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### **EB-1 Prongs (3 must be met)**

An EB-1a will require proving at least three of the following **prongs**, accompanied by thorough documentation. Typically, we are able to show somewhere between four and seven out of the nine. In order to increase our chances of success we try to win as many as we can.

1. Receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence;
2. Membership in associations in the field that demand outstanding achievement of their members, as judged by recognized national or international experts;
3. Published material about the alien in professional or major trade publications or other media;
4. Evidence that the alien is a judge of the work of others in the field;
5. Evidence of the alien's original contributions of major significance to the field;
6. Authorship of scholarly articles in the field, in professional or major trade publications, or other major media;
7. Display of the alien's work at showcases;
8. Evidence the alien has performed in a leading or critical role for organizations that have a distinguished reputation;
9. Evidence that the alien commands high salary or remuneration in relation to others in the field.

If any one of your accomplishments do not easily fit into the above we can try to include the accomplishment as "comparable evidence." The attorney can provide guidance on this during the petition.

### **Technology:**

After much trial and error on petitions this size we **require** that you use Egnyte (our cloud service) to share documents with us. To take full advantage of Egnyte we recommend that you download the Egnyte Drive.

<https://helpdesk.egnyte.com/hc/en-us/articles/202206920-Egnyte-Drive-Overview>

Egnyte is also available on the web at [immilaw.egnyte.com](http://immilaw.egnyte.com) and has a Java Uploader.

We will send you credentials at the time the case is initiated.

### **STEP 1 – BENEFICIARY – ONE TIME COLLECTION & REFERENCES**

We will set up nine prong folders in Egnyte. The Beneficiary would drop in there all the documentation that applies to each.

- For Prong 1, provide information on all lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards (if they are in foreign language they will need to be translated by an official translator), also provide URL's;
- For prong 2, provide all invitations to join associations or groups that require outstanding achievement, also provide URL's;
- For Prong 6, please provide PDF's of all your scholarly publications and drop in the appropriate folder;
- For Prong 3, please provide PDF's of the list of citations pulled from academic sources;
- For Prong 4, please provide all invitation letters to peer review;
- Prong 5, 8, and 9 developed via attorney consultation and references (see below).

Please treat this like an exhaustive information dump, to give us the whole universe of documents to evaluate/review. **It is better to request extra time during this stage to be thorough instead of introducing new evidence later.**



## References

In addition, the Beneficiary will need to provide the names, full biographies, and CV's of the references that will be writing reference letters on the Beneficiary's behalf. The Beneficiary should identify to us which prongs they are best for. A "**References Identities Document**" is in the **References** folder on Egnyte.

**[3 - 5 BUSINESS DAYS].**

### **STEP 2 – ATTORNEY - REVIEW**

Once the Beneficiary finished with the information dump we will work review the documents and references information to come up with the best "field" in which to categorize/qualify the Beneficiary. This is the moment the case gets its "thesis."

As the Beneficiary doesn't have anything to do at this step, we will initiate the **adjustment of status document collection** for the Beneficiary and spouse. This will be ongoing.

**[3 - 5 BUSINESS DAYS]**

### **STEP 3 – ATTORNEY, WITH BENEFICIARY AVAILABILITY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Once the thesis is in place we will need to write the first draft of the reference letters that will accompany the petition. These are then given to the Beneficiary for review/edit/completion. Then we clean them up and finalize them and give them to the Beneficiary to get them signed.

**[10 BUSINESS DAYS]**

### **STEP 4 – ATTORNEY ONLY**

As we wait for the letters to come back signed, the attorney takes the final drafts of the letters we generated, as well as the documents that were collected earlier in the process, to put together the legal memorandum, the company support letter, and finalize the forms.

**[3 - 5 BUSINESS DAYS]**

### **STEP 5 – BENEFICIARY AND COMPANY**

The Beneficiary reviews the attorney memorandum, the company reviews the company support letter and forms.

**[1 - 3 BUSINESS DAYS]**

### **STEP 6 – ATTORNEY**

MPLG administrative and attorney review and finalization plus mailing.

**[2 BUSINESS DAYS].**

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**Max time = 30 business days.  
Minimum time = 22 business days.**

*The dates are approximate, based on estimates. Individual cases may vary.*