



Immigration Success Story

Canadian Businessman Gets Engines Revving in Florida with E-2 Visa

In these tough economic times, one would hope that foreign investors and businesspeople would be welcomed and encouraged to stir job creation in the U.S. However, the process of coming to the U.S. to create or acquire a business is not so easy. It requires strong attention to detail, organization, and quite a bit of patience. But those traits which an applicant demonstrates when applying for an E-2 Visa are the same ones essential to operating a successful business in our country.

Marc, our client, was operating a VW/Audi/Porsche specialty shop in Canada and contacted us for assistance when he decided to acquire a similar business in Florida. Being that Marc is a citizen of a treaty country, he qualified for an E-2 Investor's Visa under 8 C.F.R Sec. 214 (e) (3) (i).

Marc and the seller/owner of the shop were ready to finish the transaction as quickly as possible. As with any immigration matter, the process is never as simple or quick as we would like it to be. Among the evidence needed was proof that the shop was a bona fide business, proof of investment, a business plan, and proof of Marc's experience in the high performance auto industry as well as documents in support of his good character (see 8 C.F.R Sec. 214(e) for requirements).

We worked with Marc to prepare and gather the necessary documentation and the application was complete in June 2011. In August, after a consular interview, Marc received his E-2 Visa. Numerous sponsors and clients have pledged to continue their business relationships with Marc, which will allow him to build his business and help stimulate our local economy. We wish him and his family the best in operating his high performance auto shop in Florida.

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