

**Michelle V. Alonzo**

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Practice Area

- Immigration

Practice Emphasis

Michelle V. Alonzo is an attorney in the Cowles & Thompson Immigration Practice Group. She focuses on employment-based immigration matters, where her experience includes

- handling H-1B professional worker visas,
- O-1 extraordinary ability visas,
- E-1/E-2 treaty investor,
- L-1 transfer visas,
- TN temporary work visas for citizens of Canada & Mexico,
- E-3 professional worker visas for Australian nationals,
- permanent residence applications based upon labor certification, and
- extraordinary ability aliens, and multinational managers and executives.

Additionally, she has represented hundreds of individuals in obtaining legal permanent residence through family-based sponsorship.

Michelle has experience with deportation defense and appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals, as well as preparing waivers for clients proceeding before the U.S. consulates abroad for their immigrant visas. She has also practiced immigration law in Houston, Texas, where she assisted clients with family-based immigration, deportation defense, and naturalization.

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- “H-1B Visa Alternatives & Legislative Update,” co-presenter, Cowles & Thompson webinar, Dallas, TX, April 2017
- “The State of US Immigration Under a Trump Administration,” co-presenter, Cowles & Thompson webinar, Dallas, TX, March 2017
- “J-1 Waiver Options & Executive Order Impact,” co-presenter, Cowles & Thompson webinar, Dallas, TX, February 2017
- Plano Citizenship Day, volunteer attorney, Plano, TX, February 2017
- “The New Form I-9 and Compliance,” co-presenter, Cowles & Thompson webinar, Dallas, TX, January 2017
- “What to Expect with the New Administration,” interviewee, NXA Radio, Dallas, TX, December 2016
- “Inmigración Bajo la Administración Trump,” co-presenter, Cowles & Thompson seminar, Brookhaven College, Dallas, TX, December 2016
- “The Upcoming USCIS Deadline and How to Prepare,” co-presenter, Cowles & Thompson webinar, Dallas, TX, December 2016
- “Eighth Annual Labor Rights Week” at the Mexican Consulate in Dallas, TX, August 2016
- “Immigration Law – The Nuts and Bolts,” CLE, Tarrant County Bar Association, Fort Worth, TX, August 12, 2016
- “Non-Immigrant Investor/Trader Options (E-1/E-2),” CLE, Dallas Bar Association, Dallas, TX, April 11, 2016

- Naturalization Clinic for LPRs, attorney participant, Mexican Consulate, Dallas, TX, February 6, 2016
- "Avance Dallas" - Nancy Moseley Elementary, Dallas, TX, January 20, 2016
- "Business Immigration 101" Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, TX, September 22, 2015
- "Seventh Annual Labor Rights Week," Mexican Consulate in Dallas, TX, August 2015
- "Know Your Rights - Domestic Violence," Celebration of International Woman's Day 2014 - Presented by The Women's Institute (Instituto de la Mujer), Irving, TX, March 8, 2014
- "Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and U visas," Stop the Violence Campaign, Mexican Consulate, Dallas, TX, February 5, 2014.
- Immigration Information Session/Update, Mexican Consulate, Dallas, TX, August 28, 2013
- General Immigration Seminar, Mexican Consulate, Dallas, TX, August 17, 2013
- "Immigration Update Regarding Reform, DACA, Removal, etc.," panelist, Mexican Consulate, Dallas, TX, April 27, 2013
- "Martes de Inmigración," interviewee, Telefutura's Viva La Mañana, Univisión, Dallas, TX, April 16, 2013
- Immigration Presentation (General), panelist, Bryan Adams High School, DISD, Dallas, TX, February 21, 2013
- "Deferred Action, Provisional Waiver, Immigration Reform," Es El Momento Forum with DISD, Fannin Elementary School, Dallas, TX, January 30, 2013
- "Martes de Inmigración," interviewee, Telefutura's Viva La Mañana, Univisión, Dallas, TX, January 29, 2013
- "Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and U visas," panelist, Fort Worth Police Department with Women's Institute (Instituto de la Mujer), Fort Worth, TX, November 17, 2012
- "Las Llaves del Éxito" on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, University of North Texas - Dallas Campus, Dallas, TX, October 27, 2012
- "Es el Momento," co-presenter, Education Forum, Mountain View Community College, Dallas, TX, October 13, 2012
- "Es el Momento" panelist, Education Forum, Fort Worth, TX, October 9, 2012
- "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)," panelist, Mexican Consulate, Dallas, TX, September 8, 2012

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Association
- American Immigration Lawyers Association

Education

- J.D., Houston College of Law (formerly South Texas College of Law), 2007
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution Advocate, Regional Finalist, 2006
 - Hispanic Law Student Association
- B.B.A., International Business, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, 2001

Court Admissions

- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 2007