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Jinhee Wilde is the principal and managing partner of WA Law Group, LLC, focusing on employment and investment immigration. Wilde's 33 years of legal experience began as a prosecutor for Chicago and then as the inspector general designee, special counsel and attorney advisor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This extensive government experience still gives her a government

lawyer's perspective, which may explain her stellar track record with only 3 RFEs on SOF on numerous cases filed during the past 12 years. Wilde only represents the investor side of EB-5 and stays independent from any regional centers.

WHAT TRENDS ARE YOU SEEING IN THE EB-5 INDUSTRY?

Like the Chinese market, Vietnam and now the India market will dramatically slow down with the expected retrogression of visas. Furthermore, as the minimum investment is likely to be increased with or without the legislative action, the demographics of the likely EB-5 investors will also change. I think they will seek projects with higher returns on their investment and more diversification than luxury hotel or commercial real estate projects that have been popular. With the increased scrutiny of the regional center program's integrity through audits, site visits and investigations by USCIS and SEC, there will be more demand for transparency.

WHY DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE EB-5 INDUSTRY?

EB-5 is a uniquely challenging specialty of immigration law. It requires an attorney to be facile in corporate, finance, real estate, economics and immigration law. Having had both government and corporate transactional law experience, EB-5 was a very compelling area of the immigration practice for me. I strongly believe in full disclosure and educating my clients before they make a life-changing decision. The patience to answer all the questions and the alacrity of my responses seem to resonate well with the EB-5 clients who, because they are busy high net worth professionals, demand better understanding and explanations of the process.