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Lauren M. Sigg practices in the area of U.S. immigration law, and she focuses on business immigration. She is a member of our firm's Immigration group.

General Corporate Immigration

Lauren helps multinational companies, organizations, and institutions staff their U.S. offices by obtaining appropriate immigration status for their employees. She represents a range of clients, such as manufacturing and technology companies, hospitals, and academic institutions. Lauren's assistance allows clients to retain valuable key business people, scientists, researchers, and other professionals, as she helps them obtain both temporary and permanent immigration status. While her practice includes all business-related nonimmigrant and immigrant petitions, she focuses on applications for Labor Certification, complex H-1B petitions, petitions for outstanding researchers and individuals with extraordinary ability, and naturalization matters. Lauren is a Six Sigma Green Belt.

Immigration for "Cap-Exempt" Entities (Institutions of Higher Education, + Certain Other Non-Profit Organizations)

Lauren represents colleges and universities with regard to their immigration needs, including filing cap-exempt H-1B petitions, providing advice regarding J-1 issues, and preparing/filing special handling green card cases. She also works with entities affiliated with institutions of higher education, including hospitals and health centers. Lauren has prepared and filed applications to waive the two year home residency requirement for physicians in both Massachusetts and Connecticut, which allows clients to attract and retain top talent.

Employment Eligibility – Verification + Compliance

Lauren counsels employers on the Immigration Reform and Control Act and all requirements for employment verification and documentation, I-9 form matters, and E-Verify. She provides advice and training regarding I-9 obligations, and has assisted with questions arising during I-9 audits completed both internally and based on government requests.

Export Control

Lauren also provides advice and guidance regarding import/export control issues and regulations, including compliance and enforcement issues. She advises clients on compliance with trade regulations, including Export Administration Regulations (EAR), provides clients with classification counseling, and assists them with I-129 certifications for immigration, compliance programs and training.

Pro Bono

Lauren is committed to doing pro bono work, and regularly assists those in need of immigration-related assistance. She recently assisted with filing an extraordinary ability petition for a professor, who is also seeking asylum in the U.S. She also

helped a ballet school with its application to bring foreign students to the United States. She routinely has assisted with filing special immigrant juvenile petitions, to allow these juveniles to obtain U.S. permanent resident status. Lauren serves as a member of the Hartford Advisory Board for the Pro Bono Partnership.

Services

- Labor, Employment, Benefits + Immigration
- Immigration

Industries

- Education

Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Juris Doctor, *with honors*)
- Skidmore College (Bachelors)
 - B.A., Biology

Admissions

- State of Connecticut

Recognitions

Selected as a Rising Star to the Connecticut *Super Lawyers* list from 2013 to 2018

Recognized as a New Leader in the Law as part of Law.com and *Connecticut Law Tribune's* 2023 New England Legal Awards

Leadership + Memberships

Pro Bono Partnership

Hartford Advisory Board

Interval House

Board of Directors

Chair of Governance Committee