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# EB-5 Immigrant Investors: Here And Now

## *Speakers: Lincoln Stone, Edward Carroll, Kevin Cummings (USCIS), Robert Divine, Carolyn Lee, and Joseph Whalen (USCIS)*

**Registration Deadline: Tuesday, December 9, 2008 11:59pm**

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- Tackling recurring problem issues with EB5 petitions
- Planning for the petition to remove the conditions
- Professional responsibility

**SECOND Phone Session on November 20: USCIS Administration of the EB5 Program**

- Recent developments at USCIS with the EB5 program
- Hot issues at USCIS in EB5 adjudications
- Expedites and other processing pointers in EB5 adjudications

**THIRD Phone Session on December 11: EB5 Practice with Regional Centers**

- Overview of EB5 regional center law
- Identifying problem issues with regional centers
- Practice pointers

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**About the Speakers**

**Lincoln Stone** (Discussion Leader) is certified by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization as a Specialist in Immigration and Nationality Law, and he serves on the State Bar's Immigration and Nationality Law Advisory Commission. Following his clerkship with a federal court judge, Mr. Stone started his career in immigration law in 1987 as an attorney with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Mr. Stone drafted key immigrant investor legislation enacted by Congress. Practicing lawyers, government officials, national media and the U.S. Congress Government Accountability Office have relied on his expertise in the field of investor immigration. Mr. Stone is a frequent speaker before local, state and national bar associations. He has published numerous practitioner-focused articles in immigration law journals, and he is Editor in Chief of Immigration Options for Investors and Entrepreneurs. Mr. Stone served five years as Chair of the Investor Committee of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and he presently serves as Chair of AILA's National Pro Bono Committee.

**Edward J. Carroll** 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.

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**Robert Divine** is the Chairman of the Immigration Group of Baker Donelson, a law firm of 450 lawyers and public policy advisors with offices in 13 cities including Washington, D.C. Mr. Divine served in Washington, D.C. from July 2004 until November 2006 as the first Chief Counsel of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the world's largest immigration services agency within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). From July 2005 until July 2006, he served as Acting Director and then Acting Deputy Director of USCIS. He is the author of Immigration Practice, a 1,600 page practical treatise on all aspects of U.S. immigration law that is revised and reprinted annually to reflect the law's constant changes. He has practiced immigration law since 1986 and has been a leader in the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He has also litigated significant business matters, including class action employment discrimination, contract, commercial, product liability, antitrust, ERISA benefits, business torts (including RICO, misrepresentation, Consumer Protection Act), and immigration-related criminal matters.

**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.

**Carolyn S. Lee** is a Partner at Miller Mayer LLP. She graduated cum laude from Williams College in 1993 and received her J.D. from Cornell Law School in 1999 where she graduated with a specialization in International Legal Affairs. Carolyn's practice focuses on EB-5 investors, academics, foreign medical graduates, and increasingly, artists. She was the moderator at a recent AILA EB-5 Teleconference entitled "New Developments in EB-5s" (October 25, 2007) and also was a presenter on EB-5 issues at an ILW.com workshop entitled "Solving Complex Immigration Challenges While Super-Charging Your Career and Your Law Firm" (March 30, 2007). Carolyn is also co-author with Stephen Yale-Loehr on the comprehensive EB-5 article entitled "EB-5 Immigrant Investors" published annually in the AILA Handbook and is also the author of "Ethical and Practical Considerations in EB-5 Representation" first appearing on ILW.com.

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