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IMMIGRATION SOLUTIONS

# Pathway to the U.S.

How to bring your friend, Fiancée,  
or Family Member to the United States





# — Before we begin



Q&A will be at the end of webinar



We will share the recording



Bonus for participating





# — Meet our team



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# Agenda

- 1 Visitor Visa (B-1/B-2)
- 2 Fiancée – K1 (Form I-129F)
- 3 Spouse/Minor Child (CR-1/IR-1)
- 4 Navigating the Path Forward



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# Why it's challenging to visit or immigrate to the US



Once granted, you're in



Conflicting or outdated information



Presumption of intent





# — Visitor Visa (B-1/B-2)

## What it's for:

- Short-term stays
- Tourism and leisure
- Bring your friend to meet your family





## ***PROS***



- Valuable once in hand typically 10 year term with up to 6 months visitation



## ***CONS***

- Hard to obtain
- Overcoming the presumption of intent to violate: [Overstay/Work](#)



# Overcoming the Presumption



- History of honoring travel visas
- Compelling reasons to return ( **Property, Job, Family** )
- Costs are covered, but... **don't oversell this**



# — Interview is the **Key Moment**

- Be prepared – headlines and documents in order
- It's over in just a few minutes
- Present dates certain
- Denial is never explained



# — Fiancée – K1 (Form I-129F)

## What it's for:

- Easier to obtain than visitor visa
- 90 Days to Wed or Leave
- Prove
  - Legitimacy of the relationship
  - Ability to support
  - Character of Applicant

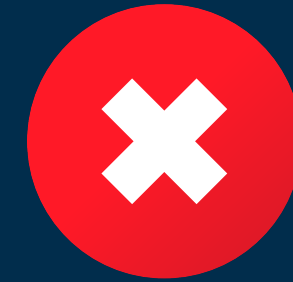




## ***PROS***



- Quicker than Marriage Visa (sometimes substantially quicker)



## ***CONS***

- Adjustment of Status taking 7 to 9 months (no travel)
- More challenging to obtain waiver
- More scrutiny on relationship



# — Spouse (CR-1/IR-1)

## What it's for:

- Form I-130
- Immigrant Visa for married couples
- CR-1 v. IR-1
- Same focus as K-1: legitimate relationship and ability to support





## ***PROS***



- Greater deference to waiver requests or legitimacy
- No adjustment of status



## ***CONS***

- Time to Process: Avg. 14 (USCIS) + 5 (NVC) + 2 (Embassy) = 21 Months
- K-1: Nebraska: 6 (USCIS) + 2 (Embassy)
- California: 15 (USCIS) + 2 (Embassy) Additional Paperwork/Processing NVC



# — Navigating the Path Forward

Think Strategically For the Long Term



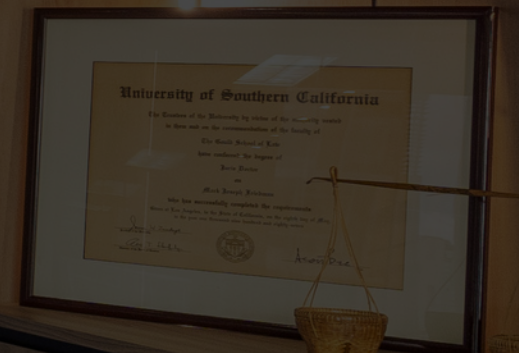
## For Visitor Visa:

- International travel



## For Possible K-1/CR-1:

- Keep good records now
- Stay ahead of the process curve







## — For Interviews

- Can be intimidating
- Preview the questions
- Thai/English
- See the interview from the officer's perspective



# Free Interview Guide



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# Thank You



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