



LUM IMMIGRATION
CLINIC

Dual Mission of the LUM Immigration Clinic

- Foster a welcoming community
- Provide confidential law services to help low-income and vulnerable immigrants navigate complex immigration processes

What Makes Us Unique

- Part of the greater ministry of LUM
- Dedicated to a welcoming and engaging community built on understanding
- Supported by the of Lafayette in Indiana

Authorization and Accreditation

- Recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals
- Member of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC).
- Supervised by a volunteer attorney

Services Provided by LUM Immigration Clinic

- Assess applicant's eligibility for immigration benefits and answer questions regarding these benefits
- Assist clients with filling out immigration forms and organizing applications
- Connect clients with other services and resources
- Free citizenship classes
- **Free** DACA Workshops

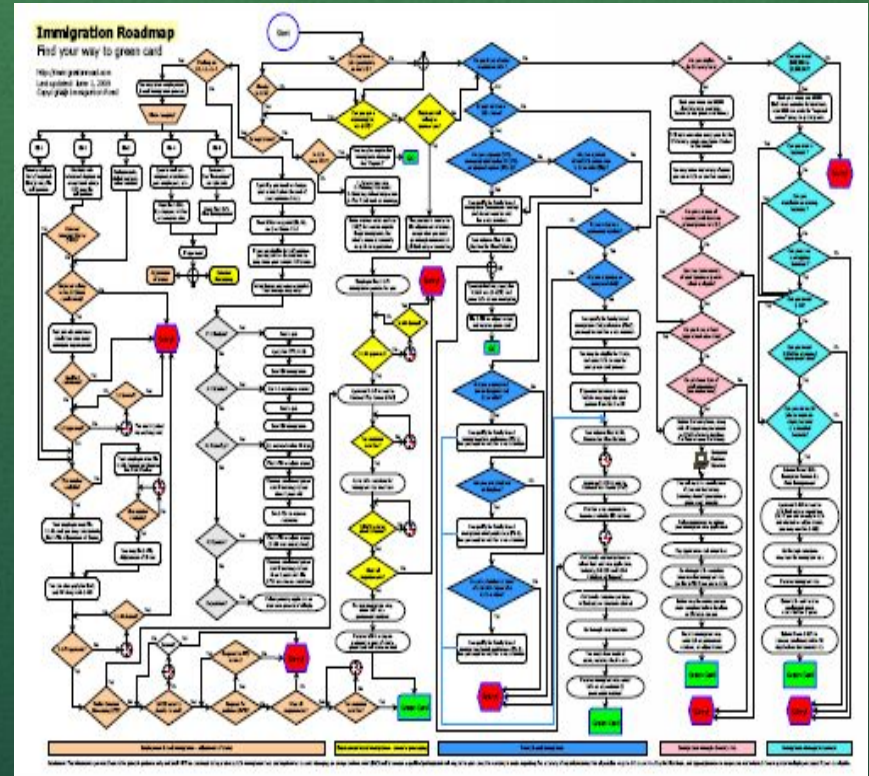
Main Application Types

- Family Sponsored and Humanitarian Applications for Permanent Residence
- Green Card Renewal Applications
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (Dreamers)
- Naturalization Applications
- Victims of Trafficking and Violence Cases

Types of Cases that LUM does not handle

- Cases before the immigration court including Deportations and Removals
- Employment Based Immigration
- inadmissibilities with regard to a person's criminal record, false claim to citizenship, or crossing without inspection on multiple occasions.

The immigrant Experience



Immigration 101

Main Immigration Types

Nonimmigrant - Temporary

Immigrant - Permanent/Green Card

Non-Immigrant Status Examples

- Visitors
- Students
- Short Term Employment
(Professionals/Skilled/**non-skilled**)
- Multinational Executives
- Cultural Exchange Visitors
- Short Term Investors

Visa Waiver Program

- No visa required for citizens/nationals from participating countries
- Travel restricted to 90 days or less
- Purpose of travel restricted to tourism or business
- Must have valid Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) – aka electronic passport

Visa Waiver Countris

Andora	Hungary	Norway	Australia	Iceland
Portugal	Austria	Ireland	San Marino	Belgium
Italy	Singapore	Brunei	Japan	Slovakia
Chile	Latvia	Slovenia	Czech Republic	Liechtenstein
South Korea	Denmark	Lithunia	Spain	Estonia
Finland	Malta	Switzerland	France	Monaco
Taiwan	Germany	Netherlands	United Kingdom	Greece
New Zealand				

Securing a Visitor/Skilled Worker Visa = “Eye of the Needle”



- In order to receive a visa to visit, study, and pass through, sometimes work the applicant the applicant must overcome the presumption that s/he is intending to stay indefinitely USCIS Immigration Law the applicant must prove that s/he has compelling financial, social and/or family ties to her/his country.



Adjusted Refusal Rate B Visas Only Fiscal Year 2015

- | Country | Adjusted Refusal Rate |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Afghanistan | 61.03% |
| Cuba | 76.03% |
| El Salvador | 45.72% |
| Laos | 66.68% |
| Mexico | 20.17% |
| Costa Rica | 9.83% |
| Syria | 63.43% |

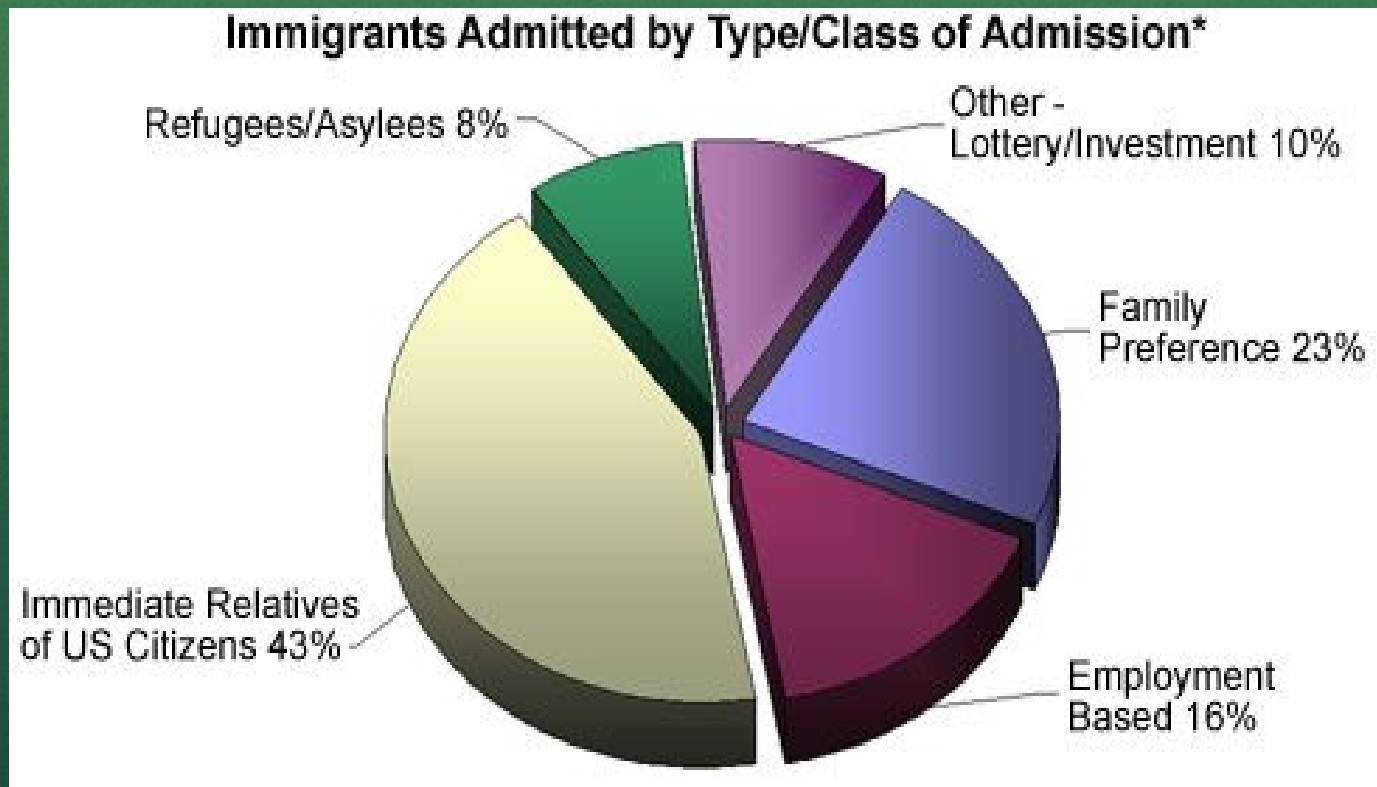
Humanitarian

- Parole
- Deferred Action for Child Arrivals (DREAMERS)
- Victims of Domestic Abuse
- Witnesses in Criminal Cases

Main Immigrant Visa Categories (Permanent – Green Card)

- Family
- Employment
- Diversity
- Humanitarian

Legal Permanent Residents According to Class of Admission



Family Based Immigration

- Immediate Relatives – no wait times
 - Spouses of U.S. Citizens
 - Minor Children of U.S. Citizens
 - Parents of U.S. Citizens
- Preference Categories
 - Spouses and Minor Children of Permanent Residents (1 – 2 ½ years)
 - Adult Children of Permanent Residents (7 – 20 years)
 - Unmarried Adult Children of Permanent Residents (7-20 years)
 - Married Children of U.S. Citizens (11-21 years)
 - Siblings of U.S. Citizens (12-23 years)

State Department Visa Bulletin

March 2016

(receipt dates of persons currently receiving visas)

Family-Sponsored	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
F1	08AUG08	08AUG08	08AUG08	08JAN95	01APR04
F2A	22SEP14	22SEP14	22SEP14	15JUN14	22SEP14
F2B	22MAY09	22MAY09	22MAY09	08SEP95	01MAR05
F3	15OCT04	15OCT04	15OCT04	15SEP94	08DEC93
F4	01JUL03	01JUL03	01JUL03	01APR97	15AUG92

Employment Based Immigrant Visas

- 1st Preference—persons of extraordinary ability in the arts, science, education, business or athletics, outstanding professors and researchers, and multinational executives and managers
- 2nd Preference—members of the professions holding advanced degrees or persons of exceptional abilities in the sciences, arts or business
- 2rd preference—skilled shortage workers with at least 2 years training or experience, professionals with baccalaureate degrees and up to 10,000 unskilled shortage workers
- 3rd Preference - provides for religious workers and investors

Department of State Visa Bulletin

September 2014

(employment based- 150,241 annually)

Category	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	China-mainland Born	India	Mexico	Philippines
1 st (extraordinary workers)	C	C	C	C	C
2 nd (exceptional workers professionals holding advanced degrees)	C	08 Oct 09	01 May 09	C	C
3 rd - skilled workers, professionals	01 Apr 11	01 Nov 08	08 Nov 03	01 Apr 11	01 Apr 11
Religious Workers	C	C	C	C	C
Investors	C	C	C	C	C

Humanitarian Visa Types

- Refugee
- Asylee
- Battered Spouse, Children, and Parents

Diversity Visa aka Visa Lottery

- The Immigration and Nationality Act provides up to 55,000 immigrant visas each fiscal year to permit additional immigration opportunities for persons from countries with low admissions during the previous 5 years.
- DV visas are divided among 6 geographic regions.
- No one country can receive more than 7% of the available diversity visas in any one year.

Will the LUM Immigration Clinic Help Undocumented Aliens?

- Yes. A few. We estimate that somewhere between 1% - 5 % of the undocumented are presently eligible for benefits.
- Examples of undocumented aliens eligible for benefits who have not submitted applications:
 - Spouses of US Citizens who are not subject to another inadmissibility which could include as crossing into the US more than 1 time since 1997 or committing a crime of moral turpitude.
 - Persons who entered without inspection and are beneficiaries of approved immigrant petitions that were submitted before April 1, 2001.
 - Persons who have a pathway to permanent residence or citizenship but do not have enough money to file for the adjustment of status/naturalization applications.

Ramifications of New Executive Orders

- Widespread fear among affected population
- People afraid to leave house
- Persons affected asking for Know Your Rights (KYR) information
- People seeking to sign powers of attorney and/or guardianship papers for minor children who are US Citizens

How is LUM Responding?

- Disseminating timely and accurate information regarding increased immigration enforcement -especially with respect to “Know Your Rights”
- Advocacy Efforts at the Federal, State, and Local Levels
- Joining efforts with other advocacy organization - i.e. Greater Lafayette Immigration Allies
- Helping with efforts to start a “Welcoming America” affiliate in Lafayette

Welcoming America

- Welcoming Lafayette could be a partnership between LUM, GLIA, ISIS, West Lafayette International Center, Cultural Connections, and Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.
- Currently the Indianapolis Welcome Center is a Welcoming America Affiliate

Mission of Welcoming America

Welcoming America leads a movement of inclusive communities becoming more prosperous by making everyone feel like they belong. We believe that all people, including immigrants, are valued contributors who are vital to the success of our communities and shared future

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