

Choosing Between the Fiancé(e) Visa Route & Spousal Immigrant Visa Route
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- Are you a U.S. Citizen?
- Is your fiancé(e) outside the United States?
- Which should you pursue?
 Fiancé(e) Visa (I-129F / K-1 Visa)
 or
 Spousal Immigrant Visa (I-130 / IVP)

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I-129F / K-1 Visa

- Marriage must occur **inside** the United States
- **3** Stage Process to Green Card (I-129F, K-1 Visa, I-485/I-765/I-131)
- Average Processing Time to Entry Into U.S.:
~ **8-9 mo.** *(Subject to change)*

I-130 / IVP

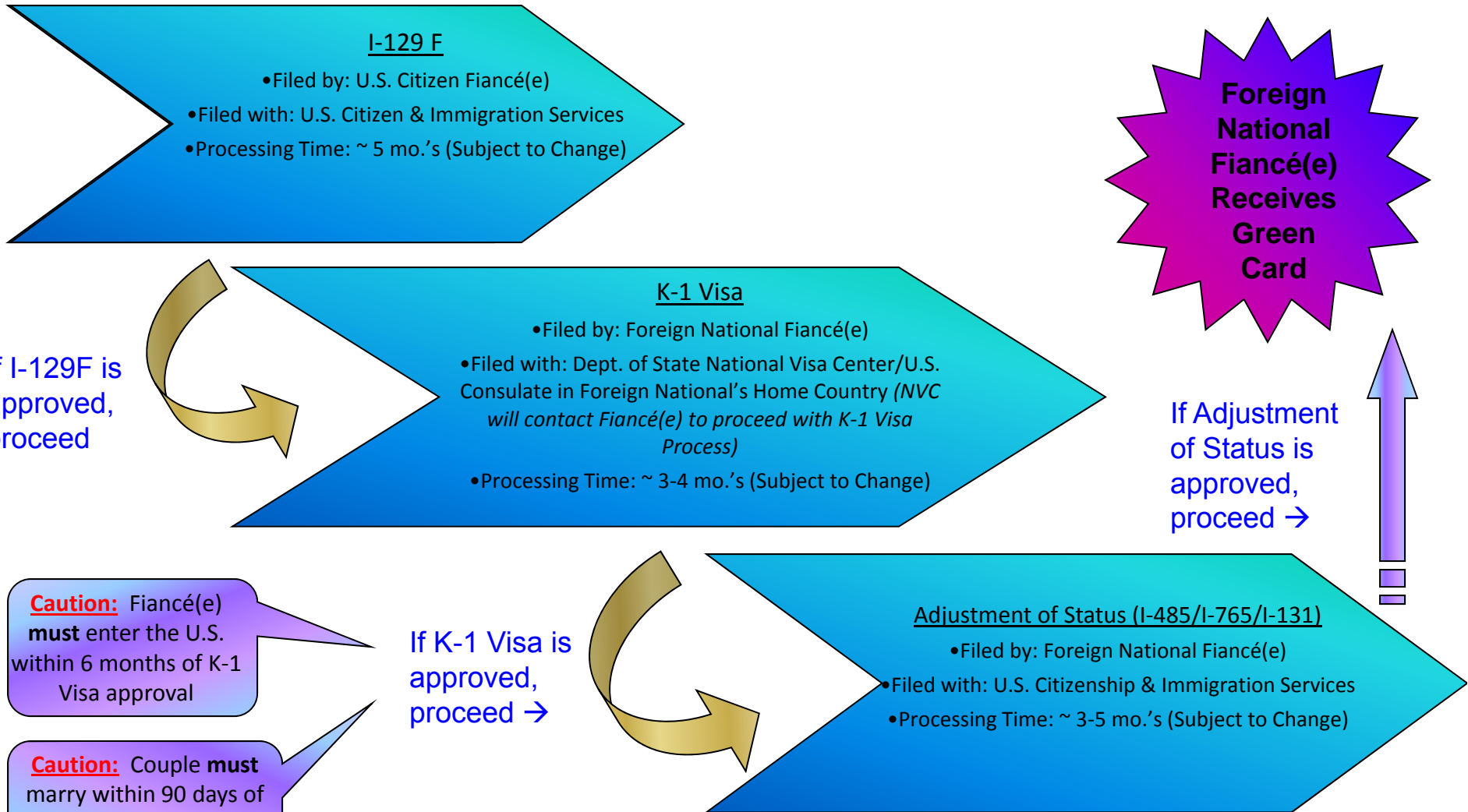
- Marriage normally occurs **outside** the United States
- **2** Stage Process to Green Card (I-130, IVP)
- Average Processing Time to Entry Into U.S.:
~ **10-12 mo.** *(Subject to change)*

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Caution: Fiancé(e) **must** enter the U.S. within 6 months of K-1 Visa approval

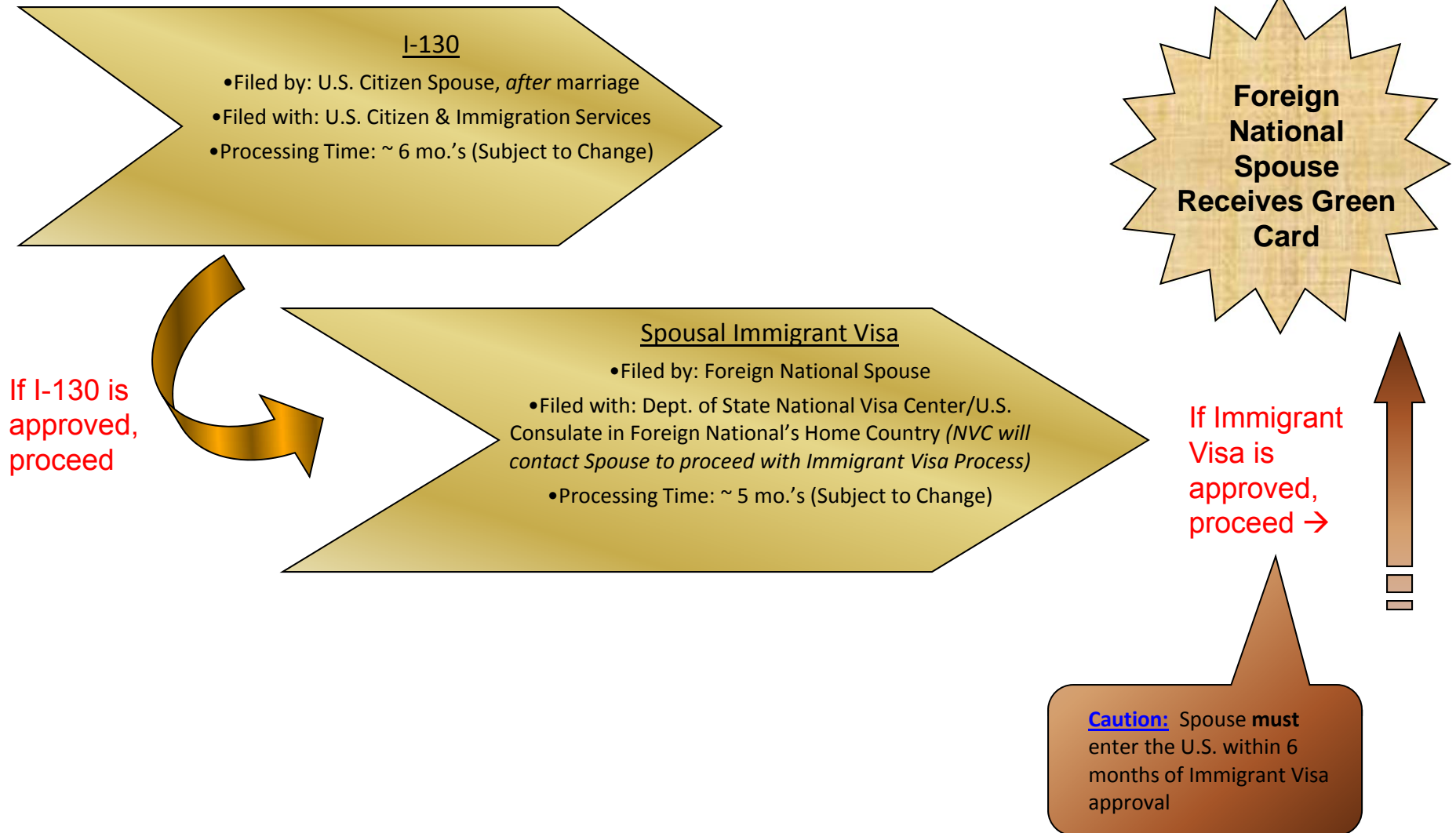
Caution: Couple **must** marry within 90 days of Fiancé(e)'s entry into U.S.

Spousal Immigrant Visa Route

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Questions?

Schedule a [Consultation](#) with one of our experienced immigration attorneys to help you decide which route is best for you and your fiancé(e).