

Ian Wagreich Cited by Several Media Outlets Discussing a Variety of Federal Immigration Developments

Topics include the Trump Administration's \$100,000 H-1B employee fee and the "Gold Card" visa proposal

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Hinshaw immigration partner Ian Wagreich was featured among *Investment Migration Insider's (IMI)* "**Investment Migration People in the News This Week**" in connection with his commentary on federal immigration developments in recent *Bloomberg Law* and *Chronicle of Higher Education* media stories.

US Employers Must Pay New \$100,000 Fee per H-1B Hire

In an article published by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Ian addressed the Trump Administration's new requirement that US employers must pay a \$100,000 fee for certain new H-1B hires, which is intended to discourage hiring international workers over US citizens.

"The news sent some universities into 'full-blown panic mode' over fears they'd suddenly have to shoulder an added cost of up to eight figures," Ian stated. For colleges and universities that routinely recruit top researchers and in-demand specialists globally, the fee presents significant operational and financial challenges.

[Read the full article \(subscription may be required\).](#)

Legal Questions Around the Trump "Gold Card"

Speaking with *Bloomberg Law*, Ian assessed the prospects of the Trump Administration's proposed "gold card" visa, part of a broader initiative to attract new legal immigrants to the United States.

The framework has raised concerns because it would allow ultra-wealthy applicants to purchase visas typically reserved for top-tier, high-skilled workers. "If those visas are being used by people who simply have the money to

pay..., I don't think that's a positive for the country. It has the potential for crowding out skilled professionals," Ian said.

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Media Coverage

- *Investment Migration Insider (IMI)*: "[Investment Migration People in the News This Week](#)" (November 15, 2025)
- *Bloomberg Law*: "[Trump Gold Card Favors Wealth Over Merit, Tempting Lawsuits](#)" (November 5, 2025)
- *The Chronicle of Higher Education*: "[How Much More Will Colleges Have to Pay to Hire Foreign Employees?](#)" (October 31, 2025)

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