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Mark is the director of the immigration team.

He assists clients regarding all forms of US immigration matters as well as investment immigration to countries such as Malta, Cyprus, St. Kitts and Nevis, etc. During a 10 year diplomatic career with the US Department of State, he served overseas assignments in Guangzhou, London, Taipei, and Hong Kong. Working as a Consular Officer, he adjudicated tens of thousands of US immigrant and non-immigrant visa cases.

Mark has been quoted in the media numerous times (including Ming Pao, Hong Kong Economic Times and Hong Kong Economic Journal etc) in relation to various immigration-related issues.

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TRACK RECORD

Assisted numerous CEOs and entrepreneurs to overcome refused US visa cases.

Advised Asian families on simultaneous investment immigration to countries in both Europe and the Caribbean.

PUBLICATIONS

'Immigration lessons from coronavirus crisis and potential next steps', co-author, May 2020

'Investment minimum of applying for U.S. green card to increase', **【移民】美國綠卡申請門檻提高**, Hong Kong Economic Journal - August 2019

'Understanding Optimal Options Before Making a Decision on Investment Immigration', **投資移民先了解適合方案**, Hong Kong Economic Journal, 信報財經新 - 20 July 2016, co-author

'Gap on Investment Immigration Between You and UHNWs', **在移民这件事上,你和超级富豪隔着这几条沟**, China Business News, 第一财经日报 - 17 July 2016

'A New Pathway for Chinese Entrepreneurs', Biz.hk - AmCham Hong Kong Magazine - June 2015

'Hong Kong, US Keep Visa Door Ajar', Barron's Asia - February 2015

'Chinese Business, Leisure Visitors to US Surge 68 pc Thanks to 10-year Permits', South China Morning Post - February 2015

'Wealth Management: A Home Away From Home', Global Capital - December 2014

'Withers Suggest Alternative Routes for Backlogged Chinese Applicants Immigrating to the US', Asian Private Banker - November 2014

MEMBERSHIPS

- Hong Kong Select USA Committee
- American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
- The American Chamber of Commerce in South China

EDUCATION

Princeton University, MPA, International Relations
Whitman College, BA (Hons) History

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH
MANDARIN
RUSSIAN

DATES

JOINED: 2014

RECOGNITION

2015 Wealth Briefing Asia Awards Hong Kong Legal
Team Winner Mark Lanning

2014 Wealth Briefing Asia Awards Singapore Effective Legal Team
Highly Commended Mark Lanning

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