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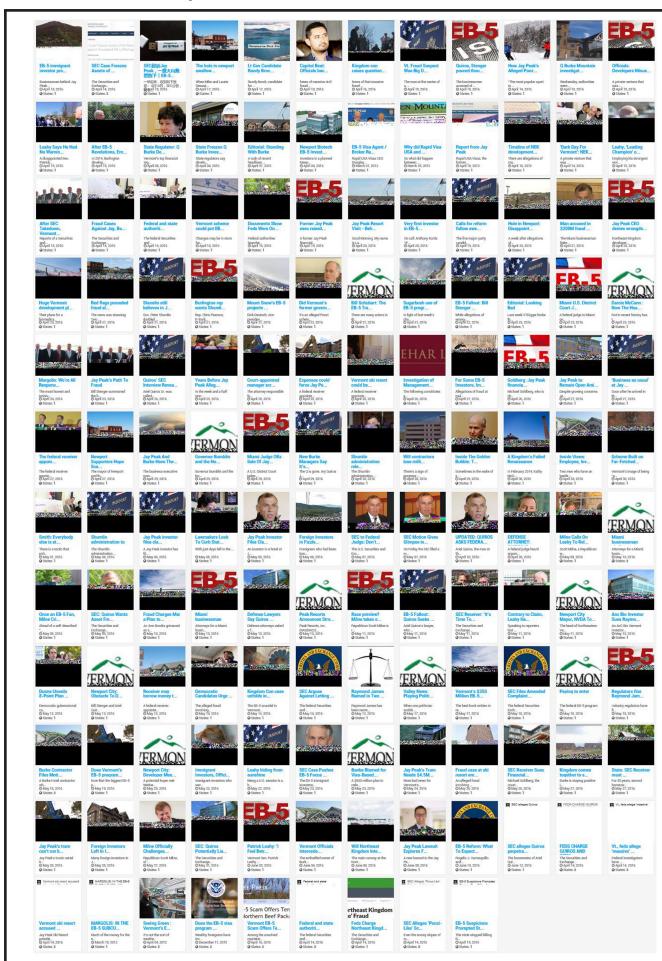
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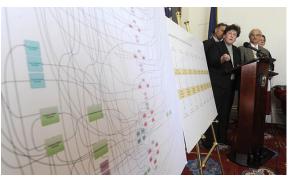
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### Fraud Cases Against Jay, Burke Owners Allege 'Ponzi-Like' Scheme

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Thursday accused a pair of Vermont developers and the companies they run of committing massive fraud in the state's rural Northeast Kingdom.

The civil case, which was unsealed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Miami, alleges that Jay Peak Resort owners Ariel Quiros and Bill Stenger misused hundreds of millions of dollars they raised from foreign nationals through the federal EB-5 investor visa program. Of the more than \$350 million they collected to build hotels, ski resort improvements and a biomedical research facility, the SEC said, more than \$200 million was misappropriated. (Read more)



# Jay Peak: An Autopsy of EB-5 Visa Fraud, Greed and Ignorance



The recent charges brought by the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) and the State of Vermont against Bill Stenger and Ariel Quiros came as a shock to many in the EB-5 industry. This article is meant to provide an examination of what lead to the recent SEC and State of Vermont actions and what lessons can be learned by an industry which has only recently become aware of the necessity of project due diligence, verification, oversight and compliance with U.S. securities laws and capital market best practices in the process of recruiting and reporting to foreign investors. (Read more)

### 'Dark Day For Vermont': NEK Developers Allegedly Duped Investors Out Of Millions



A private venture that was supposed to spark an economic renaissance in northern Vermont has turned into what state and federal authorities are calling a "Ponzi-like" fraud on foreign investors, who have allegedly been duped out of tens of millions of dollars by the owner of Jay Peak.

An 81-page complaint unsealed by the Securities and Exchange Commission Thursday outlines a scheme in which Ariel Quiros, a Miami businessman, and owner of Jay Peak, "systematically looted" more than \$50 million from foreign investors through the federal EB-5 program. Authorities say Jay Peak CEO Bill Stenger facilitated the fraud by funneling investor money to private accounts controlled by Quiros. (Read more)

# Will Contractors Lose Millions After Alleged Massive Fraud In NEK?

There's a sign of progress after the alleged Kingdom Con, but contractors who worked on the project are still owed millions. It appears the pair of Northeast Kingdom ski resorts embroiled in a massive fraud scandal will stay open and jobs spared. But what about the dozens of contractors who built the EB-5 projects at Jay Peak and Q Burke. Will they get paid?

Jerry Davis is excited about his latest project in downtown St. Albans. The president of PeakCM says the hotel's ground-breaking is

a nice distraction from his financial fiasco in the Northeast Kingdom. (Read more)



- Governor Releases Sampling of Former Staff Emails
- WPTZ Editorial: Bad Winter Turned Worse
- Newport City-DerbyMoulton: Focus On Service to Compete with Walmart
- Jay Peak to Remain Open, Q Burke to Open In Fall
- Quiros' SEC Interview Reveals Depth of Investigation
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- Defense Attorney: Quiros Is 'No Bernie Madoff'
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### A Kingdom's Failed Renaissance



In February 2014, Kathy McQuillen closed her family's flower shop, which had been a fixture in this small city's downtown for nearly 50 years. Not because business was slow or the rent had soared.

Newport, at the heart of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, was about to undergo a renaissance, touted by <u>Gov. Peter Shumlin</u> and the state's congressional delegation. (<u>Read more</u>)

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- Vermont Senators Seek To Cement EB-5 Safeguards

# Greenberg Traurig Attorneys Present at the EB-5 Summit for Attorneys and Developers

Attorneys <u>Nataliya Rymer</u>, <u>Jennifer Hermansky</u>, and <u>Dillon Colucci</u> from global law firm <u>Greenberg Traurig</u>, <u>LLP</u> will present at The EB-5 Summit for Attorneys and Developers at the Jolly Hotel Madison Towers in New York April 29, 2016. The summit brings together professionals on all sides of EB-5 for a day full of panels and networking opportunities.

Colucci will speak on the panel, "How to overcome indebtedness NOIDS and the status of current litigation and strategies, and other source of funds hot topics," at 9 a.m. Rymer will be a panelist for, "Tips and Tricks

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of Speedy Consular Processing: When to go to LegNet and understanding their role" at 10:30 a.m., and Hermanksy will participate in the "EB-5 Deal Teams in the Retrogression Era" panel discussion at 1 p.m. (Read more)

# World Events, Not Trade and Commerce, Are Shaping Immigration Policy in the 21st Century



About a decade ago Thomas L Friedman, foreign affairs columnist for The New York Times, published The World is Flat: A Brief History of the

Twenty-First Century, which described the complexities of 21st century globalisation to demonstrate a growing "levelling" of the global economy. Mr Friedman designated

10 forces that work to "flatten" the global playing field (such as workflow software, outsourcing, supply-chaining and wireless technologies, to name a few) which have caused a significant increase in the number of workers in the global economic labour force and the globalisation of sharing information, news and opinion. While neither global nor country-specific immigration policies are explicitly analysed in The World is Flat, Mr Friedman shows the mobility of international investment, human capital and jobs are essential to ensure the health of the global economy. (Read more)



### Newport Supporters Hope Scandal 'A Blip' In Economic Recovery

The mayor of Newport and the head of the local development association put their best light on the area's economic future Wednesday as they sought to cope with the betrayal of scandal and the false promise of hundreds of high-paying jobs for the Northeast Kingdom.

The boosters said their communities would rebound, that there is already interest in some of the properties where development had been planned, and that the jobs they hoped for would come, but just take longer than originally planned. (Read more)

Related story: Newport City: Lawmakers Promise to Help Newport Prosper



# For Some EB-5 Investors, Immigration Questions Loom Large

Allegations of fraud at multiple developments in the Northeast Kingdom have raised major questions about the future of those projects and the jobs they were supposed to create, and Northeast Kingdom residents weren't the only ones counting on those jobs. For foreign investors who used the federal EB-5 program to fund the

projects and pay their way into the United States, the alleged fraud could jeopardize their immigration status.

One of them is Felipe Vieira. He might not be the person you imagine when you think about people who pay a half a million dollars to come live in the U.S. (Read more)

# The Little-Known CMBS Bill That Could Have a Major Impact on NYC Real Estate



New York's real estate industry is keeping a close eye on Capitol Hill – and not just because the U.S. Senate is debating the future of the EB-5 visa program. In March, the House financial services committee quietly passed a bill that could have a big impact on commercial real estate lending.

Dubbed the Preserving Access to CRE Capital Act of 2016, the bill would soften restrictions on CMBS issuance that are set to take effect in December. It still faces a vote in the House of Representatives – which may be a tall order in an election year. But if the bill passes, it would make a lot of real estate lenders — and borrowers — very happy. (Read more)

# IIUSA and IMC Announce Collaborative Partnership Agreement

On April 21st, Invest in the USA (IIUSA), the U.S.-based notfor-profit industry trade association for the EB-5 Regional Center Program (the "Program") and the Investment Migration Council (IMC), the worldwide association for Investor Immigration and Citizenship-by-Investment, announced a strategic partnership arrangement that will enhance collaboration on initiatives for industry best practices, education and development.

"As the leading EB-5 industry trade association, IIUSA is proud to commence a long-term partnership with the IMC to enhance public understanding of issues facing investment migration professionals in the U.S. and around



the globe," said IIUSA Executive Director <u>Peter D. Joseph</u>. (Read more)

# Colombia Expo Aims To Capitalise On Miami Real Estate Popularity



Despite the recent strength of the United States dollar on

foreign exchange markets, its real estate is still attracting significant demand from international investors.

South American buyers have always been among active investors in the nearby southern American states and currently leading the way in South Florida are buyers from Colombia

One lifestyle and investment exhibition in May, the Investir USA Expo, aims to capitalise on the interest and attract affluent investors in Bogotá who want to invest in American real estate. (Read more)

# Shumlin Administration to Release Emails It Had Sought to Delete

The Shumin administration says it plans to release tens of thousands of emails that it sought permission to delete several weeks ago.

The administration says any emails related to an investigation of alleged fraud with the state's EB-5 program were previously separated out and were never slated to be destroyed.

The governor's staff has strenuously maintained that there's absolutely no connection between the investigation and the planned destruction of the emails. (Read more)



#### Related stories:

- New Details in Shumlin Administration Email Controversy
- Burlington Rep. Calls for Governor and AG to Release Emails

# IIUSA Hosts Successful 2016 Membership Meeting in Washington, DC

On Wednesday April 20th, Invest in the USA (IIUSA), the national not-for-profit industry trade association for the EB-5 Regional Center Program (the "Program"), held its 11th Annual General Membership Meeting ("AGM") in Washington, D.C. The membership meeting kicked off the 9th Annual EB-5 Advocacy Conference, the longest running EB-5 conference attended by international

investment and economic development professionals around the world.

"IIUSA is proud to once again host the EB-5 industry in Washington, D.C. for grassroots advocacy, advanced education and business development opportunities," said IIUSA President K. David Andersson. (Read more)

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# OUR VIEW: Latest EB-5 Woes Show SD Delegates Didn't Act Fast Enough

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OUR VIEW: Latest EB-5 woes show SD delegates didn't act fast enough

By Daily Republic Editorial Board on Apr 21, 2016 at 6:15 p.m.

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South Dakotans know EB-5 as that awkward term associated with the October 2013 death of Richard Benda, who was the economic development secretary when he signed a contract with <u>SDRC</u> — led by <u>Joop Bollen</u> — to take over the foreign-investor program.

EB-5, a federal program, allows foreigners to get green cards by investing \$500,000 in projects that create jobs in the United States. Well documented in our state is the suicide of Benda and the recent charges that have been brought upon Bollen. (Read more)

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- EB-5 Charges No Surprise for Aberdeen Residents
- Attorney: Bollen Is Scapegoat for South Dakota Visa Scandal
- Lawmaker Defends Failure to Blame Bollen in EB-5 Scandal
- EB-5 Money Wired To Shadowy Business Partner, Documents
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- Joop Bollen Makes His First Court Appearance

### China Trip Nets \$7M for Downtown Rockford Hotel

A \$67 million downtown hotel and convention center is \$7 million closer to construction.

That's how much money was raised during a fundraising trip to China last month by Mayor Larry Morrissey, <u>Gary Gorman</u>, president of hotel developer <u>Gorman & Company</u>, and Rachel Snethen, director of <u>Gorman's EB-5 Regional Center</u> in Oregon, Wisconsin. EB-5 is a federal immigration program that grants U.S. residency to foreign nationals who invest \$500,000 in projects that create at least 10 jobs in economically distressed areas. Gorman, Morrissey and Snethen obtained commitments from 14 investors over three days in mid-March. (<u>Read more</u>)



### Can \$250 Million and A Ferris wheel Finally Turn the Queen Mary into a Long Beach Tourist Destination?

When one of the most famous ocean liners in the world sailed into Long Beach in 1967, city boosters figured they were well on their way to creating a must-see tourist destination.

But in the decades since, proposals to build attractions that would complement the Queen Mary — from a Disney marine park to a science fiction museum — have been trumpeted, only to fade away.

Now, the city is trying once again to develop a large swath of vacant land surrounding the historic vessel turned hotel, and it's banking on a relatively unknown L.A. real estate company with a big plan: a \$250-million entertainment and retail complex that might even feature a giant Ferris wheel. (Read more)

### Greystone's EB-5 Practice Expands Regional Center Reach In South-eastern United States



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#### Greystone's EB-5 Practice Expands Regional Center Reach in Southeastern United States

NEW YORK, April 21, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Greystone, a private real estate lending, investment and advisory company, announced it has received Regional Center approval from the U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for the Southeastern United States. The designation, which was granted under the Immigration Investor Program and expands upon

Greystone, a private real estate lending, investment and advisory company, announced it has received Regional Center approval from the <u>U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services</u> for the South-eastern United States. The designation, which was granted under the Immigration Investor Program and expands upon <u>Greystone's existing Florida-based Regional Center</u>,

now spans counties throughout Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and portions of South Carolina.

Greystone's EB-5 group is the industry's first institutional EB-5 sponsor with the capabilities and financial strength of a full-service real estate lender, investor, fiduciary, servicer, developer, and advisor. (Read more)

# Very First Investor in EB-5 Development Work at Jay Peak Is Reacting To the News

On call:

Anthony Korda "It's gonna massive shock, I mean I'm actually dumbfounded by the allegation. It's just, you know, beyond comprehension at the moment. I, am going through the SEC complaint. Obviously am very concerned other investors in that and later projects, it just looks pretty awful. I mean I feel deeply very sorry myself and anybody else is gonna be somehow affected by this.

Keith McGilvery: How did you get involved in first place? (Read more)

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Ismael Fernandez will be joining attorney Rodriguez and EB-5 expert Jolie Wong-Ramos in Mexico City, on May 4th and 5th, to share information about the EB-5 program and other investment visa alternatives available to Mexican investors. For more information about the event, which will be held in Spanish. (Read more)

# Proposed Governmental Reforms to the EB-5 Program



Follow-up to EB-5 Coalition Meeting in Washington D.C. on April 13, 2016

I attended the EB-5 Coalition meeting in Washington, D.C. on April 13 and was a panel member along with several distinguished EB-5 experts. The purpose of the panel was to address the proposed governmental reforms to the EB-5 Program and what would be best for the EB-5 industry, as well as what is practical under the current climate of EB-5. It is noteworthy that the conference took place before the publication of the disastrous SEC enforcement action against Jay Peak in connection with all of their offerings. (Read more)

### Not Every Broker-Dealer Is an EB-5 Broker-Dealer

Nearly all U.S. broker-dealers are members of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). FINRA regulates, and provides oversight and guidance for its member firms. When a broker-dealer becomes a FINRA member, they enter into a membership agreement which, among other things, specifies which financial products and services the broker-dealer is permitted to offer to its clients. Engaging in securities transactions that are not authorized by broker-dealer's membership agreement can subject that broker-dealer to penalties and enforcement actions.



Many broker-dealers whose membership agreements grant them authority to sell private placements assume that this gives them the ability to sell EB-5 securities. However, if a firm has authority to sell private placements, which does not necessarily mean that they are qualified to sell EB-5 securities. (Read more)

### EB5 Investment Coalition - Securities Roundtable Presents Draft Revisions to Integrity Act

At this week's conference of the EB-5 Investment Coalition in Washington D.C., attending members of the Securities Roundtable Michael G. Homeier, Ozzie Torres, and Ronnie Fieldstone will present the initial draft of the Roundtable's proposed revisions to the current iteration of the EB-5 Integrity Act introduced into both houses of Congress. A description of the proposed revisions will be given in the conference panel entitled "Reforms to Promote Investor Confidence and Increase Efficiency: Oversight and Integrity Measures". Wednesday's conference day will include attendance at the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing on EB-5 Targeted Employment Areas, with Thursday devoted to lobbying Congressional representatives on Capitol Hill. (Read more)



Related story: <u>Senate Judiciary Committee Confirms Hearing</u> on EB-5 Target Employment Areas

### Schumer Says EB-5 Money Wouldn't Help Spur Development in Harlem, South Bronx



Chuck Schumer continues to defend the use of EB-5 capital to fund luxury Manhattan towers even as pressure

mounts in Washington to amend the program to direct more investment to struggling rural or urban areas with low employment.

Speaking Wednesday at a U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Schumer said it simply wasn't realistic to expect that EB-5 could be used as a driver for development in low-income areas of the city.

He quickly shot down a suggestion by Sen. <u>Chuck Grassley</u> of lowa that funds from the program might be better put to use in those areas of New York such as "Harlem and the Bronx," where development activity has been lagging. (Read more)

# Chuck Schumer Says EB-5 Developers Won't Build In Poor Neighbourhoods

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (D., N.Y) Wednesday had an answer to those who want to use a federal immigration program to help spark property development in impoverished neighbourhoods: it won't work.

The so-called EB-5 program gives certain immigrant investors green cards if they put money into job-creating projects. But the program has been the subject of a fight in Congress because real estate developers in affluent urban neighbourhoods have dominated the program by using a provision meant to aid poor and rural areas—sparking anger from rural lawmakers who call this an abuse and distortion of the intent of the program. (Read more)



# New EB-5 Funded Charter School to Break Ground West Of Tamiami



A new EB-5 funded charter school is set to break ground west of Tamiami after its developer received a \$20 million loan.

Pinecrest Glades Academy is an upcoming charter school set to be built on the corner of Southwest 8th Street and Southwest 152nd Avenue in unincorporated Miami-Dade County.

Measuring about 70,708 square feet, the public charter school will have a campus sized at just under 9 acres, according to county records. The school's developer, Tamiami School Property LLC, took out a \$20 million loan on the property from GreenAccess, a real estate company that facilitates investments for the EB-5 visa program. School Development HC Finance LLC also awarded the developer a \$5.4 million loan. (Read more)

# Kingsbridge Ice Center Deal In Danger of Falling Apart

The planned conversion of the Kingsbridge Armory into an ice hockey center maybe halted due to a lack of funds, the New York Times reports. The development firm behind the project now has until April 25 to prove that it has \$158 million to go forth with the first phase of construction.

The fate of the armory is currently embroiled in a

somewhat messy back and forth between the state and the developer on one side, and the city on the other.

The city has placed the lease on the five-acre site in escrow at the moment, and it won't transfer it over to the developer unless the latter can prove it has the requisite funding. (Read more)

### Bernard Wolfsdorf Selected As 2016's Most Highly Regarded Immigration Lawyer in North America

Bernard P. Wolfsdorf, Founding Partner of Wolfsdorf Rosenthal LLP, has been selected as 2016's Most Highly Regarded Immigration Lawyer in North America for the seventh consecutive year. Top Corporate and EB-5 Investment Immigration attorney Mr. Wolfsdorf is lauded as a "famed practitioner in the field of immigration law...known for his 'outstanding work' relating to complex immigration matters." Mr. Wolfsdorf again secured the top spot after earning the most votes from more than 600 top-rated immigration lawyers around the world. "I am honored and most grateful to my colleagues and Who's Who Legal for their detailed research," says Mr. Wolfsdorf, who was reached after returning from China where he recently presented at the 6th Annual Invest In America Summit in Shanghai, Beijing, and Shenzhen. (Read more)



### Virginia Economic Development Officials Soften Stances on Controversial EB-5 Program

State economic officials pilloried the EB-5 immigrant investor green card program when Terry McAuliffe planned to use it to fund an electric car plant in Virginia, but with him occupying the Executive Mansion, their resistance has softened.

Under the program signed into law more than 25 years ago, foreigners who invest \$500,000 to \$1 million in U.S. projects are eligible for

green cards, or permission to emigrate to the United States. But the program hasn't always paid off for investors, three-fourths of them Chinese, and has been vulnerable to fraud, prompting warnings from the Securities and Exchange Commission and debate in Congress over whether EB-5 should be fixed or shelved. (Read more)



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# Who Is Senate Candidate Patrick Murphy Working For?

Congressman Patrick Murphy still wants colleague and rival Alan Grayson to resign over allegations Grayson "parlayed his post in the House into personal financial gain." That's rich. Especially when you look at Murphy's dirty hands.

Finally, somebody in the media did. On Wednesday a McClatchy reporter asked Murphy how he squares his support for a controversial EB-5 bill with the fact his family business was general contractor on an EB-5-financed project.



EB-5, remember, is a visa program that allows wealthy foreigners a path to U.S. citizenship by investing \$500,000 or more in things like ... oh, for instance ... construction projects. (Read more)

### Jackley Calls for More Info on Conflicts, Deflects Criticism, Conspiracy Theories



The state's top prosecutor called for legislation Thursday requiring state agencies to notify his office when criminal conflicts of interest emerge.

In an interview with Argus Leader Media, Attorney General Marty Jackley also deflected criticism and conspiracy theories surrounding his charging decisions in the state's EB-5 and Gear Up cases.

Jackley said he plans to work with legislators on a set of bills for next year that will bring harsher penalties for those who benefit from conflicts of interest. He said he hoped new conflict laws would require felony charges for those who benefit from conflicts of interest, could increase the likelihood of jail time on those charges and would require reporting those conflicts to the attorney general's office. (Read more)

#### Doral Apuesta Por La Inversión Extranjera

La reciente inauguración de <u>Riviera Point Business</u>
<u>Center</u> at Doral constituye el inicio de un nuevo centro de oportunidades en el sur de la Florida, para aquellos inversionistas extranjeros que, a la par de obtener la posibilidad de legalizar su estatus migratorio en EEUU, convierten sus negocios en nueva fuente de empleos y de ingresos para las ciudades donde se establecen.

Son incontables las personas que, desde muchas partes del mundo, anhelan la posibilidad de establecerse en Estados Unidos, y la obtención de una visa a través de la inversión es una de las formas de conseguirlo. (Read more)



### Dems Try to Tar Thune, Noem with Scandal Brush



Undated (KELO-AM) Their Democrat challengers in November are trying to wrap <u>South Dakota</u> Senator John Thune and U.S. Representative Kristi Noem in the folds of the EB-5 and Gear-up scandals.

Jay Williams says that Senator Thune sat on at least three congressional committees that dealt with the programs. The Yankton businessman says that based on the charges being levelled by South Dakota, it appears Thune was "derelict" in his duty to oversee the federal programs. Senator Mike Rounds also takes it on the chin from Williams because he was Governor at the time. (Read more)

# New Maine Capital Fund Intended To Attract Big Players, Protect Taxpayers

In Steve Levesque's view, Maine has plenty of underused aviation resources: runways, hangar space, and industrial power supplies.

What it doesn't have is money – the kind of money that would help attract the likes of Boeing or Airbus to the state.

Levesque, executive director of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, has been talking to both of the aviation giants, touting the assets of Brunswick Landing, the former Brunswick Naval Air Station. He'd love to get one of them to commit to an operation in Brunswick, joining the five other aviation companies already there.



(Read more)

# Judge Transfers Tribune Tower and Other Holdings of Prominent Oakland Investor to Appointed Receiver



A legal dispute between prominent Oakland real estate investor <u>Tom Henderson</u> and one of his business partners has boiled over, with an Alameda County Superior Court judge transferring control of the Tribune Tower and three other Oakland properties to a court-appointed receiver, the East Bay Times reported.

The judge acted on the request of Allan Young, Henderson's former business partner in CallSocket, a call center business inside the Tribune Tower where about 175 employees made an estimated 100,000 calls per day on behalf of clients including Deutsche Bank and the University of Phoenix. (Read more)

#### De Blasio Puts Rangers Legend's Dream on Ice

Mark Messier may have famously helped the Rangers win the Stanley Cup, but now the hockey legend says he feels like he's being sent to the penalty box while trying to bring the world's largest ice-skating complex to The Bronx.

The former Rangers captain told The Post that he's baffled over the city "reneging" on its commitment to turn over the lease to the long-shuttered Kingsbridge Armory to his development team so it can begin construction.

"I couldn't guess what the mayor is thinking. I've laid up many nights wondering why," Messier said. (Read more)



# Can U.S. Program That Rewards Wealthy Foreigners With Visas Be Fixed?

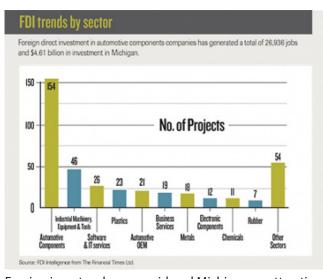
Dallas attorney Shae Armstrong says the government's troubled EB-5 program — an increasingly controversial initiative that offers wealthy foreigners a visa in exchange for a \$500,000 investment in the U.S. — can be fixed.

"I'm still holding out hope," said Armstrong, who represents clients involved in EB-5, or Employment-Based Fifth Preference, projects. "We're so close to getting it right."

Not everyone shares Armstrong's optimism about the program, created by Congress in 1990 to encourage foreign investment in America's underdeveloped rural areas and poor urban neighbourhoods. (Read more)



### Foreign Investment in West Michigan Real Estate Remains Elusive



		TOTAL	AVERAGE
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Industrial Machinery, Equipment & Tools	100	2,793	60
Software & IT services		2,854	109
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From January 2006 through January 2016, foreign nationals have invested \$12.8 billion in the state's economy, with nearly \$2.5 billion of that total coming in a two-year span from 2014 to 2015, according to a report from FDIMarkets. com supplied to MiBiz by the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (Read more)

Foreign investors have considered Michigan an attractive place put their capital to work in the post-recession years.

But those funds typically have gone to sectors other than commercial real estate.

### Part-Owner of Highlands Gold Mine Sued By Chinese Investors

The co-owner of Butte Highlands Joint Venture, a developing underground gold mine 15 miles south of Butte, is fighting lawsuits by a group of Chinese investors who claim they were defrauded of millions in connection with a controversial pay-to-participate immigration program.

Two lawsuits by a total of 29 Chinese nationals name Sima Muroff and three of his Idaho-based companies — Quartzburg Gold, LP, Idaho State Regional Center LLC and ISR Capital LLC — along with US Bank. The suits, filed in federal court in Utah last December, claim that Muroff, the three Idaho companies and the bank defrauded them of at least \$14.5 million through an immigration program called EB-5. (Read more)



#### Final Vote on Foxhall Expected Tuesday



The Douglas County Board of Commissioners is set to take up an agreement this week that would set the stage for a major development at the Foxhall Resort & Sporting Club in the south eastern part of the county.

An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the BOC and the Development Authority of Douglas County for the Foxhall project is on the agenda for the commissioners' work session Monday morning.

Barring a last-minute effort to table the deal, the BOC will discuss the agreement Monday and vote on whether to approve it at Tuesday's legislative meeting. (Read more)

### Economic Development Corp. Michigan City Host EB-5 Seminar at Blue Chip Casino

The Economic Development Corporation of Michigan City along with the NWI Forum held an EB-5 Foreign Investment Seminar at the Blue Chip Casino that included insight and details about the program from BMG Capital Group, Taft Law, Matanky Realty Group and Crossroads of America Regional Center.

"What we have here is a seminar on EB-5," said Clarence Hulse, Executive Director at the Economic Development Corporation Michigan City. "It's a program put on by the federal government that allows foreign investors to invest their money in the United States to create jobs. (Read more)



#### Reining In Regional Centers

Nicholas Mastroianni II is a man in perpetual motion.

The 52-year-old CEO of the <u>U.S. Immigration Fund</u>, which raises money from foreign investors for real estate developments through the EB-5 program, spends a considerable chunk of his time on the road.

Last month, that meant a 10-day trip to China, Korea and Vietnam — which partly explains why, in the middle of that trip, after several attempts to connect, he emailed to suggest a phone call at 11 p.m. Korea time. (Read more)

# Extell Seeking Up To \$200M in EB-5 Funding For LES Condo







Extell Development isn't just giving Asian buyers the first crack at buying apartments at its forthcoming condominium in Lower Manhattan. The firm is eyeing Asian investment in the project, dubbed One Manhattan Square, through the EB-5 visa program.

The Gary Barnett-led firm is hoping to raise between \$100 million and \$200 million for the 815-unit project through the popular – and controversial – program, which offers foreign investors a U.S. green card in exchange for a \$500,000 investment. (Read more)

#### EB-5: Dead or Alive?

EB-5 investors by definition live outside the U.S., sometimes thousands of miles away. But it ultimately falls on them to determine which real estate development projects in NYC (or elsewhere in America) are safest to put their cash in. That can be a tough task since developers are trying to woo them and present their projects in the best possible light.

While many EB-5 projects get successfully finished, there are plenty of exceptions. Read on for a closer look at four New York projects that are facing problems while courting EB-5 cash. (Read more)

Related story: <u>How Much Longer Will The Love Affair Last?</u>

#### The Banking Bonanza

On a frigid day in February, more than 200 people packed into a ballroom inside the Roosevelt Hotel in Midtown Manhattan — all there to hear about the latest regulatory issues and new legislative proposals reshaping the EB-5 market.

But perhaps more telling than the day's agenda was the event organizer: The California-based <u>NES Financial</u>. The financial services firm — one of the biggest, if not the biggest, player in EB-5 banking in the country — didn't even exist until 2005. (Read more)

# SEC V. LEE: Securities Fraud under the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program

The <u>United States Citizenship and Immigration Service</u> ("USCIS") administers the EB-5 visa program for immigrant investors seeking permanent residency in the United States. To receive permanent residency, immigrant investors must invest at least \$500,000 in a Target Employment Area ("TEA") and created 10 full-time jobs for United Stated workers. This program allows investors to designate entities as "regional centers" inside a TEA. In 2006, Lee applied to designate one of the Entity Defendants

raised \$11,455,000 in investment contracts from immigrant investors for the construction of an ethanol plant.

The SEC filed a complaint against defendants, claiming the Defendants violated Section 17(a) of the Securities Act, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, and Rule 10-5b. The complaint alleged the Entity Defendants never constructed the plant, and used a majority of the money raised by the immigrant investors for other purposes. (Read more)



#### EB-5's Gatekeepers

Last July, a swarm of high-profile guests — including Revlon Chairman Ron Perelman and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger — gathered to celebrate the launch of a summer tour to China by the National Youth Orchestra of the U.S.

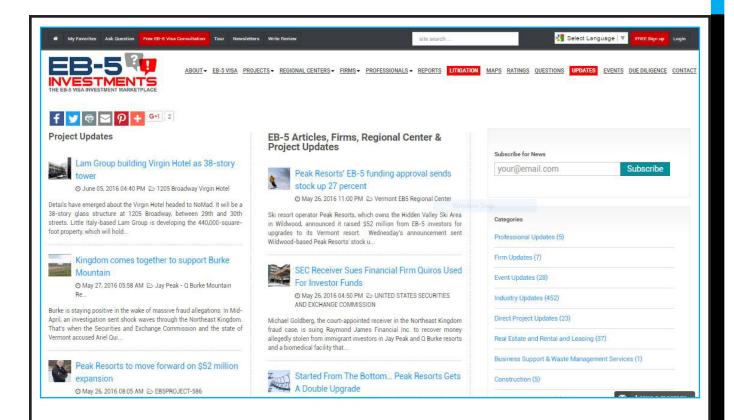
Among the high-powered attendees who were invited by China's New York Consulate General Zhang Qiyue was Linda Mei He. Dressed in a nearly floor-length black gown, Mei He, who along with Carnegie Hall was a major sponsor of the tour, later issued a news release raving about the young musicians and the importance of promoting cultural exchanges between the U.S. and China. (Read more)

#### The EB-5 Gravy Trail

Howard Michaels, the tough-talking finance broker, shot off an email in 2014 to his client Michael Shvo.

Michaels, who heads the Carlton Group, had just gotten off a long phone call with Nicholas Mastroianni II, the head of the U.S. Immigration Fund, New York's biggest EB-5 regional center, and was convinced that EB-5 money from Chinese investors was the perfect financing solution for Shvo's planned 275-unit condo at 125 Greenwich Street in Lower Manhattan. "[It] sounds like legalized crack cocaine," he raved to Shvo, according to an email later revealed in a lawsuit between the two. "You guys would be crazy not to jump on this." (Read more)





### Inside Views: Employee, Investor Want Jay Peak to Succeed

Two men who have an inside view of the EB-5 scandal and fallout have hopes for the future.

One is a well-known local man who works at Jay Peak Resort.

The other is an investor who wants to see his \$500,000 be used to complete expansion at Jay Peak, create jobs and guarantee him a green card.

Both reacted this week to the fallout from the lawsuits against <u>Bill Stenger</u> of

Newport City and his partner Ariel Quiros and their Northeast Kingdom Economic Development Initiative. (Read more)

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- Miami Judge OKs Sale of Jay Peak Condo Today
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# Jay Peak and Burke Have the Money to Stay Viable 'For Foreseeable Future'

The business executive running two Northeast Kingdom ski resorts involved in a federal fraud investigation says both businesses have enough money to stay viable for the time being.

Steve Olson is chief executive officer of Leisure Hotels and Resorts. The Kansasbased company was hired by a courtappointed receiver to run <u>Jay Peak and Burke Mountain</u> ski resorts after federal securities fraud charges were brought against the resorts' owners. (<u>Read more</u>)

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#### New Burke Managers Say It's All Good



The Q is gone. <u>Ary Quiros Jr.</u> is out. <u>Bill Stenger</u> is still very much in. The hotel will open in November and the ski area by Thanksgiving.

That's according to Steve Olson, president and CEO of the Kansas-based management group Leisure Hotels & Resorts who spoke at the regular meeting of the Burke Chamber of Commerce at the Wildflower Inn Thursday.

Olson also assured the gathering that the ski area likely won't be sold any time soon, that EB 5 investors want

to help complete unfinished projects at Burke, that laid-off Burke employees will be invited to re-apply and that relations with Kingdom Trails and Burke Mountain Academy are being healed and a "symbiotic" relationship with them is his goal. (Read more)

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### Stalled Central Park South Supertall May Move Forward with New Backer

Developer Steven Witkoff's plan to transform the aging Helmsley Park Lane Hotel into a 1,200-foot ultra-luxury condo tower on Central Park South may be back on. Chinese developer Greenland Hong Kong has acquired a 41-percent stake in the project from Kuwait Strategic Investors in exchange for shares of Greenland, the Post reports (h/t REW). The funding infusion could mean the project may be revived sooner than expected.

In January, Witkoff told Bloomberg that he was pulling back on the conversion because of a slow-down in market "velocity" in the ultra-luxe category. With Greenland Hong Kong in place, sources of the Post say that predevelopment financing is underway for the project. (Read more)

### Florida EB-5 Regional Center Sponsored Spoleto/My Italian Kitchen, Named One of Best South American Fast Casual Dining Restaurants Headed to the US

Florida EB-5 Regional Center and Spoleto Brazil announce its partnership to provide an initial \$25 million EB-5 investment opportunity within the restaurant industry. With two existing established Spoleto USA locations in Orlando, at the University of Central Florida and the Florida Mall, the partnership aims to grow the brand to 25 new locations throughout the Orlando metro area and 100 locations throughout the State of Florida.

The Florida EB-5 Regional Center will offer up to 50 units of Membership Interests in EB-5 Spoleto Investors, L.P. for investors qualified to participate in the Employment Based Fifth Preference Immigrant Visa Program (the "EB-5 Program"). (Read more)

Still in the dark about which investments are in the market?

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### Stalled Park Lane Hotel Condo Conversion Gets New Backer

The plan to transform Manhattan's <u>Park Lane Hotel</u> into a super tall 1,210-foot luxury condominium tower is getting a boost from a new backer.

Chinese developer <u>Greenland Holding Group</u> is buying a 41 percent stake in the future project from a Kuwaiti fund in exchange for shares in Greenland, which is also developing <u>Brooklyn's</u> Pacific Park.

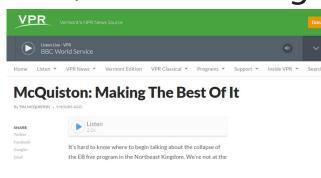
The framework of the deal — which was outlined in a Hong Kong press release that

largely escaped attention here — could restart the project, dubbed One Park Lane. (Read more)

Related stories: <u>Did A Major Chinese Investment Just Revive</u> Witkoff's Park Lane Condo Plans?



### McQuiston: Making the Best of It



It's hard to know where to begin talking about the collapse of the EB five program in the Northeast Kingdom. We're not at the beginning and we're certainly not near the end. And just as certainly, all is not lost from an economic development point of view.

Jay Peak, largely with EB-5 foreign investment money, has turned into a four-season resort, just as <u>Bill Stenger</u> imagined. He sought to do the same at <u>Burke Mountain</u>. It's pretty clear he will not now lead the effort. (Read more)

### Vermont Ski Resort Could Be Forced To Close amid Fraud Probe

A federal receiver appointed to oversee two Vermont ski resorts amid allegations of massive fraud says Jay Peak could close and Q Burke Mountain may not open without additional money.

Jay Peak owner <u>Ariel Quiros</u> of Miami and President <u>Bill Stenger</u> of Newport, Vermont, are accused in state and federal complaints of misusing in "Ponzi-like fashion" more than \$200 million of about \$400 million raised from



foreign investors for development plans at Jay and in other parts of northern Vermont. (Read more)

Related story: <u>VT Governor's Office: Situation in Northeast Kingdom</u>

# Tishman Speyer Seeks City, State Tax Incentives for \$707M LIC Project



An affiliate of Tishmam Speyer is looking for tax breaks in connection with the construction of a \$706.7 million two-tower Class A commercial project in Queens, according to the company's benefits application with the New York City Industrial Development Agency.

Tishman Speyer is seeking \$65 million in city tax exemptions and deferrals, plus breaks from the state for the development, NYCIDA documents indicate. Of the \$65 million, \$8.3 million are NYCIDA benefits, a NYCIDA spokesman explained, and \$56.6 million are Industrial and Commercial Abatement Program, or ICAP, benefits provided through the New York City Department of Finance. (Read more)

# In Lincoln, New Resort Aims for Tourist Dollars Where Paper Once Was King

For decades an abandoned paper mill sat in the center of Lincoln and Butch Burbank says it has been depressing driving past it. It was a reminder of a prosperous past and challenging future.

But now there's a new building there. It's called <u>RiverWalk at Loon Mountain</u> and

it opens in June, the latest addition to a town that now lives on tourism.

"For someone who has lived in this area all my life and remembers the old mill and what was there and what is going up now, it is pretty exciting," he says. (Read more)



# Mount Snow Says Furloughs Are Unrelated To EB-5 Delays



DOVER — Last winter's tepid weather has led to an undisclosed number of layoffs at Mount Snow ski resort.

But resort administrators say they expect to hire back those employees soon.
And they say the furloughs are not related to a \$52 million cash crunch in the resort's EB-5 foreign investor program — a problem that has slowed development of a new lodge and snow-making improvements. (Read more)

# China Trip Proves Successful For Baker Team

Waiting, as Tom Petty says, is the hardest part, and for those waiting for the <u>Baker Hotel's</u> return, the wait sometimes feels excruciating.

But, a recent trip to China taken by Baker project principals Chad Patton and Laird Fairchild, along with representatives from EB-5 project partner <u>Pathways</u>, to attend an EB-5 investor conference proved to move the project one step closer to completion. (<u>Read more</u>)

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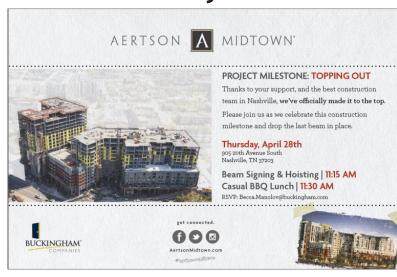


# PhoenixMart Official Says He Is Still Optimistic about the Center's Future

Despite FBI and <u>U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission</u> probes into its foreign investors, AZ Sourcing, the company behind <u>PhoenixMart</u>, says it is moving forward with construction of the giant wholesale center and hopes to be open for business in fall of 2017.

The company repeatedly has delayed its construction timetable in the past few years amid apparent problems with financing, but the CEO expressed optimism to a development group Thursday. (Read more)

### CMB Group 30 – Buckingham Aertson Midtown Project Milestone: 'Topping Out'



Many times in large building construction there is a ceremony that is held when the final piece of structural steel is secured in place. This event is commonly referred to as a 'topping out' ceremony. CMB Infrastructure Investment Group 30 has just been made aware of the topping out ceremony for the Buckingham Aertson Midtown project which is being funded, in part, by EB-5 capital from CMB Group 30. (Read more)

# The Hole in Newport Swallows Up a Lot of Hopes but Not All



When Mike and Laurie Desautels opened a UPS store in downtown Newport in September, they expected their business to steadily grow.

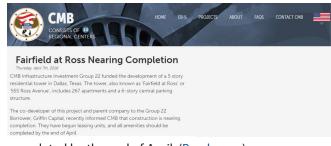
The Desautelses set up shop in the Main Street storefront adjacent to a razed city block planned to be the future home of the Renaissance Block project, which would include shops, offices and a hotel — one of a slew of development projects in the area spearheaded by Florida investor Ariel Quiros and local businessman Bill Stenger.(Read more)

Related story: Newport Biotech EB-5 Investors
Want Their Money Back, Documents Show

#### Fairfield at Ross Nearing Completion

CMB Infrastructure Investment Group 22 funded the development of a 5 story residential tower in Dallas, Texas. The tower, also known as 'Fairfield at Ross' or '555 Ross Avenue', includes 267 apartments and a 6-story central parking structure.

The co-developer of this project and parent company to the Group 22 Borrower, Griffin Capital, recently informed CMB that construction is nearing completion. They have begun leasing units, and all amenities should be



completed by the end of April. (Read more)

### Berkowitz Gives Up On Seeking County Funds for Skyrise Miami



Developer Jeff Berkowitz has reportedly given up on his search for \$9 million in county funding for his Miami project, saying he'll move forward without it.

The developer said he didn't meet county requirements for the \$9 million grant, which was funded by property taxes, according to the Miami Herald. He submitted a letter dated March 30 to county officials formally retracting his team's application. (Read more)

### EB-5 Funded Office Condo In Doral Opens At 92 Percent Sold

A new EB-5 funded, Class A office condominium in Doral has opened at 92 percent sold.

The Riviera Point Business Center Doral, a \$9.5 million, 41,000-square-foot office center at 1500 Northwest 89th Court, marks the second EB-5 funded project for the Riviera Point Development Group in the region, of which the developer has \$145 million of investment planned in three projects.

County records show Riviera Point Business Center Doral filed a declaration of commercial condominium on March 25, about four months behind schedule. Nineteen foreign investors bought into the LEED-certified Doral office building, according to a press release. The sales have not yet cleared county records. (Read more)



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### 100 Varick Could Become First NYC Development Funded (Almost) Entirely From China



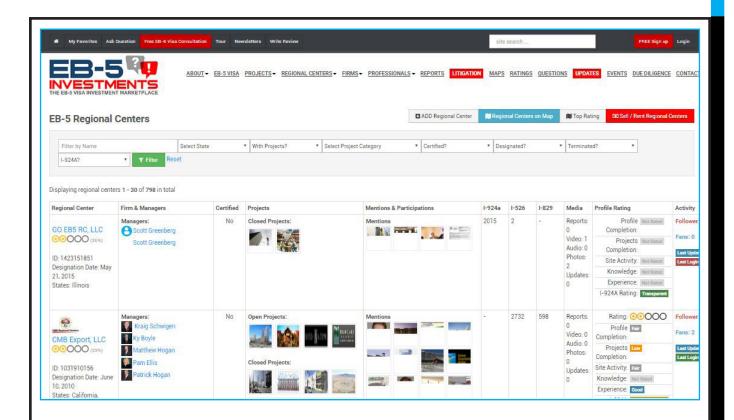
A Renzo Piano-designed luxury condominium at 100 Varick Street could become the first major New York development to get debt, equity and mezzanine financing all from China. The developers' turn to the country comes as U.S. lenders increasingly shy away from funding luxury condo projects.

Bizzi & Partners Development, Halpern Real Estate Ventures and Aronov Development are raising EB-5 funds for their 115-unit, 320,000 square-foot luxury condo development in Soho, according to a press release from <u>Wailian</u> Overseas Consulting Group, a prominent Chinese EB-5 placement agency. (<u>Read more</u>)

### Tacoma Town Center Looks Ready To Take A Step Forward

Last fall we wrote about a proposal to build a sizeable mixed-use development on Jefferson between South 21st and 23rd, just southwest of the UW <u>Tacoma</u> campus footprint. This wasn't the first such plan, and we hadn't heard much on it recently, but it appears that the project has been moving forward.

Last we heard, the developer was working on a feasibility study to be submitted to the City by the end of 2015. Now we see a resolution on next week's council meeting consent agenda that would set a hearing for the vacation of a piece of City-owned right-of-way to accommodate mixed-use development. (Read more)



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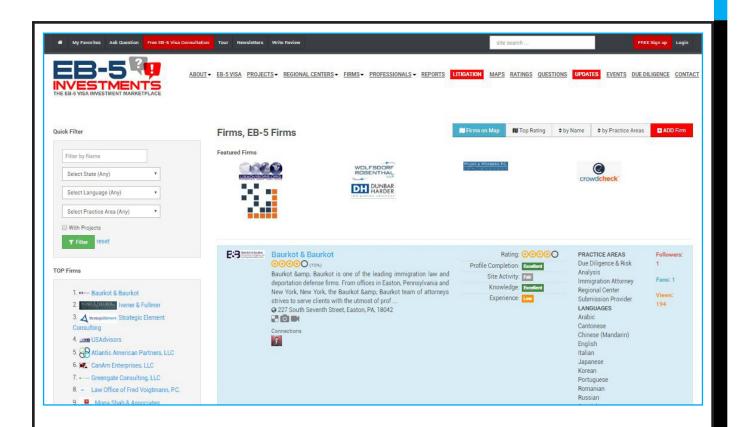


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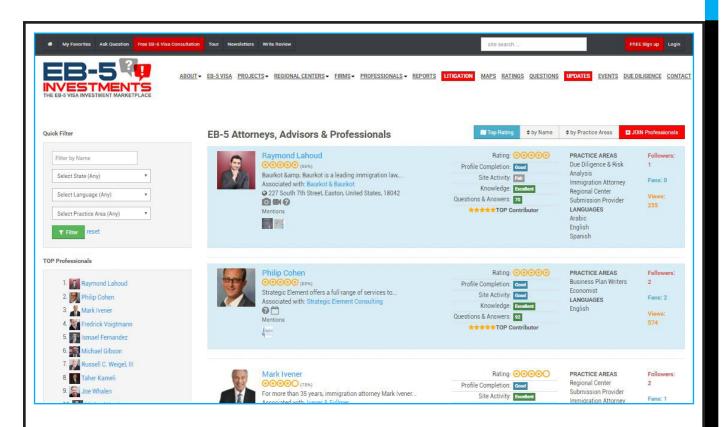


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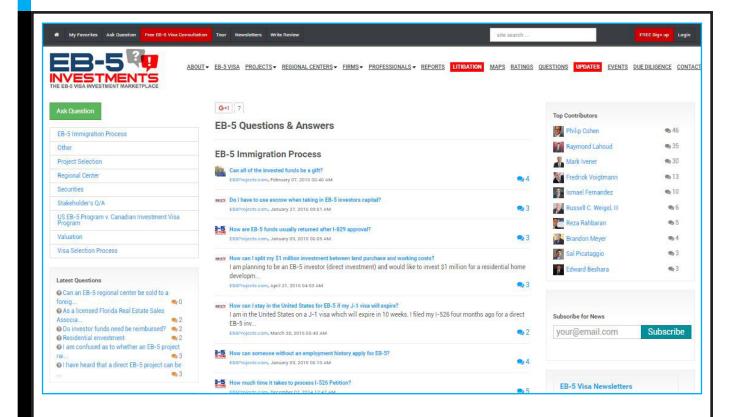


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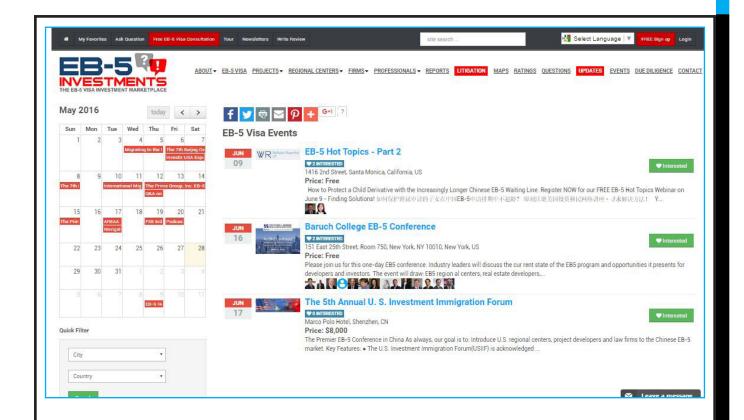


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- 3. I've heard about foreign brokers. How is this different from foreign finders?
- 4. Residential investment
- 5. What are the pros and cons of using guest expenditures and/ or revenues inputs to my economic impact model to show more job creation?
- 6. What is flexible adjudication and when would I use it?
- 7. What is an RFE?
- 8. <u>As a licensed Florida Real Estate Sales Associate, How and where may I lawfully get</u> involved?
- 9. <u>Is Matter of How the only thing I need to know when writing my EB-5 business plan?</u>
- 10. Do I have to invest my own money in my EB-5 project?



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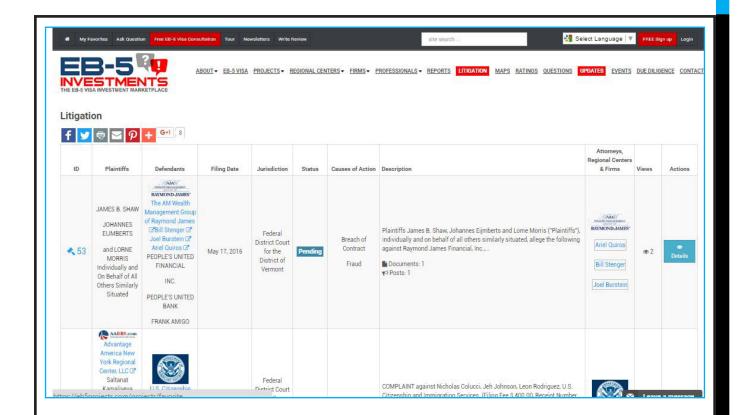


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#### JAY PEAK, INC, ARIEL QUIROS, WILLIAM STENGER, Q RESORTS, ANC BIO VERMONT

This is an emergency action the Commission is bringing to stop an ongoing massive eight-year fraudulent scheme in which the Miami owner and the chief executive of a Vermont ski resort have systematically looted more than \$50 million of the more than \$350 million that has been raised from hundreds of foreign investors through the U .S. Citizenship and Immigration Service's EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program . The fraudulent scheme spans seven limited partnership securities offerings all connected to Jay Peak, Inc.,a Vermont ski resort that is wholly owned by Miami-based Q Resorts, Inc., which in turm is owned by Miami businessman Ariel Quiros. Quiros and William Stenger, the president and CEO of Jay Peak, are primarily responsible for the fraudulent scheme.

#### <u>USCIS VS. HUASHAN ZHANG, MAYAYUKI HAGIWARA</u>



Mr. Zhang filed his Form I-526 petition on December 23, 2013 (receipt no. WAC1490085382), and USCIS denied the petition on May 28, 2015. The denial of Mr. Zhang's Form I-526 petition has had serious adverse consequences for Mr. Zhang and his family. Mr. Zhang passed up several business opportunities in China to prepare for what he believed would be his family's imminent immigration to the United States, and USCIS's denial of his Form I-526 petition has rendered those preparations worthless. Worse, Mr. Zhang's daughter turned 21 during the pendency of the Form I-526 petition, and she has therefore "aged-out" and will be ineligible to immigrate to the U.S. as a derivative on Mr. Zhang's petition absent intervention from this Court to reverse USCIS's erroneous denial.

#### ADVANTAGE AMERICA REGIONAL CENTER, LLC ET AL V. USCIS ET AL



COMPLAINT against Nicholas Colucci, Jeh Johnson, Leon Rodriguez, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. (Filing Fee \$ 400.00, Receipt Number 0208- 12176120) Document filed by Siddarth Ramesh Cidambi, Suk-Woo Yoon, Saltanat Kamaliyeva, Advantage America Regional Center, LLC, Jeong-Woon Song, Ram Bhagat Poonia. (Lundy, Daniel) Modified on 4/13/2016 (dgo). (Entered: 04/12/2016)

#### WEI GAN, ET AL. VS. USCIS



This civil action seeks judicial review of final agency decisions that plaintiffs have failed to establish eligibility for classification as alien entrepreneurs under 203(b)(5)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA") by a preponderance of the evidence (hereinafter the "Eb-5 Program").

ALEXANDRE DACCACHE, ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED, V. RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL, INC. D/B/A RAYMOND JAMES, RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC., ARIEL QUIROS, WILLIAM STENGER, AND JOEL BURSTEIN



Plaintiff Alexandre Daccache brings this action on behalf of a class of all investors in Jay Peak limited partnerships to recover funds misused, commingled, and stolen by Quiros and Stenger with the assistance of Raymond James and Burstein. Through their fraudulent scheme, Defendants have misused over \$200 million and systematically looted over \$50 million of the more than \$350 million that has been raised from hundreds of investors through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program.

#### CARLOS ENRIQUE HILLER SANCHEZ VS. RAYMOND JAMES, JOEL BURSTEIN



By this action, Mr. Hiller seeks to impose liability under federal securities law and state common law upon the defendants who knowingly designed the financial structure of a fraudulent scheme for one of their customers and then implemented that scheme to cause damage in an amount not less than \$71.7 million to a specific class of investors that includes Mr. Hiller.



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