



MOHAMMAD ALI SYED

Principal, Bethesda

PRACTICE AREAS

- Immigration Law
- International Practice
- Labor and Employment Law

RECENT SUCCESSES IN IMMIGRATION LAW

- H1B visa approvals for employees of IT companies, medical professionals, accounting firms and others.
- Permanent Residence (PERM) applications for IT company employees and law firms.
- L1 intracompany transfer for large Argentinian wine producer.
- L1 intracompany transfer for U.S. based financial company for the CEO of its offshore affiliate in Pakistan.
- E2 visa for investor/owner and chef/employee of Korean restaurant in Georgetown.
- E2 visa for the investor/owner of a medical device related technology company.
- EB1, extra ordinary ability, green card for Indian Olympic swimmer.
- Permanent residence applications for spouses and other relatives of US citizens.
- Citizenship applications for green

PRACTICE FOCUS

Mohammad (Mo) Ali Syed is a principal attorney in Offit Kurman's Immigration Law practice group. He has over 21 years of legal experience.

His primary focus is on business and employment related permanent and temporary visa matters. He typically assists: (1) U.S. employers in getting visas to employ non-U.S. nationals in professional and non-professional positions; (2) non-U.S. businesses and individuals to secure visas to live and work in the U.S.; (3) multinational companies with intracompany transfers of employees and principals to their U.S. offices, existing and startups.

His clients include individuals, small, medium and large companies and non-profits, both U.S. and non-U.S. His representation has spanned a variety of industries, such as accounting, agriculture, architecture, automotive, casinos, commercial real estate, education, energy, financial service, healthcare, hospitality, IT, law firms, oil and gas, pharmaceutical and medical device, print and digital media, religious entities, restaurants, retail, robotics, sports, software, staffing, technology, and wine makers to name just a few.

He regularly represents aliens of extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, and athletics. He has vast experience with nonimmigrant and immigrant visas including H-1B, PERM (employment-based green cards), E-1/E-2 treaty trader and investor visas, L-1 intracompany transfer visas, O, P, and multinational managers and EB-5 investor immigration. He also handles I-9 compliance and Department of Labor Investigations.

He has expertise in family-based immigration, fiancé visas, naturalization and related matters. He also litigates cases involving delayed consular processing of visas, and USCIS delays in naturalization and immigration matters.

Mr. Syed has represented businesses and individuals in International Business, Trade, Civil and Commercial Litigation, Mediation, Antitrust and Trade Regulation, and Government Investigations. His clients come from several different countries and a variety of industry sectors. This experience in a variety of legal areas for a host of varied clients gives him the depth and breadth of real-world knowledge and legal expertise to be a trusted advisor to his clients and an effective advocate for them.

International Business and Trade

- Advised foreign businesses in startup and growth of U.S. operations.
- Counseled foreign clients regarding U.S. business

Commercial and International Litigation

- Represented businesses and individuals in breach of contract and collections matters.
- Litigated mass tort cases involving pharmaceutical and medical device companies in state and federal court.
- Practices and laws.

Antitrust and Government Investigations

- Represented media companies in regulatory and litigation matters related to the federal antitrust laws.
- Appeared in matters before the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission.
- Defended targets of state and federal investigations in a variety of matters.

Mr. Syed has been named to Martindale-Hubbell's AV Preeminent® Top Rated Lawyers, which recognizes attorneys for their strong legal ability and high ethical standards. He also has a 10 out of 10 ranking on AVVO.

PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "H-1Bs and Me: How I Learned to Get Approvals and Love the Job," American Immigration Lawyers Association DC Chapter CLE Conference (February 23, 2022)
- Author, "Immigration Win for Employers," GGI Insider, GGI Geneva Group International, Issue No. 10 Spring 2021
- Presenter, DC Bar CLE Webinar, *A World of Change: Immigration Under a Biden/Harris Administration* (March 18, 2021)

- Author, "US Visa Options for Foreign Businesses and Entrepreneurs," GGI Insider, GGI Geneva Group International, Issue No. 106, March 2020 (we can add a hyperlink <https://www.ggi.com/no-106-march-2020-3/>)
- Speaker, "Visas and Working in the United States," Aurora Hills Branch Library, Arlington Public Library, Arlington, Virginia (October 1, 2019).
- Speaker, "Expand Your Business Globally," hosted by the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, International Business Realtor Forum, Fairfax, Virginia (October 3, 2019)

EDUCATION

- University of Rochester, cum laude (1997)
- George Washington University Law School (2000)
- Harvard Law School Program of Instruction for Lawyers (2007).

ADMISSIONS

- New York, District of Columbia, Virginia and Tennessee
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States District Courts for the District of Columbia, Middle District of Tennessee,
- Southern District of New York, Eastern District of New York, and the Northern District of Virginia
- United States Court of International Trade, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the Federal Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- Licensed advocate in Pakistan

AWARDS

