Starting a Business with an F-1 Visa and PATHWAYS TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR IMMIGRANT ENTREPRENEURS

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Foreign Students (F-1 Visa)

- Business ownership/investment
- Curricular Practical Training
- Optional Practical Training
- STEM OPT
H-1B “Specialty Occupation” Visas

- Ownership of business – possible?
- Beneficiary of H-1B petition
  - Basic requirements
  - Process
  - Timing/costs
- H-1B “cap”/quota
E-2 “Treaty Investor “ Visa

• Ownership of business
• Other requirements
• How much money needs to be invested?
• Immigration process
• Not a path to a green card
Other Potential Nonimmigrant (Temporary) Visa Categories

• TN (Trade NAFTA)
• L-1 (Intracompany Transfer)
• O-1 (“Extraordinary Ability”)
Green Cards – General

• Standard process
• Expedited process
• Self-petition – possible?
• Business/employment-related issues
• Other things to know/consider
Standard Process

- Labor certification
- Immigrant visa petition
- Adjustment of status
- Timing
  - India/China
  - All other countries
Expedited Processes

• EB-1A ("Extraordinary Ability")
• EB-2/NIW ("Advanced Degree Professional" and "National Interest Waiver")
• EB-5 (Investor visa)
• Business-related factors for each
Entrepreneurial Visa Status/Options

- Recent proposals
- Current situation
What Does the Future Hold?