



VISIT REPORT ON US-INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL

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❖ Introduction

US-INDIA Business council invited the young legal delegation of law students from India which was on its Academic Tour to United States of America from 11th of February to 23rd of February 2018. The Academic Tour to USA was organised by the INBA (Indian National Bar Association). INBA is a largest voluntary bar association based in New Delhi which works for betterment of lawyers and law students. The delegation was invited to have a brief discussion on the topic “Liberalization of Indian Legal Sector”. The delegation was led by Mr Kaviraj Singh (Secretary General –INBA) Mr Venus Anand (Vice- Chair Editorial Board) and Miss Nisha Chauhan (Vice- Chair Student Section) and 16 young and energetic law students from different parts of India.

❖ Detailed Description

US-INDIA Business council is the premier business advocacy organisation dedicated to strengthening the economic and commercial relationship between United States of America and India. The council’s primary mission is to serve as the direct link between business and government leaders. US-INDIA Business Council works with Fortune 500 companies and all major multi-national companies and corporates are its members.

The legal delegation had a grand reception by Amy Hariani (Vice- President) US-INDIA Business Council. The discussion began with the short introduction on INBA’s functions and objectives and further each delegate introduced themselves.

Amy Hariani, introduced US-INDIA business council to the delegates and gave us an insight into the functions and objectives of the Council. She talked about the roles of council in protecting its member’s interest in both the countries. She gave an understanding to the delegation that what kind of initiatives council has taken in the past and how the council is actively working for the betterment of business community in both the countries. She also discussed with the delegation on real life examples of how council has defended the interest of Uber when there was a lot of agitation against the company in India. Further she also gave an understanding to the delegation about how council continuously represents to the Federal government against its policies and legislations that are affecting the business groups and industries as a whole.



INBA Legal Delegation with Amy Hariani at US-India Business Council

Amy also explained to the delegation about various avenues through which they can begin their carrier in the United States as international Lawyers. According to her New York is a state that is more open to International Trained Lawyers and the eligibility for taking the bar exam is also bit relaxed.

Further a detailed discussion and exchange of dialogue happened between the delegates and Amy Hariani on how liberalising the Indian Legal Sector can be beneficial to India as well as to United States and what change such a revolution can bring to Indian Economy. Amy, feels that the corporates are looking forward to India and have a close watch on how Indian Economy is changing. She is the face of corporate world of the United States and feels that a whole different atmosphere is being created by the Honourable Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi about investing into India. She has assured the delegation that businesses in United States are keen to invest in India and wants India to be their second home. She feels that law firms are also eager to come to India once a proper frame work is finalised by the government and rules, regulations and policies are put in place.

A lengthy discussion was also held on Real Estate companies that are being part of EB -5 Visa fraud. EB-5 Visa is category of Immigrant visa which is basically investment linked Green Card process. Amy assured the delegation that there are very few companies who are indulged into such fraud and malpractices and it should not be construed that the whole process is fraudulent.

Amy also assured the delegation that US Government is taking strong actions against the corporations and individuals who are indulging into such malpractices and diminishing the image of the country as a whole. Amy shared her experience on how transparently the United States Department of Immigration and Citizenship services work and what all kinds of background checks are being conducted by them.

After such a detailed introduction about the council and exchanging dialogue on various topics a Question –Answer session was also scheduled for the delegation along with Indian Buffet Lunch.

❖ Conclusion

The overall discussion on Liberalising the Indian Legal Sector was very insightful. The delegation had the opportunity to understand how the corporates and fortune 500 companies are looking forward to India and taking this as an opportunity to come to India. The delegation also had the opportunity to understand in detail about the functions and objectives of US-INDIA business council. The delegation had the opportunity to understand about the US economy and about the US-INDIA relationships in detail. Further the delegation had the opportunity to go through various case studies and how council played its role by intervening and protecting the interest of its member companies. On the onset of this I conclude my report by saying

“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.” -Maria Robinson