



## Immigration

The Vandeventer Black Immigration Law Group provides a full range of immigration services for businesses and individuals. Our services include complete preparation of visa and citizenship applications, helping businesses with strategies to transfer personnel to their U.S. operations, and assisting clients to fight deportation and seek asylum.

Our long history of handling immigration matters and working with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service (US CIS) and the Department of Labor enables Vandeventer Black to handle any immigration law matter and provide effective and efficient service to our clients.

### **Businesses / Visas / Citizenship**

We represent businesses currently located, or seeking to locate, in the U.S. with strategies to help expedite and facilitate the transfer of managers, executives and other personnel to their U.S. operations.

Our established, full-service practice provides complete preparation of the full range of immigrant and nonimmigrant petitions and visa applications. Specifically, we handle all aspects of permanent resident applications ("green cards"), including: PERM labor certifications, intra-company transferees, extraordinary ability petitions, outstanding professors and researchers, national interest waivers, religious workers, health care professionals, and related family-based petitions. We skillfully prepare nonimmigrant petitions for H professionals, L intra-company transferees, E treaty traders and investors, B-1 business visitors, O and P outstanding and performing individuals, R religious workers and TN Canadians.

We assist employers with compliance under the employer sanction provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, including counsel on the implementation of I-9 processes and procedures and avoiding civil and criminal fines and penalties under the Act.

The Immigration Law Group also provides wide-ranging assistance for all families, including both family members of foreign national workers and all other types of family-based cases (for example, a U.S. Citizen sponsoring a spouse; or a U.S. Citizen adult son or daughter sponsoring parents; or green card holders sponsoring family members; and all others).

Our publication *United States Immigration Laws for Businesses - A Summary of Strategies to Help Facilitate the Transfer of Managers, Executives & Personnel to the U.S.* is available in hard copy or downloadable from our web site and serves as a roadmap for determining the most effective strategies for our clients.

### **Deportation / Asylum / Waivers**

We represent clients nationwide before Immigration Courts to fight deportation in difficult cases. We use our knowledge of immigration law and the court system to obtain favorable results in many cases. We also represent clients seeking waivers, green cards, and asylum from US CIS and help clients detained or facing deferred inspection by US ICE. We know how to challenge aggravated felonies, crimes involving moral turpitude, and drug, weapons, sex, and domestic violence convictions in the immigration system.

Some of our cases in this area have involved:

- Adjustments of Status (I-485)
- Aggravated felonies
- Asylum (affirmative and defensive)(I-589)
- Battered Spouse Petitions (I-360)
- Board of immigration Appeals
- Bond & Detention Hearings
- Cancellation of Removal, LPR & Non-LPR (E42A, E42B)
- Consular Processing (I-130, I-601)
- Crimes involving moral turpitude (CIMTs)
- Deferred Inspections
- Derivative Citizenship
- Motions to Reopen In Absentia Removal Orders



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- Naturalization Applications & Appeals (N400, N336)
- Petitions for Commutation to Governor to Reduce Criminal Convictions
- Post-Conviction State Court Relief (Coram Nobis / Audita Querela)
- Stays of Deportation (I-246)
- Supervised Release or Parole Requests
- Visa Waiver Program
- Waivers of Inadmissibility (I-601)
- Withholding of Removal (I-589)

### Representative deportation and asylum cases include:

#### Immigration Court

- Helped client get deportation relief by reducing state criminal conviction from aggravated felony through petition for commutation granted by governor of Virginia
- Helped client with drug possession conviction receive cancellation of removal
- Helped client get termination of removal by eliminating aggravated felony through reduction in criminal conviction from state trial court
- Helped client vacate removal order in Board of Immigration Appeals and reopen proceedings in Immigration Court
- Helped client with aggravated felony receive withholding of removal
- Helped client get deportation relief based on non-LPR cancellation of removal and subsequently on family-based adjustment of status
- Helped client get termination of removal based on removing conditions on green card
- Helped multiple clients get termination of removal based on marriage-based adjustments of status
- Helped client in successful challenge in removal proceeding to ICE finding that criminal conviction was an aggravated felony

#### U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS)

- Represented client in CIS proceeding to obtain green card on the basis of an I-360 Abused Spouse petition
- Represented client in consular proceedings in effort to obtain I-601 waiver of inadmissibility and green card for wife in foreign country
- Represented client seeking affirmative asylum in CIS proceeding
- Represented client in effort to adjust status in CIS proceeding based on removal of conditions on green card
- Represented client before CIS in appeal of denial of citizenship
- Represented client with conviction for possible crime involving moral turpitude (CIMT) in CIS proceeding seeking employment-based adjustment of status

#### U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)

- Represented client with criminal convictions for possible CIMTs in deferred inspection proceedings with ICE
- Represented client before ICE and Immigration Court in effort to stay deportation based on challenge to use by agency of in absentia foreign criminal conviction for CIMT.

### Practice Attorneys

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