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Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 04 Nov 2012

Topic: [Experience with attorney Victoria Chen](#)

I wish to share my experience working with the attorney **Victoria Chen** on EB1a petition. Briefly, my credentials (at time of my initiating EB1 quest) include 14 peer-reviewed publications, 3 submitted manuscripts, 177 total citations, 20 conference presentations, 11 article reviewed for 7 journals, and coverage in outlets such as Reuters News, MedScape New. Initially, I contacted an attorney affiliated with my institution about EB1 immigration options who advised not to even consider EB1a due to very stringent criteria, and for EB1b I had "plausible although challenging case". For personal reasons, I wanted to apply for EB1a even if it meant building my credentials

further.

As I looked for alternative opinions on immigration forums, I came across the name of attorney **Victoria Chen** and was intrigued by the guaranteed approval or full refund back policy. I send her an e-mail with my CV, and after initial review she said she could guarantee EB2-NIW. When I informed the EB2-NIW will not be of much help given my Indian origin, she wrote that she sees a "viable EB1a case" provided I agree to work on some issues. She had a long teleconference and laid out the plan of action and things that needs to be done before EB1a petition is filed. She raised two concerns, one with my not being the first authors of the most cited paper and relatively fewer number of reviews.

I think she gives fair evaluation (from her experience) of one's chances and identifies deficiencies upfront. She persistently pushes you for remedial actions. She made me obtain letter of support from the senior author of most cited paper (published in 2000), write to several editors of journals in my field for review opportunities and inclusion in the editorial board. During these efforts, I got the opportunity to be reviewer of abstracts (total 78) of section of the most prestigious scientific meeting in my discipline

She asked me to prepare a detailed research summary and list of potential reference letter writers (how they might know me, their brief bio, and which areas of my interest should his/her letter talk about). Once I provided this information, she drafted 8 letters for me in a short period of time.

Letters were very well written and I was impressed by her ability to grasp and describe research and technical terms accurately yet in easily understandable term. Few of the recommendation letter providers on my original list declined to provide the letter, and I had to found replacements for

them. Ms. **Chen** wrote new letters without any hesitation.

After I got all the letters, she drafted about 35-page petition letter (PL), and send it to me for revision. I did not realize it earlier, but she strategically placed content in the letters from different recommendation letter providers that would strongly provide support to each claimed criteria in the PL from multiple sources. She got my approval before submitting the final version of PL. We initially filed EB1a petition as regular process but converted to premium processing after about 3 weeks. The petition got approved one week later.

In summary, I had a great experience working with attorney **Victoria Chen**. She provides a fair assessment of one's credentials and once she accepts a case she diligently works to put together a petition package that is very competitive. I found her to be very approachable. She typically responds to e-mails within few hours and one can set up a phone conference within 1-2 days. I fully recommend her without any reservations.



Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 28 Jun 2010

Topic: [Please comment on my credentials for EB1](#)

Can someone please help me understand whether full time employment with a single employer is needed for EB1-OR? I have 50% research and 50% clinical care/educational activities responsibilities. Does one need to be 100% research for EB1-OR? Thanks.



Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 25 Jun 2010

Topic: [Please comment on my credentials for EB1](#)

I am currently partly employed by a State Medical School and partly by Veterans Affairs Hospital (roughly 50% each). Will having this arrangement have any bearing on EB1-OR application?



Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 24 Jun 2010

Topic: [Please comment on my credentials for EB1](#)

I consulted a lawyer (recommended by my University's immigration office) who after reviewing my credentials advised categorically against applying either for EB1 and EB2-NIW. He says that USCIS has become too stringent in evaluating these petitions and he in good faith cannot advise me to apply in either category. His suggestion is to go for PERM process with my university as an employer.

Is it true that USCIS has recently become too strict in their evaluation of EB1 petitions? Would appreciate any one sharing their thoughts?



Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 23 Jun 2010

Topic: [Please comment on my credentials for EB1](#)

Hi, emar and bkphilip

Thanks for sharing your thoughts.



Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 22 Jun 2010

Topic: [Please comment on my credentials for EB1](#)

Hello,

I am new to this forum, and found the contained information very helpful. I am physician currently on H1B visa (six years to end in October 2011). I would highly appreciate if someone can give input about my chances for EB1-EA or EB1-OR. My credentials are:

- Fellowship-Rheumatology (completed 6/2009)
- 50% appointment as Assistant Professor (tenure-track) at a state medical university and 50% at the associated Veterans Affairs hospital (since 7/2009).
- Publication (total: 8) (First author: 5 (Google citations: 58; Journal impact factor ranging from 0.39-3.28) ; Second author: 2 (Google citations: 4; Journal impact factor 1.56); Fifth author: 1 (Google citations: 65; Journal impact factor 7.51)
- Published conference abstracts: 5 (Journal impact factor: 7.33-8.11)
- Conference presentations: 16 (1 oral presentation in largest Rheumatology international meeting)
- Reviews: Reviewed for 3 journals (total: 6 articles); invited comments on an article for MedScape

- Grants: 2 (1- PI (\$50K) & 1- Co-PI (\$25K); both are institutional grants)
Any input will be highly appreciated.



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