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Practice Emphasis

Immigration	I-9 Compliance and Audit
Visas	Family-Based Immigration
Citizenship	Employment-Based Immigration
Naturalization	Green Card & Permanent Residency

About Barbara

For more than 25 years, Barbara Marcouiller's practice has been dedicated exclusively to immigration law and I-9 compliance, with a focus on custom immigration solutions for businesses and families.

Employment-Based Visas

A great deal of Barbara's practice is devoted to helping employers determine the best path to secure U.S. work visas for key employees. She has extensive experience assisting clients in the following areas: employment-based first preference and second preference with national interest waiver applications for multi-national executives, outstanding researchers and professors, scientists, medical researchers, artists, and others; PERM applications; all aspects of family-based immigration, naturalization, nationality; and temporary visas including H1B, H-2B, H-4, O1, L1, TN, B1, B2, and F.

I-9 Compliance – Audits and Due Diligence

Not complying with federal I-9 regulations can have serious consequences for employers, even if all employees of a company are U.S. citizens. Barbara counsels employers on the complexities and requirements of I-9 compliance programs. This includes developing representative audit programs and protocols necessary to alleviate discrimination claims and issues. Barbara also provides advice and counsel to companies that receive federal investigative notices relating to I-9 compliance, and social security no-match letters.

Family-Based Immigration

Barbara assists individuals and families seeking "green cards" and permanent residency as U.S. citizens. The process for obtaining permanent residency and citizenship is complex. Barbara analyzes each client's detailed history to determine the most advantageous approach for each client. She advises clients on potential issues, prepares the required legal documentation, and represents clients in connection with correspondence and proceedings before the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, Department of Labor, and Department of Justice.

Education & Admissions

- > J.D., Loyola University of Chicago
- > M.A., University of Texas at Austin
- > B.A., St. Mary's College at Notre Dame

Bar Admissions

- > U.S. Supreme Court
- > U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- > U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- > U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
- > Illinois (voluntarily inactive due to presence in Washington)
- > Washington

Professional & Civic Involvement

- > American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
- > She has held a number of leadership positions on behalf of the Washington State chapter of that organization including chapter officer, and liaison with the USCIS and the U.S. consulate in Vancouver, BC on behalf of the attorneys, as well as co-chairing of the Consumer Protection and Lawyer Professional Responsibility committee.
- > East King County Bar Association - volunteer at the immigration legal clinics
- > St. James Immigrant Assistance
- > French American Chamber of Commerce
- > Barbara is a frequent speaker at professional seminars including on the national level, and has been recognized for her achievement by the Washington State Chapter of AILA for "service to our organization, our profession and our community" and by The Legal Clinics of the King County Bar Association

Publications & Presentations

- “Identifying and Ethically Handling Fraud in Marriage Cases,” AILA Annual National Conference in Orlando, FL 06/19/2019
- “Advanced Issues in Adjustment of Status and IV Consular Processing: Current Hot Topics and Trends,” AILA Northwest Regional CLE Seattle, WA 02/14/2019
- “H-1B Status: What’s It All About?” East King County Bar Association CLE for non-immigration attorneys, Bellevue, WA 01/24/2019
- “Consumer Protection and Immigration Services Fraud Prevention Acts,” Organizer and moderator on behalf of AILA WA Consumer Protection and Professional Responsibility Committee, half-day CLE including participants from WSBA Office of Disciplinary Counsel, WA Attorney General’s office, ICE, and more.
- “Annual Ethics CLE,” Organizer and moderator on behalf of AILA WA Consumer Protection and Professional Responsibility committee, including participant from EOIR in Washington, DC.
- “Post H-1B Issues: Job Changes and More,” Speaker, AILA WA CLE
- “Death of the Petitioner” panel presenter, American Immigration Lawyers Association Northwest Regional CLE in Portland, OR
- “Immigration Law 101” by LawReview CLE, sole speaker at a 4 hour long CLE on immigration law for other lawyers
- “Grounds of Inadmissibility,” panel presenter, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) annual national conference in Las Vegas, NV. Standing room only session of several hundred attorneys.
- Discussion Leader of USCIS panel consisting of the District Director of the Seattle, WA office and the District Director of the Portland, OR office of USCIS. AILA Northwest Regional CLE
- “Managing Complex Family Cases,” Moderator and panel participant, Northwest Regional Immigration Conference CLE, Seattle, WA. Also co-author of the written article for the CLE.
- “Representing Cancellation of Removal Cases,” Speaker, sponsored by the King County Bar Association and the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, Seattle, WA
- “Ethics Issues in Family-Based Immigration Cases,” Speaker, Northwest Regional Immigration CLE jointly sponsored by AILA and the King County Bar Association, Portland, OR
- *Ethics and Your Immigration Practice*, Co-Editor, book published by AILA National
- “Methods of Obtaining Permanent Residence,” Speaker, Northwest Regional Immigration conference jointly sponsored by AILA and the King County Bar Association, Seattle, WA
- Loyola University of Chicago, School of Law, guest lecturer in International Human Rights law class teaching asylum law.