

# Seeking For The Better Life

Beautiful San Francisco.

Known for its cable cars, the Golden Gate bridge, Fisherman's Wharf with its fresh marine products, famous wineries in nearby Napa Valley and its huge Asian towns.



*Investment property  
in Pioneer Square, Seattle.*

Mr. Mikami joined American Life Inc.'s EB-5 program when he was only 30 years old, and moved to San Francisco in the summer, 2009. He passed the Japanese bar examination when he was a senior in college, since then, he has worked as an international lawyer for Japanese and US companies.

He has lived in US, studying at graduate school while working for his Japanese law firm.

American flexibility, its mixed culture, and varied entertainment were very attractive for him, and before long, he came to want to immigrate to the US. "The US education system is very good, I felt it's much better than Japan's" he said. He also found that American people are more open, make friends easily and are accepting of immigrants. Those were big plusses.

Mr. Mikami, who has abundant energy and loves a challenge, also acquired the qualification of US CPA while he was working at his law firm. After, he moved to New York to start working at an accounting firm as CPA. He was on an H1-B working visa at the time and was seeking a way to acquire a Green Card through the employer as sponsor.

He came to know about the EB-5 investor immigrant program via a news letter.

"This is what I'm looking for!", he thought without hesitation.

The business sponsor approach would be painful for him since it takes so much time and there are so many regulations. With EB-5 program, he could acquire the green card in the shortest period of time, and while managing his money in high potential real estate. One of the reasons he could make up his mind so quickly was that he had a chance to hear

about the potential of investment area from his friend who coincidentally lived in Seattle.

He went back to Japan to make money so that he could invest in American Life's EB-5 program. After a couple of years, he managed to make enough money to apply for the EB-5. The investment project he joined was the Marriott Courtyard Hotel project, in which American Life has renovated a 100 year-old office building in the Pioneer Square district of Seattle, very close to downtown.

By the beginning of 2009, Mr. Mikami was able to return to the United States as Green Card holder.

He now works for a law firm in San Francisco.

“My main clients are Japanese companies, so I usually work from 5pm to 10pm to adjust to Japan time. It let's me enjoy my free time during daylight hours, and that's good. I can have a coffee at a café in the late morning, or go for a walk and relax.”

On weekends, he sometimes visits to a Winery to search for his favorite among the plentiful number of fine California wines

What's his future vision?

“First of all, I want to establish my own law firm. And I hope to retire early and live in beach resort area in the US such as Florida or Hawaii.” He answered, smiling.

Marriott is the one of my favorite hotels, he said. He is very much looking forward to the Marriott Courtyard project's grand opening in the spring of 2010.

