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And the Nominees Are...

Media Coverage of the Year

Every EB-5 project that accomplishes what it sets out to do is great for industry public relations- telling the story of job creation, economic development and the American dream. This award is for the project that embodied that story to the utmost in the past year through community revitalization, impressive and meaningful job creation and overall economic contribution through use of the EB-5 Regional Center Program.



















Community Impact of the Year

The rippling impact that EB-5 capital has on not just those directly involved with a project, but its surrounding community, is what makes the Regional Center program truly "regional". We recognize those who have made a notable difference in an economy whether that is by financing traditionally under-financed industries, brought life to a blighted neighborhood, or made other major contributions to their surrounding neighbors.























Public-Private Partnership of the Year

Public Private Partnerships are a unique and exciting way to use EB-5. This award is to recognize the benefits of public entities partnering with private Regional Centers, showing that together they can grow their local economies with creative and effective financing.













New Market Champion

Recognizing a person or business that has pioneered a new market for EB-5 investors. Outside of the industry's top markets, there are eager investors in countless other countries looking to come to the U.S. and contribute to our economic development. This award celebrates the people who are taking the charge and taking the risk to establish new markets for EB-5 investors.

























EB-5 Advocate of the Year

It is no secret we live in a time where advocacy is paramount. Without our voices being hear over and over again, we risk a future of EB-5 that is not what we envision. This is award is to distinguish the relentless, determined and profound activism of an individual who has truly made a difference in the effort to keep the EB-5 Program alive as well as ensuring that any reform results in a stronger, more sustainable Program for the future.



Lynn Allen
President & CEO
Bluegrass International
Fund



Edward Beshara Managing Partner Beshara P.A.



Angelique Brunner Founder & President EB5 Capital



Daniel Healy Founder & CEO Civitas Capital Group



Patrick Hogan Founder & CEO CMB Regional Centers



Carolyn Lee
Partner
Miller Mayer LLP



Kraig Schwigen
President
CMB Regional
Centers



Bruce Thompson President American Lending Center



Jinhee Wilde
Principal & Managing
Partner
Wilde & Associates

EB-5 Hero

Celebrating a true hero of EB-5—someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to preserve the integrity of the industry through protecting the rights of investors, the future of a business or any other scenario that without the professionalism and dedication of this person would be to the detriment of the industry.



Ky Boyle VP of Asia Market CMB Regional Centers



John Chang Chairman & CEO Maryland Center for Foreign Investment, LLC



Robert Divine Chair of Global Immigration Practices Baker Donelson



George Ekins

Principal & Co-Founder

American Dream Fund



William Gresser President & CEO EB-5 New York State



Douglas Hauer
Founder & Co-Chair of EB-5
Financing Practice
Mintz Levin



Patrick Hogan Founder & CEO CMB Regional Centers



Brandon Meyer Partner Fakhoury Global Immigration



Mona Shah, Esq. Attorney Mona Shah & Associates

Industry Game Changer

Every year EB-5 Industry Service providers unveil new and exciting products and services and this year was no different. This award is intended to recognize the industry service or innovation from the past year that positively impacted your business and enabled the industry to succeed.



Allison Berman Chief Risk Officer Greystone EB-5



Scott Fuller
CEO & Managing
Director
Capital United, LLC



Gregory Garrabrants
President & CEO
Bank of Internet



Kyler James
VP of Government
Affairs
CMB Regional Centers



Bruno L'ecuyer CEO Investment Migration Council



Kurt Ruess Founder EB5 Deals



Mona Shah, Esq. Attorney Mona Shah & Associates



John Shen *CEO*American Lending Center



Reid Thomas EVP & General Manager NES Financial

Industry Thought Leader

IIUSA proudly curates the Regional Center Business Journal as well as digital content found on the IIUSA blog. This award recognizes an author that provided thought-provoking and timely content to any of IIUSA's publications over the past year.



Robert Cornish Attorney Wilson Elser



Robert Divine
Chair of Global Immigration
Practices
Baker Donelson



Rana Jazayerli
Partner
Phillips Lytle



Jor Law Founding Shareholder Homeier Law



Dawn Lurie Senior Counsel Seyfarth Shaw LLP



Reid Thomas EVP & General Manager NES Financial

International Service Provider

While most of IIUSA's members live and work domestically, many of you could not achieve what you do without the hard work and expertise of service providers abroad. This award is to recognize excellence of our international members, working every day overseas to assist your business in succeeding.



Vincent Chen
Canadian Immigrant Consultant
Visas Consulting Group



King Tai Commercial Director Beacon Events



Jenny Zhan
President
Good Hope Investment

Lifetime Achievement Award

A true champion of EB-5, someone who has dedicated many years of service to the advancement of IIUSA and the industry. A person whose contributions have positively impacted the association and Program and can be seen and felt every day.



Angelique Brunner Founder & President EB5 Capital



David Hirson
Partner
David Hirson & Partners
LLP



Patrick Hogan Founder & CEO CMB Regional Centers



Henry Liebman Chairman of the Board American Life Inc.



Tom Rosenfeld President & CEO CanAm Enterprises



Osvaldo Torres, Esq. Principal Torres Law

Litigator of the Year





Rising Star

Just because someone is new or just getting their stride, doesn't mean they're necessarily making any less impact on the industry. This award seeks to give recognition to someone who may be newer on the EB-5 scene, but is making a big impression with their work, either through their projects, legal work, deal making or otherwise. This is the future of EB-5!



Paul Chen Senior Attorney Fakhoury Immigration



William Gay Partner Wilson Elser



Jeffrey Grasso Vice President Silverstein Regional Center



Matthew Hogan VP of Project Development CMB Regional Centers



Raymond Lahoud Partner Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.



Phuong Le
Partner
David Hirson &
Partners



Philip Mendiola-Long Managing Director American Northern Marianas Regional Center



Rebecca Singh, Esq. Attorney Mona Shah & Associates



Vitaly Modlo EB-5 Case Manager CMB Regional Centers



Stephen Smith President EB-5 Coast to Coast



Anusree Nair
Partner

Klasko Immigration Law
Partners



Abteen Vaziri
Partner
Greystone EB-5



Melanie Walker Associate Baker Donelson



Jenny Zhan
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Good Hope Investment



Vivian Zhu
Partner
Wolfsdorf Rosenthal
LLP