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# Our Value Proposition



#### **Over 99% Success**

#### Rate

Brown continues to succeed at over a 99% success rate every year



Maintain excellent relationship with

USCIS/DOS

#### Focus exclusively on **Immigration**

Serve all U.S. time zones in a central location



# 15 Attorneys, 45 staff – largest stand-alone boutique business immigration law firm in Midwest

Approach each case with a **bespoke** strategy





### The Latest

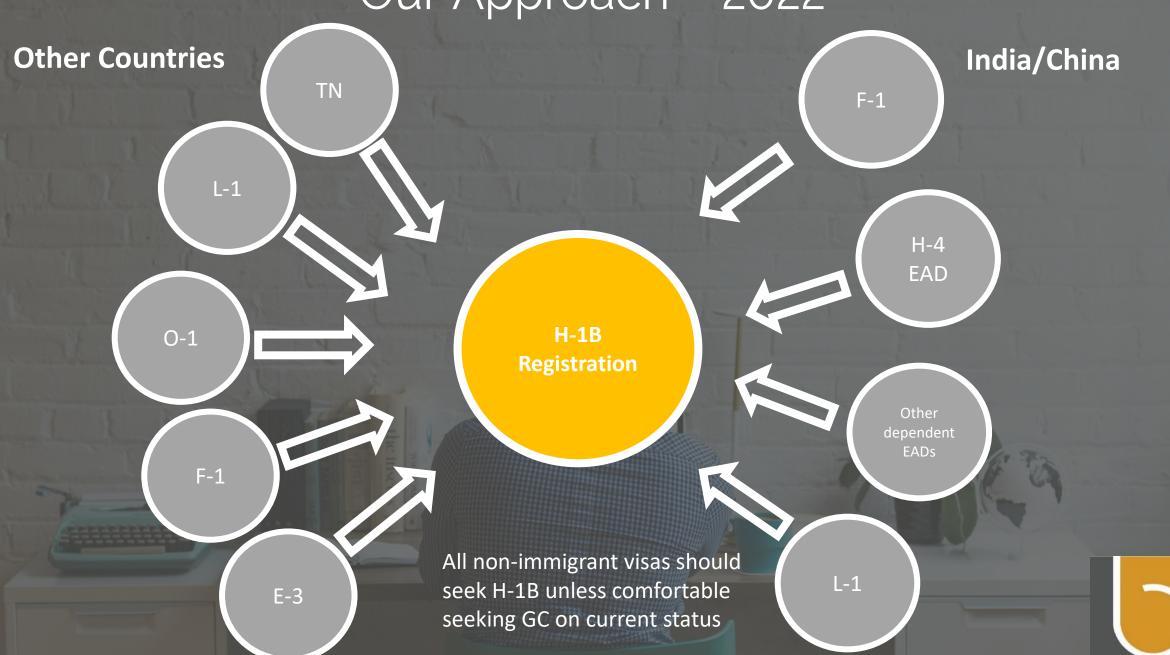
- USCIS, DOL, DOS all "underwater" to significant extent
- Better atmosphere general <u>trend</u> towards better decisions
- Recent focus on STEM, NIW, O-1 clarifications attempts at modernizing
- BBB Act stalled no meaningful immigration reform talk then house passed America COMPETE Act
- Dependent EADs partially aided by recent settlement
- New "transfer of underlying basis" process is welcome news

# What is the H-1B Cap Registration

- First what is an H-1B (specialty occupation)
- Cap registration it's the new lottery now in year 3
- Employers register current or future employees for Cap consideration
- Important dates:
  - February 21<sup>st</sup> onwards New HR can register on portal
  - March 1 18<sup>th</sup> (12 noon EST): Registration Open
  - March 21 31: Registration results issued
  - April 1 June 29: 90-day H-1B filing window



## Our Approach – 2022



### Our Process

- 1. Establish universe of possible H-1B registrations
- 2. Confirm final list with HR partners
- 3. Connect with employees and request docs
- 4. Receive all docs, determine case approach (including review SOC category and wage)
- 5. Ensure HR is on USCIS platform
- 6. Register employee in lottery (reverify list and handshake with HR)
- 7. After registration, confirm acceptance
- 8. After acceptance, file LCA, draft petition, and file prior to June 29, 2022

\*\*Note: Our email outreach is very comprehensive to all – please read/ask questions.



## Important Considerations

- We vet applications ensure they have path to H-1B
- Duplicate registrations void registration don't have multiple people registering
- Find everyone some employers don't always report dependent EADs or F-1s including new hires for spring/summer
- Reminder: non-acceptance in registration is not a denial
- Not being selected now may still be ok waiting list (3 draws in 2021 – possibly a 4<sup>th</sup>)
- COS/Cap Gap folks and STEM allowance important to understand base strategy/how it is designed to protect you
- Those about to graduate may be included timing element
- Problem areas –multiple ERs? Travel... concerns about contingencies





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