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OF COUNSEL

Overview

When businesses need to secure professional talent outside the U.S., Jacqueline is the attorney they call. She provides business employment immigration services to both corporations and individuals, including employer or family sponsorship and naturalization. She handles all manner of employment based immigration case management, including: H-1B, Labor Certification (PERM), L-1A, L-1B, L-1 Blanket, E-1/E-2, TN, B-1, F-1, J-1 students, researchers and trainees, and I-140 (EB-1, EB-1a, EB-2, and EB-3). She counsels clients on consular processing and Client Adjustment interviews, and has filed Adjustment of Status applications, including Advance Parole and Employment Authorization.

Prior to joining Amundsen Davis, Jacqueline gained experience at a boutique immigration law firm and as an Immigration Specialist for World Relief, for which she obtained Board of Immigration Appeals accreditation, and filed VAWA petitions and Adjustment of Status and Citizenship applications. Prior to becoming an attorney, Jacqueline was employed by the University of Houston and Purdue University as an F-1 and J-1 student counselor. She possesses more than 24 years of experience with immigration issues as an attorney. Additionally, Jacqueline assists clients on I-9 compliance audits and counsels employers on work authorization obligations.

Jacqueline is fluent in Italian. Outside the office she enjoys hiking in the Rocky Mountains.

Experience

Obtained R-1 and Green Cards for Religious Workers and Ministers

Offered a Complete Analysis of a Legal Permanent Residency Process and other Nonimmigrant Processes

Reduced the Settlement Fine in a Department of Labor Wage and Hour Audit

SERVICES

Employment Advice & Counsel

Equal Pay Compliance

Government Regulation, Audit & Compliance

Immigration & Global Mobility

Labor, Employment & Immigration

Nonprofit Institutions & Tax-Exempt Organizations

Staffing Agency, Independent Contractor & Contingent Workforce

Vaccine Mandates in the Workplace

Wage & Hour

EDUCATION

Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D.

Brown University, M.A., Italian Studies

Boston University, B.A., *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Colorado

Obtained Board of Immigration Appeals Accreditation for a Local Nonprofit to Process Immigration Cases

Obtained Nonimmigrant Visas and Legal Permanent Residency for an International Organization

Successfully Removed Conditions on Legal Permanent Residency

Membership & Involvement

- Member: American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Liaison Committee for Customs Border Protection, 2018-present; AILA Midwest Regional Conference Planning Committee 2017, 2018; AILA Distance Learning Committee member, 2014-2016; Illinois State Bar Association, Immigration and International Law Committee, 2002-2003; Kane County Bar Association, Immigration Committee; National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA); Colorado Springs Chamber & Economic Development Corporation; ProVisors, 2023-present

Honors

Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Immigration Law: 2025

Firm News

100 Amundsen Davis Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® in 2025 in America Firm News, August 15, 2024

Speaking Engagements

How To Be Better Prepared if ICE Shows Up: Complying with the NEW I-9 and E-Verify Regulations

Speaking Engagement, Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Webcast, February 12, 2025

Immigration & Compliance in a Post-Covid World

Speaking Engagement, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, October 13, 2022

Immigration Overview

Trusted Advisors Council, Seminar; Geneva, IL, May 2021

COVID-19 and the Biden Administration Proposed Immigration Changes and Impacts on Employment Based Immigration

Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, April 20, 2021

F-1 Student Updates

Valparaiso University, Webcast, March 2021

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LANGUAGES

Italian

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Rotary Club, Seminar; Joliet, IL, March 2021

F-1 Student Updates

Elgin Community College, Webcast, February 2021

F-1 Student Updates

Judson University, Webcast, January 2021

F-1 Employment in the US

Wheaton College, Webcast, October 29, 2020

F-1 Student Updates

Wheaton College, Webcast, October 2020

Trends & Technical Issues Impacting Employment Based Immigration in Light of COVID-19 and the Election Year

Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, October 6, 2020

Workplace Immigration Amid COVID

Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Webcast, September 2020

Investing In Your Future: U.S. Immigration and the Bel Paese

Italian Trade Commission and University of Padua Alumni Association, Webcast, November 2019

Hot Topics & H-1B Updates

Kane County Bar Association Commercial Law Committee, Seminar, April 2019

F-1 Student Updates

Judson University, Seminar, March 2019

F-1 Student Updates

Harper College, Seminar, February 2019

F-1 Student Updates

Wheaton College, Seminar, October 2018

Business Immigration: Overview and Relevant Updates in the Areas of Work Visas, International Students and Permanent Residency

Kane County Bar Association 2017 Immigration Seminar; Geneva, IL, May 4, 2017

Overview of Business Immigration Law - Kane County Bar Association Commercial Law Committee Presentation

April 25, 2017

Fireside Chat: Travel Ban Executive Order

North Central College Office of Multicultural Affairs, February 6, 2017

International Recruitment, Visas & Immigration Compliance
Developing Effective CMHC Operational Management Seminar, December 12, 2016

Overview of Business Immigration
2016 Kane County Bar Association Immigration Seminar, May 4, 2016

Published Works

The J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa
Publication, *Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education; Immigration Law 2022 Edition*, 2022

Illinois Employment Forms-Online Version
Publication, *Illinois Chamber of Commerce*, March 2021

Illinois Employment Law Handbook - 5th Edition
Illinois Chamber of Commerce, 2019

Blog Posts

H-1B Modernization Rule Finalized
Labor & Employment Law Update, January 9, 2025

How Will the Trump Administration Impact Your Business?
Labor & Employment Law Update, December 5, 2024

I-94 Travel Tips for Fewer Headaches
Labor & Employment Law Update, September 17, 2024

8 Things You Need to Know About Getting a US Visa
Labor & Employment Law Update, May 28, 2024

H-1B Travelers to Save Time, Money, and Heartache with Stateside Visa Renewal Pilot Program, Starting January 29
Labor & Employment Law Update, January 29, 2024

Immigration Fees Likely to Soar in Early 2024
Labor & Employment Law Update, December 5, 2023

Minimize Your Cost by Starting the Green Card Process Early
Labor & Employment Law Update, October 13, 2023

Good News Is on the Horizon for Green Card Applicants
Labor & Employment Law Update, June 21, 2023

The Top 5 Mistakes Employers Make When Preparing H-1B Petitions
Labor & Employment Law Update, January 26, 2023

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Avoid the Million Dollar Mistake - Five I-9 Immigration Compliance Tips That Can Save You Time, Money, and Trouble

Labor & Employment Law Update, December 2, 2022

USCIS Lengthens Work Permit Automatic Extensions and Expands Premium Processing Options

Labor & Employment Law Update, June 16, 2022

NOW is the Time to Assess H-1B Visas for 2022!

Labor & Employment Law Update, January 10, 2022

New Life for H-1B Petitions: Market Research Analyst Ruling a Good Sign for H-1B Petitioners

Labor & Employment Law Update, November 17, 2021

With US Easing Travel Restrictions, Foreign National Visa Holders Ask: Can I Go Home?

Labor & Employment Law Update, October 1, 2021

H-1B Filing Season: Time to Review Visa Status Expirations for Foreign National Employees

Labor & Employment Law Update, March 1, 2021

Biden Changes Immigration Outlook, H-1B Visa Details TBD

Labor & Employment Law Update, February 3, 2021

What to Expect on Immigration from the Biden Administration

Labor & Employment Law Update, November 25, 2020

Navigating the U.S. Immigration Labyrinth Right Now

Labor & Employment Law Update, September 30, 2020

Charting the Course for H-1Bs and Other Visas Through COVID-19

Labor & Employment Law Update, May 27, 2020

An H-1B Season of Transition Begins

Labor & Employment Law Update, February 10, 2020

Minimizing the Risks of GDPR for U.S. Academic Institutions

Labor & Employment Law Update, December 10, 2019

Legalized Marijuana, Non-Citizens and Immigration Risks

Labor & Employment Law Update, August 22, 2019

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Policy Challenged on Third-Party Worksites

Labor & Employment Law Update, June 7, 2019

H-1B Visas: What You Need to Know About Filing in 2019

Labor & Employment Law Update, January 30, 2019

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Universities and International Students May Still Benefit Amid Uncertain Immigration Future

Labor & Employment Law Update, February 2, 2018

H-1B Applicants, Start Your Engines

Labor & Employment Law Update, January 31, 2018

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and Department of Labor Announce Further Measures to Detect H-1B Visa Fraud and Tighten Rules

Labor & Employment Law Update, April 18, 2017

Proposed Rule Offers New Hope for Foreign Entrepreneurs

Labor & Employment Law Update, September 14, 2016

The Waiting Begins: Will Your H-1B Case Be Selected in the Lottery This Year?

Labor & Employment Law Update, April 19, 2016

When You Need An Amended H-1B Petition, Simeio Solutions Decision

Labor & Employment Law Update, September 14, 2015

Navigating the H-4 EAD Process: Be Ready to File

Labor & Employment Law Update, May 14, 2015

Executive Action on Immigration to Affect Millions

Labor & Employment Law Update, November 25, 2014

Spousal H-4 Visa Holders: Important Changes on the Horizon Regarding Employment Authorization for Certain H-4 Dependent Spouses

Labor & Employment Law Update, August 21, 2014

Going, Going, Gone! USCIS' FY 2015 H-1B Cap

Labor & Employment Law Update, April 28, 2014

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