

## IMMIGRATION, NATIONALITY & CONSULAR

Shulman Rogers' Immigration, Nationality & Consular Practice Group Practice Group provides clients with employment and family-based, naturalization, consular and litigation immigration services. Clients include large, medium and small businesses engaged in the domestic and international transfer of foreign personnel, including executives, managers, and other highly skilled professionals. We also represent individuals of extraordinary and exceptional ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, and athletics, as well as individuals seeking to unite with family members, and those in Deportation/Removal Proceedings before the U.S. Immigration Courts and federal appellate courts.

### **Employment-Based Immigration Legal Services**

We offer our clients a full array of employment based immigration legal services including both Immigrant Visas (greencards) and Nonimmigrant (temporary) Visas. Shulman Rogers also provides its corporate clients with legal services in conducting due diligence and risk assessment for immigration purposes, including I-9 Employment Compliance/Employer Sanctions and the unique immigration issues raised by Mergers and Acquisitions and other forms of corporate restructuring with regard to the employment of foreign personnel.

### **Immigrant Visas including:**

EB-1

Priority Workers Persons of Extraordinary Ability in the Sciences, Arts, Education, Business or Athletics; Outstanding Professors or Researchers; Multinational Executive and Manager Transferees

EB-2

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Members of the Professions Holding Advanced Degrees; Persons of Exceptional Ability in the Sciences, Arts or Business

EB-3

Professionals with Bachelors Degrees; Skilled Workers

**Nonimmigrant Visas including:**

B-1

Business Visitors

E-1

Treaty Traders

E-2

Treaty Investors

F-1

Student Visas (and Practical Training)

H-1B

Specialty Occupation Professionals

H-2B

Essential Skill Workers

H-3

Trainees

I-1

Foreign Media Representatives

J-1

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Exchange Visitors

L-1

Intracompany Transferees

O-1

Extraordinary Ability Individuals

P-1

Athletes and Entertainers

P-2

Reciprocal Exchange Artists and Entertainers

P-3

Culturally Unique Artists and Entertainers

Q-1

Cultural Exchange Visitors

R-1

Religious Workers

TN

NAFTA Professionals

**Family-Based Immigration Legal Services**

Shulman Rogers offers a full array of family-based immigration legal services including Immigrant Visas (greencards) and Nonimmigrant (temporary) Visas.

**Immigrant Visas including:**

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Immediate Relatives of U.S. Citizens Spouses, Unmarried Children and Parents

F-1

Unmarried Sons and Daughters of U.S. Citizens

F-2A

Spouses and Children of Permanent Residents

F-2B

Unmarried Sons and Daughters of Permanent Residents

F-3

Unmarried Sons and Daughters of Permanent Residents

F-3

Unmarried Sons and Daughters of Permanent Residents

**Nonimmigrant Visas including:**

K-1

Fiances/Fiancees of U.S. Citizens

K-3

Spouses of U.S. Citizens

V-1

Spouses of Permanent Residents

V-2

Children of Permanent Residents

**Consular Legal Services**

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Both Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas are adjudicated/issued at U.S. embassies and consulates overseas. Given the extraordinary bureaucratic delays of the Department of Homeland Security - Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (former Immigration and Naturalization Service) in adjudicating Applications to Adjust Status (to Permanent Resident) within the U.S., consular processing abroad of Immigrant Visa Applications often offers individuals and dependent family members a faster track to obtaining their greencards. Shulman Rogers Immigration, Nationality & Consular Practice Group offers its clients the resources to effectively deal with every U.S. consular post abroad.

**Naturalization Legal Services**

After obtaining permanent residence, individuals may elect to pursue U.S. citizenship through naturalization. U.S. residence and physical presence are required for varying periods of time depending upon how one obtained his or her greencard in order to qualify. Other criteria affect one's eligibility for naturalization often making the process more complex than initially apparent.

**Immigration Litigation Legal Services**

Permanent Residents as well as other persons who violate the U.S. Immigration Laws are subject to deportation/removal from the United States. Violations of the U.S. Immigration Laws not only include criminal offenses and entry into the United States without inspection. Individuals are also subject to deportation/removal from the U.S. for other violations, including working without authorization as well as remaining in the U.S. past the period of time for which they were admitted. Shulman Rogers offers a full array of immigration litigation services to persons in Deportation/Removal Proceedings before the U.S. Immigration Court, Board of Immigration Appeals and federal appellate courts.

**Our Practice Philosophy**

Meticulous attention to detail, creative problem solving and a result oriented focus are hallmarks of Shulman Rogers' Immigration, Nationality & Consular Practice Group. We think the most effective way to deal with a problem is to prevent the problem before it occurs. Careful planning and foundation building at the initiation of a case ensures a smooth process on the track to the desired result.

Articles and Presentations

Related Links

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**PUBLICATIONS**

Immigration Alert

Immigration Law Alert - Dec. 2008

Employment of Foreign Scientific Personnel in the Biotechnology Industry

**NEWS**

Immigration Alert

Shulman Rogers Has Thirteen Attorneys Named to the 2009 Super Lawyers Listing for Washington, D.C.

**EVENTS**

Seminar on Immigration Law