

## **Obama opens the door for US Business Investors**

Obama's administration continues its efforts to increase travel and tourism to the US. On January 19, 2012 President Obama signed an executive order and announced new administrative initiatives to significantly increase travel and tourism to the United States.

A lot of countries around the world have benefited from this initiative most importantly arrivals from China and Brazil which have seen increase of 33% and 18% respectively.

US Business and Investment Visas applications has also increased based on the growing economies of these two countries

To apply for **US Business Visa** you need an experienced **Immigration attorney** to assist you in navigating the complex US immigration system. To settle in US, you need to first establish your medium and long term objectives such as

- Whether you need a business visa to establish a branch office in the US
- Whether you need a visa to relocate your family and give them a once in a lifetime opportunity
- Whether you have a business knowledge or background and will like to start a new venture or buy a franchise in the US

Your Immigration Attorney will review your circumstance and advice you on the best visa that suits your lifestyle and your own resources.

The Senate democrats have passed a bill on a comprehensive immigration reform but the congress will need to approve it.

When the Bill is approved by both houses and signed by the president, All Immigration Attorney's will have to review all necessary changes to the existing visa before advising their prospective Clients on the changes to US Immigration Laws.

Based on the existing US Immigration Law, below is a snapshot of what you need to know and type of visas

### Type

**B1 visa** visitor's visa can stay up to 6 months in US and negotiate contract, research business Investments, etc.

**L1 Visa** = Intra Company Transferees, this visa is for foreign executives and employees of international companies who are being transferred to a parent, branch, affiliate or subsidiary in the US with proper advice from an experienced US Immigration Lawyer you may be eligible to apply for a green card when your L1 visa expires.

**E2 Visa Treaty Investor**= if you are a citizen of the treaty countries and you are willing to invest, \$100,000 and above to set up a business or buy a franchise, you may be eligible for an E2 visa if granted, you may live in the US indefinitely as long as you wish and for as long as your business is profitable and well managed.

**EB2 (NIW) National Interest Waiver** This is an employment based visa with a NIW twist to it.

- Are you a PHD degree holder or a professor with a good idea that can benefit the US economy?
- Do you have a reputable publications that is referenced by your peers

For an EB2 visa you do not need an employer or financial investment, what you need is a portfolio of your achievements, then you can self-petition with the assistance of an Immigration Attorney

This is a very complex type of visa so you need an experienced US Immigration Lawyer to assess your portfolio

**EB5 millionaire Investment visa** This visa enables you to acquire a green card, and you will be expected to employ US Citizens and preserve jobs in US

You can invest \$500, 000 in deprived or economically challenged areas in US or \$1million anywhere in US.

Immigration reform in US has its historic and economic significance to US Politics, United States is the no 1 country in the world where most immigrants will like to invest and Visit.