

## **NIW Cases Approved in December 2009**

This report includes forty-three (43) NIW I-140 cases filed by Liu & Associates and approved by the USCIS in December 2009. We list the basic credentials of each case and hope our readers find the information helpful. For confidentiality purpose, a numeric number is assigned to replace the petitioner/beneficiary's name in each case. It is our firm's policy to hold client's information strictly confidential.

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### **Case #1**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Computer Science  
Current Position: Associate professor at a private university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 20+ journal and conference papers  
Cited approximately 290+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: June 12, 2009  
Approval Date: December 2, 2009

### **Case #2**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Biomedical Science  
Current Position: Postdoctoral fellow at a medical center  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 160+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: August 6, 2009  
Approval Date: December 9, 2009

### **Case #3**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Electrical Engineering  
Current Position: Postdoctoral scholar at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 20+ journal papers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: November 10, 2009  
Approval Date: December 29, 2009

#### **Case #4**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Biochemistry  
Current Position: Postdoctoral research associate at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 60+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: December 4, 2009  
Approval Date: December 29, 2009

#### **Case #5**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Computer Engineering  
Current Position: Technical staff at a private company  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 10 journal papers  
Cited approximately 170+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 4 independent experts  
Filing Date: September 14, 2009  
Approval Date: December 9, 2009

#### **Case #6**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Biomedical Engineering  
Current Position: Postdoctoral fellow at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 9 journal papers  
Cited approximately 100+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: November 24, 2009  
Approval Date: December 14, 2009

#### **Case #7**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Physics  
Current Position: Postdoctoral fellow at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a prestigious U.S. university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 140+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: January 29, 2009

Approval Date: December 7, 2009

**Case #8**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Biomaterials Science & Biomedical Engineering  
Current Position: Research assistant professor at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 20+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 130+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 4 independent experts  
Filing Date: November 17, 2009  
Approval Date: December 28, 2009

**Case #9**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Environmental Toxicology  
Current Position: Postdoctoral research fellow  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 100+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: October 14, 2008  
Approval Date: December 16, 2009

**Case #10**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Organic Chemistry  
Current Position: Postdoctoral fellow at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 8 journal papers  
Cited approximately 80+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 4 independent experts  
Filing Date: February 10, 2009  
Approval Date: December 10, 2009

**Case #11**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Organic Chemistry  
Current Position: Team leader at a pharmaceutical company  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 5 journal papers  
Cited approximately 190 times by other researchers

Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: December 3, 2008  
Approval Date: December 28, 2009

#### **Case #12**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Physics & Materials Science  
Current Position: Postdoctoral researcher at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 20+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 110+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: September 9, 2009  
Approval Date: December 22, 2009

#### **Case #13**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Materials Science and Engineering  
Current Position: Analytical chemist at a private company  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 10+ journal and conference papers  
Cited approximately 50+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: July 22, 2009  
Approval Date: December 10, 2009

#### **Case #14**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Computational Biochemistry  
Current Position: Postdoctoral associate at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 50+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: February 16, 2009  
Approval Date: December 10, 2009

#### **Case #15**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Chemistry  
Current Position: Research assistant professor at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university

Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 400+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: November 12, 2009  
Approval Date: December 11, 2009

**Case #16**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Mechanical Engineering  
Current Position: Postdoctoral research fellow at a medical institute  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 7 journal and conference papers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: January 8, 2009  
Approval Date: December 11, 2009

**Case #17**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Materials Science and Engineering  
Current Position: Engineer at an energy company  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 9 journal papers  
Cited approximately 40+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: September 8, 2009  
Approval Date: December 9, 2009

**Case #18**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Neurology  
Current Position: Postdoctoral fellow at a private university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 140+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: January 7, 2009  
Approval Date: December 11, 2009

**Case #19**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Materials Science  
Current Position: Assistant professor at a state university

Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 150+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: September 3, 2009  
Approval Date: December 11, 2009

**Case #20**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Chemical Engineering  
Current Position: Postdoctoral research associate at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 60+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: September 22, 2009  
Approval Date: December 9, 2009

**Case #21**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Chemistry  
Current Position: Postdoctoral researcher at a medical center  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 140 times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: February 27, 2009  
Approval Date: December 18, 2009

**Case #22**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Biomedical Engineering  
Current Position: Research associate at a medical institute  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 6 journal papers  
Cited approximately 60+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: August 5, 2009  
Approval Date: December 10, 2009

**Case #23**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140

Field of Research: Computer Science  
Current Position: Postdoctoral researcher at a private university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 7 journal and conference papers  
Cited approximately 20+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 4 independent experts  
Filing Date: January 9, 2009  
Approval Date: December 23, 2009

**Case #24**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Biology and Biomedical Research  
Current Position: Senior fellow at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 9 journal papers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: December 16, 2008  
Approval Date: December 14, 2009

**Case #25**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Chemical Engineering  
Current Position: Postdoctoral research associate at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 4 journal papers  
Supporting Letters: 6 independent experts  
Filing Date: October 20, 2009  
Approval Date: December 11, 2009

**Case #26**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Electrical Engineering  
Current Position: Senior engineer at a private company  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a U.S. university  
Published 10 journal papers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: March 13, 2009  
Approval Date: December 1, 2009

**Case #27**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Chemistry  
Current Position: Postdoctoral Scholar at a university

Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a US university  
Published 30 journal papers  
Cited approximately 90+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 4 independent experts  
Filing Date: February 12, 2009  
Approval Date: December 8, 2009

**Case #28**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Mechanical Engineering  
Current Position: Postdoctoral guest researcher at a national institute  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a US university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 100+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: February 26, 2009  
Approval Date: December 17, 2009

**Case #29**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Bioinformatics  
Current Position: Postdoctoral research associate at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 40+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: January 28, 2009  
Approval Date: December 7, 2009

**Case #30**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Mechanical Engineering  
Current Position: Research associate at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a US university  
Published 23 journal and conference papers  
Cited approximately 60+ times by other researchers worldwide  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: November 20, 2009  
Approval Date: December 9, 2009

**Case #31**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140



Field of Research: Computer Science  
Current Position: Staff scientist at a health institute  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 20+ journal and conference papers  
Cited approximately 30+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: October 21, 2009  
Approval Date: December 31, 2009

### **Case #32**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Biochemical Engineer  
Current Position: Research Fellow at a medical center  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 20+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 90+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: October 6, 2009  
Approval Date: December 10, 2009

### **Case #33**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Computer Science  
Current Position: Senior software engineer at a private company  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a US university  
Published 10+ journal conference papers  
Cited approximately 40+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: February 10, 2009  
Approval Date: December 9, 2009

### **Case #34**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Molecular Biology  
Current Position: Postdoctoral research associate at a research hospital  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 20 journal papers  
Cited approximately 230+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 1 independent experts  
Filing Date: February 25, 2009  
Approval Date: December 16, 2009

### **Case #35**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Chemical Engineering  
Current Position: Postdoctoral research associate at a consortium of universities  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a US university  
Published 10+ journal and conference papers  
Cited approximately 50+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: September 24, 2009  
Approval Date: December 11, 2009

### **Case #36**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Nanotechnology  
Current Position: Postdoctoral researcher at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a US university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 250+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: December 2, 2009  
Approval Date: December 17, 2009

### **Case #37**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Genetics  
Current Position: Postdoctoral fellow at national laboratory  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a US university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 160+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: January 29, 2009  
Approval Date: December 4, 2009

### **Case #38**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Chemical Engineering  
Current Position: Postdoctoral research associate at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 90+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: September 22, 2009  
Approval Date: December 3, 2009

### **Case #39**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Chemistry  
Current Position: Postdoctoral researcher at a state university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 10+ journal papers  
Cited approximately 300+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 3 independent experts  
Filing Date: October 7, 2009  
Approval Date: December 30, 2009

### **Case #40**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Bioinformatics  
Current Position: Bioinformatics specialist at a medical school  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a US university  
Published 10+ journal and conference papers  
Cited approximately 20+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 2 independent experts  
Filing Date: February 24, 2009  
Approval Date: December 28, 2009

### **Case #41**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Genetics  
Current Position: Postdoctoral fellow at a private university  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a foreign university  
Published 10+ journal and conference papers  
Cited approximately 170 times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 4 independent experts  
Filing Date: February 2, 2009  
Approval Date: December 14, 2009

### **Case #42**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Physics  
Current Position: Medical physics consultant at a medical physics services company  
Major Credentials: M.S. from a foreign and US university  
Published 20+ journal and conference papers  
Cited approximately 40 times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 6 including 2 independent experts

Filing Date: September 10, 2009  
Approval Date: December 3, 2009

**Case #43**

Case Type: Eb-2 NIW I-140  
Field of Research: Environmental Science  
Current Position: Environmental scientist at an energy company  
Major Credentials: Ph.D. from a US university  
Published 10 journal papers  
Cited approximately 80+ times by other researchers  
Supporting Letters: 5 including 3 independent experts  
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