free Trade in Services, and the U.S. Congressional Government Reform Committee's Sub-Committee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources regarding ways to improve security, facilitate commerce and ease travel between the United States and Canada.

**Elsie Arias**, an associate attorney of Stone & Grzegorek since August 2007, is certified by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization as a specialist in immigration and nationality law. Ms. Arias has extensive experience in employment- and investment-based immigration matters, including labor certifications, nonimmigrant visas, and permanent residency options for entrepreneurs, professionals, academics, entertainers/artists, and health care workers. She also has substantial experience representing clients before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for adjustment of status, citizenship and naturalization, VAWA, and waivers for grounds of inadmissibility. Additionally, she has represented individuals in deportation/removal proceedings before the Immigration Court, Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Ed Carroll** (Co-discussion Leader) is a graduate of S.U.N.Y.-Binghamton (B.A. 1966) and Brooklyn Law School (J.D. 1969) and was admitted to the Bar in N.Y.S. in 1969 and in Vermont in 1974. Articles authored by Mr. Carroll have appeared in publications of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association, the Vermont Bar Association and in Canadian publications. Mr. Carroll has served the American Immigration Lawyers Association as a member of the Permanent Immigration Policy Committee, the Investor (EB-5) Committee and the Border Security Issues Committee, the Admissions & Interior Enforcement Committee and as Co-Chair of the Liaison Committee to the Vermont Service Center. He has also been liaison to CIS, CBP and DOL offices in Vermont for AILA's New England Chapter. He was Vice-Chair, of the ABA Immigration Law Committee, General Practice Section, 1994 - 2001. Mr. Carroll is a frequent presenter on U.S. immigration law to legal and business groups in the U.S. and Canada and at AILA conferences. He has taught immigration law to INS employees at the Vermont Service Center. He has been a commentator for radio and television on immigration issues. Mr. Carroll is listed in *Best Lawyers in America*.

**Alexandra (Sasha) Haskell** is the EB5 subject matter expert at USCIS Headquarters.

**Mark Ivener** was educated at the University of Illinois (B.A., 1964) and at U.C.L.A. Law School (J.D., 1967) and admitted to the California Bar in January 1968. He has been practicing law in Los Angeles for 30 years. He has lectured on US immigration law for the World Trade Institute in New York, Houston, Chicago, and San Francisco. He has also lectured for the International Bar Association in Munich, Madrid, and New York. Mr. Ivener has participated in many immigration seminars for the Law Societies of British Columbia and Alberta and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He has authored the books, *Handbook of Immigration Law, Volumes I and II* [1980; 2nd edition, 1982; and 3rd edition, 1986; Online edition, 1999]; *Doing Business in the USA Under Free Trade* [1989; 2nd edition, 1990]; *Get The Right Visa* [1992; 2nd edition 1994]; *A Complete Guide To Getting An American Visa* (in Japanese) 1993; 2nd edition 1994; 3rd edition 1999]; and *Have You Thought About Immigrating To The US?* (in Spanish) [1995]. He has also written many articles on immigration law which have appeared in the *International Law Journal*, the *Canadian-American Bar Association Newsletter*, *Business and the Law* and *World Trade Trends*. Mr. Ivener is a founding member of IMMLAW, The National Consortium of Immigration Law Firms. Also, Mr. Ivener is listed in the *Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers*. Mr. Ivener was recently named *Top 100 Wealth Advisors and Managers in the Americas* by *Citywealth* magazine. He was the only immigration lawyer named on this list.

**Robert F. Kruszka** is Deputy Chief of the Service Center Operations of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

**David Morris** manages the firm's Washington-DC office and is a respected national lawyer in the business immigration field. He holds a particular emphasis in the representation of clients involved in medical research, biotechnology, and information technology. For more than 10 years, Mr. Morris has regularly represented domestic and multinational businesses, as well as professionals, in a wide range of immigration and visa matters. His insight has been noted on MSNBC television, DC 101 radio, and an array of professional journals and newspapers such as *The Labor Lawyer*, the *American Bar Association's Labor and Employment Journal*, the *Immigration Advisor*, a national journal for human resource managers, the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Boston Herald*, the *Maryland Daily Record*, the *Washington Technology Journal*, the *Immigration Policy & Law Journal*, and other publications. Mr. Morris frequently lectures on expedited visa sponsorship strategies, employer immigration compliance programs, and various other immigration related topics for a wide variety of public and private organizations. Prior to founding the firm of McNary, Morris & Smalley (later



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transformed into the Visa Law Group) Mr. Morris served as the leader of the Immigration Law Section at Baker & Hostetler, one of the largest law firms in the United States.

[Susan Pilcher](#) joined Carroll & Scribner as Of Counsel in January 2007 after six years with a prominent Burlington, Vermont commercial law firm, where Ms. Pilcher's business practice focused on immigration, intellectual property, health care and commercial litigation. Having provided leadership and management of her former firm's immigration practice since 2003, she honed her expertise with successful adjudication in broad range of immigration matters, including H-1B, L, TN, H-2B, E, O, J-1 waivers (physician and no objection), B-1/B-2 (including in lieu of H-1B), F-1, PERM, EB-1, EB-2, EB-3, EB-5, VAWA, K-1, K-3, and family-based matters of all kinds. She has represented businesses before ICE in worksite enforcement matters, conducted I-9 audits, and provided in-house training on employment authorization and related matters. She has extensive experience with consular processing, border practice, and local adjudications. Ms. Pilcher has published and lectured extensively on a variety of topics, including immigration law, environmental and agricultural law, criminal law, and legal practice techniques.