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ATTORNEY PROFILE

Akanksha Kalra, Esquire has a law practice focused exclusively in the area of **U.S. Immigration and Nationality law** and provides legal representation to businesses and individuals throughout the United States. Ms. Kalra represents corporate and individual clients in immigration matters before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Labor, Department of State and U.S. Consulates, Executive Office of Immigration Reform, Board of Immigration Appeals and other federal agencies. She counsels businesses in developing immigration strategies and policies to manage an international workforce and ensure corporate compliance. Ms. Kalra has extensive experience in obtaining work visas for foreign born professionals seeking employment in STEM fields, information technology, education, healthcare, research, engineering, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, and other areas. Her clients range from computer professionals, engineers, architects, entrepreneurs, scientists, researchers, healthcare workers to international entertainers, artists and athletes.

While Ms. Kalra is involved with all facets of immigration, she has extensive experience in employment based immigration matters. She represents clients in obtaining nonimmigrant work visas such as H-1B, L-1, TN, E, O, P, R, B-1/B-2; PERM labor certifications; and employment based permanent residence. Ms. Kalra provides legal representation in matters related to employment based immigration, family/marriage based immigrant visas (“green cards”), naturalization, removal/deportation, asylum, U visas and VAWA related issues.

Ms. Kalra has significant personal ties to the immigration experience. She was born in India and immigrated to the United States in 1992. She is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania Law School where she received her LL.M. degree in International Law in 1997. Prior to coming to the United States, Ms. Kalra obtained her LL.B. degree with Top Honors from Law Faculty, University of Delhi in 1990. She graduated at the top of her class with B.A. (Hons.) from Punjab University, India. Ms. Kalra is admitted to the New York Bar and United States Court of Appeals for the Third

Circuit. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Montgomery County Bar Association.

Ms. Kalra has nineteen years of experience working in the field of immigration law and is committed to providing high quality professional services and individual attention to clients. She works with businesses to develop immigration strategies and policies to manage an international workforce and ensure corporate compliance. She regularly advises corporate clients on the impact of immigration regulations on their business and human resource needs. Ms. Kalra is a national speaker/commentator on immigration issues. She has written several articles on immigration related topics and presented on immigration issues on television shows. She is frequently invited as a speaker to address international students at colleges and universities and community organizations.

Ms. Kalra has been a Pennsylvania resident for twenty six years. She is dedicated to community service and serves on many civic associations and boards. She is a board member and an active volunteer for various community and non-profit organizations in the Greater Philadelphia area. Ms. Kalra is fluent in Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and Gujarati.

Specialties

- Business nonimmigrant work visas (H-1B, L-1, E-1/E-2, O, P, TN visas)
- Employment Based Permanent Residence, PERM Labor Certifications
- EB-5 Investor Visa
- Immigration Compliance issues
- IRCA and I-9 requirements
- I-9 Audits and Immigration Compliance Certifications
- Family based permanent resident ("green card") matters
- Naturalization and Citizenship issues
- Removal/Deportation, Asylum matters
- U Visas, VAWA
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)