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Practice Areas

- Immigration

Practice Emphasis

Angela M. Lopez is a shareholder and serves in the Immigration Practice Group of the Firm. Ms. Lopez has been practicing exclusively in the field of immigration law since 2002. Ms. Lopez has developed a large national practice representing numerous foreign nationals and their employers in obtaining temporary employment nonimmigrant visas and permanent residence.

In particular, Ms. Lopez has represented numerous hospitals, healthcare systems, medical providers, university medical centers, physicians, and allied staff (nurses, physical therapists, and medical technologists).

Ms. Lopez extensive experience includes J-1 two year foreign residency waiver applications for physicians, H-1B professional worker visas, O-1 extraordinary ability visas, E-1/E-2 treaty investor, L-1 transfer visas, TN temporary work visa for citizens of Canada & Mexico, E-3 professional worker visas for Australian nationals, and permanent residence applications based upon labor certification, extraordinary ability aliens, national interest waivers, multinational managers and executives, and EB5 investor immigrant visas.

In addition, Ms. Lopez has represented hundreds of individuals and their families in obtaining legal permanent residence ("green card") successfully overcoming the challenges of the US immigration system and keeping families united.

Ms. Lopez began her career in 1989 as a Deputy District Attorney and Town Solicitor in Colombia, South America. In 1993, she worked with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Hampden County, as a Family Service Officer, gaining experience in Family Law, mediation and investigative services. In 1997, Angela was a founding partner in "Mediation Works," a mediation center and dispute resolution service in Springfield, MA. In 1998, Ms. Lopez relocated to Texas and completed her Masters in International and Comparative Law (LLM) at SMU in Dallas. During and after her Masters work, Ms. Lopez worked with Alcon Laboratories, a Fortune 500 Company, in their International Legal Department, assisting Alcon affiliates worldwide on a broad range of issues related to International Business transactions. In 2002, Ms. Lopez joined Badmus Law Firm and became a partner in 2011.

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Visa Options for Foreign Students – The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) – 2005
- Immigration Prescription – Physician Tele-seminar series – 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Immigration issues and pending legislation before congress – The International Group Of Dallas (GID) – 2006
- Strategies for Success: How to Win the Race to Secure H-1B Visas – Badmus Immigration Law Firm, P.C., Tele-seminar, February 2006
- Protecting your Practice: Immigration Pitfalls to Avoid (CLE) – Dallas Bar Association, 2006, Minority Development Program

- Critical Immigration Issues for Employers, Retaining Foreign Workers and I-9 Compliance – Collin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce – 2007
- Day Coordinator – American Immigration Lawyers Association, National Conference, July 2007
- Hot Topics in I-9 Compliance – Badmus Law Firm, November 2007
- Immigration Workshop – Hispanic Contractors Association of DFW, January 2008
- I-9 Compliance and E-verify Seminar – CLE by Badmus Law Firm, July 2008
- International Business Summit Conference – Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, August 2008
- Educational Series Panelist – HWNT, Richland College, September 2008
- Lawful Immigration Symposium – US Mexico Chamber of Commerce, October 2008
- Sponsoring Foreign Workers-International US Mexico – New Business Forum, January 2009
- 10 Immigration Rules Every Physician Recruiter Should Know- Badmus Law Firm, February 2009
- I-9 Audits and Avoiding the High Cost of Noncompliance- CLE by Badmus Law Firm, September 2009
- “The I-9 Audit and How to Prepare for It,” CCHCC, September 2009
- “How to Emigrate your Workforce from Mexico,” Hispanic Marketing and Sales Mega-trends 2010- 2nd Annual Summit, October 2009
- “Hablemos el Mismo Idioma” – Tele-seminar for Spanish-speaking Physicians – March, June, September, & December 2010
- “9 Critical Immigration Rules IMG Residents/Fellows Must Know to Practice Medicine in the U.S.” – Physician Tele Seminar, June 2010
- What You Really Need to Know About Immigration & Citizenship in 2010! hosted by Badmus Law Firm, Saturday, August 28, 2010
- EB5 Investor Seminar in Quito and Guayaquil, Ecuador – City of Dallas Regional Center, October 2010
- Committee Immigration – CLE by TCBA, April 2011
- EB-5 Immigrant Investor Webinar, Badmus Law Firm, May 19, 2011
- “How to Get a Green Card Through the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program”, Rotary Club of Plano Latin America USA, July 7, 2011
- 9 Critical Immigration Rules IMG Residents/Fellows Must Know to Practice Medicine in the U.S., July 23, 2011
- 2011 Citizenship and Immigration Workshop – Richland College, August 13, 2011
- 7 Secrets You Must Know to Win a Green Card Through PERM Labor Certification - webinar, November 10, 2011
- H-1B Visas: Proving Your Case in 2012 – webinar, January 25, 2012
- Citizenship Workshop, Plano Multi-Cultural Outreach Roundtable (MCOR), March 10, 2012
- Immigration and Citizenship Workshop, Badmus Law Firm/Richland College, August 17, 2012
- North Lake Community College (South Campus), DREAMers Immigration Workshop- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), October 20, 2012
- DREAMers Immigration Workshop- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Advance Parole, and Legalization, El Centro Community College, February 20, 2013
- Immigration Reform, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Family Unity Waivers, Collin County Community College (Frisco Campus), March 23 and March 27, 2013
- Immigration Reform, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Family Unity Waivers, Badmus Law Firm, March 27, 2013
- Immigration Reform, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Family Unity Waivers (Spanish), Iglesia Mision Cristiana Nuevo Pacto Garland, April 26, 2013
- H-1B Compliance: 9 Costly Mistakes Employers Make webinar, June 12, 2013
- Immigration update, Tri-County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (TCHCC), Addison, July 11, 2013.
- Updates from the AILA National Annual Conference, AILA Dallas Chapter, July 23, 2013
- What Every International Graduate Student Should Know, Texas Christian University (TCU), July 26, 2013
- Immigration and Citizenship Workshop, Badmus Law Firm/Richland College, August 10, 2013

- H-1B Visas: Proving Your Case in 2014. January 2014
- H-1B Compliance: H-1B Compliance. 9 Costly H-1B Mistakes Employers Can Make and How to Avoid Them. February 2014
- Immigration Pitfalls To Avoid In Family Law And Employment Law – February 2014
- Secrets to Winning A Green Card Through PERM Labor Certification – June 2014
- Secrets to Winning a Green Card for Top International Professionals – July 2014
- Avoiding Workplace Pitfalls - Domestic and Foreign Employee Compliance. Frisco Chamber of Commerce. July 2014
- Immigration Workshop, El Centro College. August 2014
- Executive Action Immigration Workshop. December 2014
- Proving and Winning Your H-1B Case in 2015. January 2015
- Top 6 Alternatives To H-1B Visas for Foreign National Professionals. June 2015
- EB-5 - Investors. Permanent Residence in the U.S. June 2015 (Brazil)
- Immigration and Citizenship Workshop, Richland College. August 2015
- 5 Major Mistakes Business Owners Make that Expose Their Business to Huge Legal Risk, Severe Financial Loss and Bad Publicity. Frisco Chamber of Commerce. November 2015

Memberships

- Member, State Bar of New York
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Uplift Williams Preparatory, Advisory council member

Education and Court Admissions

- L.L.M. (Masters in International and Comparative Law), Southern Methodist University (SMU), School of Law, 2000
- J.D., Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana (UPB), Colombia, 1988
- Admitted to the State Bar of New York, 2001
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 2007