

# Immigration

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Galloway Johnson's immigration practice has centered on assisting its business clients with obtaining business visas (B1), other temporary work visas, Green Cards and assisting in family-based immigration issues. Most foreign citizens who wish to visit or enter the U.S. temporarily must first obtain a visitor visa. Individuals planning to come to the United States for different reasons, such as temporary work assignments, academics, journalism, medical treatment or to visit friends and relatives, must have a non-immigrant visa. A B1 visa for business or B2 visa for pleasure can be given individually or together. Galloway Johnson will work with you to file the appropriate paperwork to obtain a visa for six months to ten years with multiple entries, depending on your situation and needs.

Upon arrival, additional visa extensions may be granted by USCIS. These are subject to approval. It is important to know the ins and outs of the immigration system which is why hiring an experienced visa attorney is tremendously advantageous. If you wish to remain in the U.S. indefinitely or plan to get a job, then a tourist or visitor visa is not the appropriate visa for you. A foreign national wishing to become a U.S. citizen must instead take up a period of Legal Permanent Residence in the U.S. under what is commonly known as a "Green Card," which must be obtained from the USCIS through a variety of potential categories.

The Immigration and Nationality Act presumes that every foreign visitor is an "intending immigrant," and it is your job to prove to the U.S. Department of State (DOS) that you intend to leave the United States upon the conclusion of your visit. Galloway Johnson will assist you in gathering the appropriate evidence for the DOS to meet your burden of proof, including evidence of your home in your country, and letters specifying the purpose and time period needed for your trip. Galloway Johnson can also assist you in obtaining your Legal Permanent Resident card in order to ultimately gain your U.S. citizenship.

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