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SEMINAR OUTLINE

FIRST Phone Session on July 10- Regional Center Ideas

- USCIS's New Policy Memorandum: Clarification of definition of key terms
- Changes in adjudication standards and processing times
 - O Post-memo regional center approvals what do they mean?
 - Approval of Hypothetical, Actual, or Exemplar
 - O Material Changes When to file an I-924 Amendment
 - Treatment of NAICS CODES

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SECOND Phone Session on July 18 - Individual Investor Issues

- Current Source of Funds Issues
 - Adjudication trends
- Material Changes to the Business Plan during period of CPR Status
- Alternatives to regional center filings (direct investment scenarios)
- Due Diligence on the part of the investor (immigration and financial)

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THIRD Phone Session on August 1 - Complex Issues in EB-5

- Ethics Dual Representation Model, does it work?
- Marketing
 - Applicability SEC regulations (Reg S and Reg D)
 - Working with brokers
 - Referral fees
- Compliance
 - Export Control as related to OFAC-subject nationals
 - Investment funds coming from cash economies
- What to expect in the coming months from the new dedicated EB5 office in DC
 - o Electronic filing ELIS, regional center document library
 - o Adjudication by economists

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Austin Fragomen (Discussion Leader) Over the course of his career in immigration, Austin has served as staff counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on immigration, citizenship and international law and as an adjunct professor of law at New York University School of Law. Austin has testified before Congress on a range of immigration issues. Most recently, he appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee's Social Security Subcommittee to discuss how to enforce immigrations laws at the worksite effectively. He also has testified before the Immigration Subcommittees of the House and Senate to share his expertise on a variety of business immigration related topics, including the H-1B and L visa programs and corporate immigration compliance. He is also the founding co-author of a renowned series of immigration handbooks that provide information on the best practices and latest developments in the field of business immigration, published by Thomson Reuters/West.

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