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# Preparing for EB-1

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## POLL

- What industry are you in?
  - Doctor/researcher/professor
  - Artist or performer
  - Business professional

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## Intro

	EB-1A Extraordinary Ability	EB-1B Outstanding Professors & Researchers	EB-2 National Interest Waiver (NIW)
Description	National or international acclaim in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics through sustained national or international acclaim.	International recognition in a particular academic field, with 3+ years of experience in teaching or research.	Requesting that the job offer, and the labor certification, be waived because it is in the interest of the United States.
Sponsorship	Employer or self-sponsored	Employer-sponsored	Employer or self-sponsored
Criteria	<u>Must meet 3 out of 10:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Awards</li> <li>2. Memberships</li> <li>3. Press coverage</li> <li>4. Judge work of others</li> <li>5. Original and significant contributions</li> <li>6. Authoring articles</li> <li>7. Art exhibitions</li> <li>8. Critical organizational role</li> <li>9. High compensation</li> <li>10. Commercial success</li> </ol>	<u>Must meet 2 out of 6:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Awards</li> <li>2. Memberships</li> <li>3. Press coverage</li> <li>4. Judge work of others</li> <li>5. Original research contributions</li> <li>6. Author books or articles</li> </ol>	<u>Must meet all criteria</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Must have a proposed endeavor in a US national interest field</li> <li>2. Must be well-positioned to advance the endeavor, and have an advanced degree from a U.S. institution or foreign equivalent</li> <li>3. Must be beneficial to the US to waive the labor certification process</li> </ol>
Family Benefits	After the criteria are met, USCIS will conduct a discretionary final merits assessment. Spouse and unmarried children (under 21) eligible to apply for green card, if priority date is current.		

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## Two-Step Analysis

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- Determine if applicant meets regulatory criteria under 8 CFR 204.5(h)(3)
- As a final-merits determination whether, based on the totality of the circumstances, the applicant is at the very top of their field

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## How to Prepare for a Successful EB-1 Petition

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### Doctors/Researchers/Professors

- Common Criteria Sought
  - Original Contributions (RFE risk)
  - Publications
  - Citations
  - Judge of
  - Leading/Critical
- Areas of Focus
  - Proof of achievements
  - Recognized in field of expertise

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# How to Prepare for a Successful EB-1 Petition

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## Doctors/Researchers/Professors

- Improvements
  - Publications
  - Document contributions
  - Present to other institutions
  - Judge the work of others
  - Leading or critical role

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# Other Fields and Industries

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## Artist and Performers

- Common Criteria Sought
  - Original artistic contributions of major significance
  - Performance of a leading or critical role for distinguished organizations
  - Comparable evidence related to your work
  - Commercial success

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## Other Fields and Industries

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### Artist and Performers

- Improvements
  - Industry publications
    - of your work
    - of your expertise in a peer-reviewed or edited publication
  - Review the work of others
  - Apply for an association membership
  - Document and keep records of achievements and commercial success

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## Other Fields and Industries

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### Business

- Common Criteria Sought
  - Proof of original business contribution
  - Salary/Remuneration
  - Critical/Essential Employment

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## Other Fields and Industries

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### Business

- How to Increase Chance of Success
  - Trade Publications
  - Leading or critical roles
    - Distinguished organization or business
    - Can be limited to division/department
  - Judge of the work of others
  - Evidence of awards/prizes
    - National or international

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## Overall Merits Analysis

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- Once the regulatory criteria is met, USCIS makes a “final merits” determination on whether the applicant is at the very top of their field.
- Look to quality of the evidence being submitted.

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## What Not To Do

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- Don't pay for publications or press coverage
- Don't review more manuscripts under someone else's name
- Don't lose access to email records – often happens in change of employer
  - Cc your personal email when sending reviews/key documents

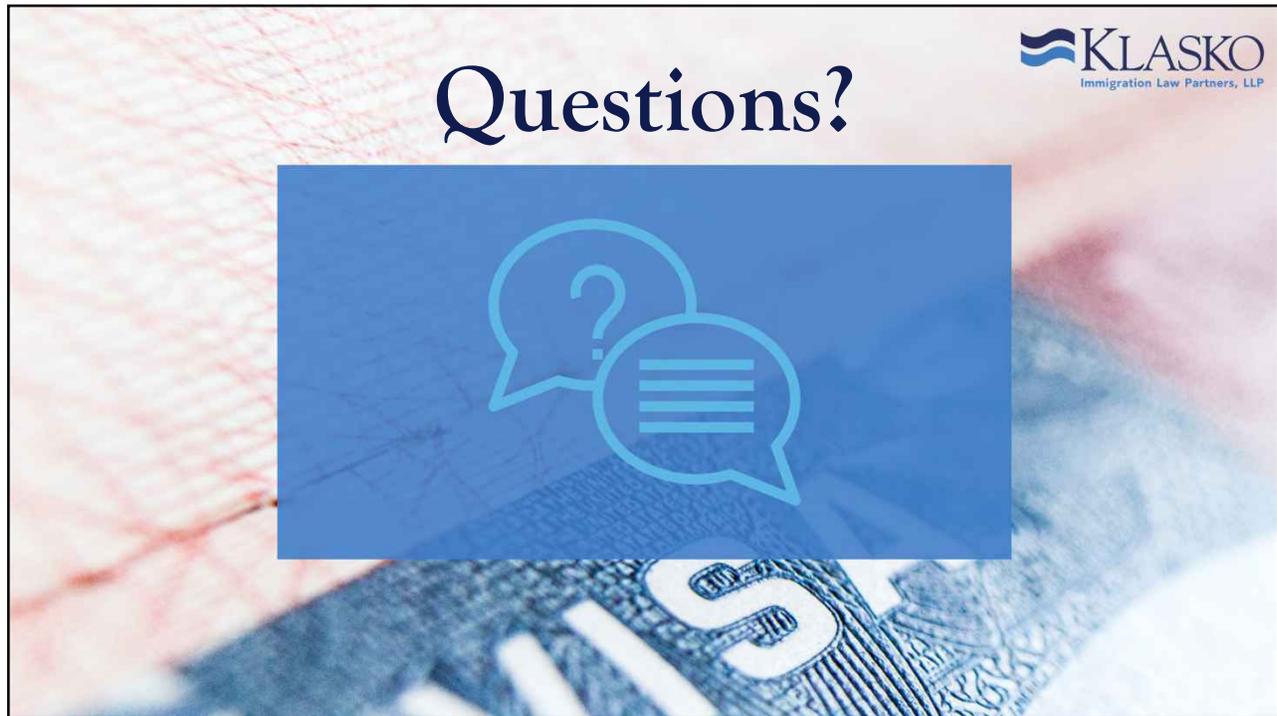
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## NIW as an Alternative Option

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- Criteria
  - National
- Pros
  - Self-sponsored
  - Emphasis on STEM fields
- Processing and visa delays
- Premium processing update
- Filing alone or as backup to an EB-1 petition

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## Upcoming Webinars

### Green Card Priority Dates

- Wednesday, April 20
- 1:00pm

### AMA: An Immigration Attorney

- Thursday, May 5
- 11:00 am

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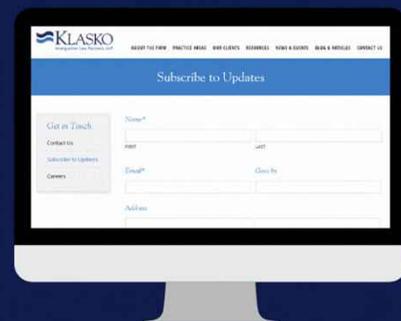
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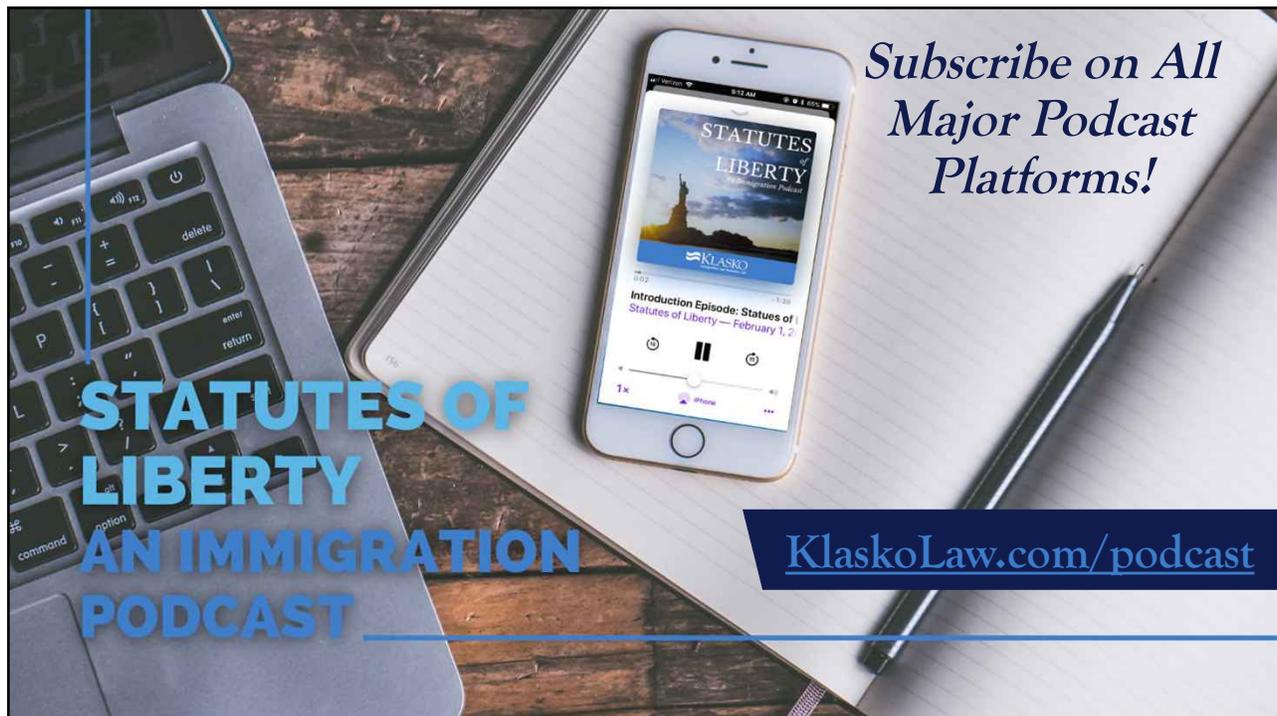
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