

## **Immigration Attorneys**

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#### Asian Law Caucus Inc.

55 Columbus Avenue San Francisco, CA 94111 (415) 896-1701 http://www.advancingjustice-alc.org/

#### Berry, Appleman & Leiden

353 Sacramento Street, Ste. 1300 San Francisco, CA 94111 (415) 398-1800 http://www.balglobal.com

### **Catholic Charities: Immigration Project**

433 Jefferson St. Oakland, CA 94607 (510) 768-3100 http://www.cceb.org

## Cooley, Godward & Kronish

101 California Street, 5th Floor San Francisco, CA 94111 Phone: (415) 693-2000 http://www.cooley.com

#### Leslie A. Jewell

55 New Montgomery St., Suite 201 San Francisco, CA. 94105 (415) 856-0100 www.lawjewell.com

### **Elliot & Mayock LLP**

220 Sansome St., 12th Fl San Francisco, CA 94104 (415) 765-5111 http://www.emvisa.com

#### **Law Offices of Fariba Faiz**

One Sansome Street Suite 3500 San Francisco, CA 94104 (415) 946-8810 www.faizlaw.com

### Finnan, Fleischut and Associates

525 Middlefield Rd., Suite 200 Menlo Park, CA 94025 (650) 322-8328 http://www.fleischut.com/

## Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy

250 Montgomery Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor San Francisco, CA 94104 (415) 986-1446 http://www.fragomen.com/

#### Helen Hui

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#### Jackson & Hertogs

201 Mission Street, Suite 700 San Francisco, CA 94105 (415) 986-4559 http://www.jackson-hertogs.com

#### Martin J. Lawler

1 Post Street, Suite 475 San Francisco, CA 94104 (415) 391-2010 http://www.aboutvisas.com/

### Jocelyne J. Kim Lew

1065 E. Hillsdale Blvd. Suite 245 Foster City, CA 94404 (650) 573-1065 http://www.lewslaw.com

## Edward R. Litwin Litwin & Associates

425 Market Street, suite 2200 San Francisco, CA 94105 (415)392-3300 http://www.litwinlaw.com

## William May

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## McVey, Mullery & Dulberg

550 Montgomery St., #550 San Francisco, CA 94111 (415) 781-1001 www.mmdlaw.net

## Rochelle A. Fortier Nwadibia, Law Offices

1 Sansome St., #3500 San Francisco, CA 94104 Tel: 415 781-5750 www.rafnlaw.com

## Simmons & Ungar

351 California Street, Ste#1300 San Francisco, CA 94104 (415) 421-0860 www.simmonsungar.com

#### William Stahl

675 North 1st St., #745 San Jose, CA 95112 (408) 298-0505 www.stahlvisa.com

#### Goswami, Strand & Seaborn

870 Market Street, Suite 1028 San Francisco, CA 94133-1325 (415) 391-0228 virender@vgoswamilaw.com

# Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale

180 Sutter St., 5th Floor San Francisco, CA 94104 (415) 981-3000 www.vblaw.com

#### **Weaver and Schlenger**

550 Montgomery St., #650 San Francisco, CA 94111 (415) 395-9331 http://www.wsmimmigration.com/

### **Epstein & Surowitz**

1300 Clay Street Suite 600 Oakland, CA 94612 (510)558-1230 www.eastbayvisalaw.com

#### **Peter Darwin Chu**

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## Wolfsdorf Rosenthal LLP Avi Friedman, Attorney

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## **Immigration Attorneys: Making the Right Choice**

Listed below are some suggested questions to ask when shopping for an immigration attorney:

- 1. Does the attorney primarily practice in the area of immigration law?
- 2. Does the attorney primarily practice in specialty areas of immigration law?
- 3. How many years has the attorney been practicing immigration law?
- 4. What kind of experience does the attorney have with the specific type of case you have?
- 5. Is the attorney knowledgeable in student and scholar issues?
- 6. Is the attorney a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association? If not, is it very unlikely that s/he is actively practicing immigration law? You can find a referral to AILA Immigration attorneys on their website at http://www.aila.org/.
- 7. Will you be working directly with that attorney? Some will turn your case over to an associate or a legal assistant after the initial interview.
- 8. What is the attorney's honest appraisal of the likelihood of success with your case? Be wary of anyone who "guarantees" you success.
- 9. Does everything you know about this attorney tell you that this person is knowledgeable and competent to handle your specific type of case?
- 10. Does everything you know about this attorney tell you that this person is ethical and honest in relations with clients?
- 11. Are you comfortable with the attorney's style and personality?
- 12. Is there any initial consultation fee? Some attorneys have an hourly charge; others have a fixed fee, depending on the type of case. You may wish to meet with an attorney for a consultation only and/or hire the attorney to handle your case.
- 13. Are the fees comparable to other attorneys' fees? If not, why not? The lowest fees do not necessarily indicate the best deal. The highest fee does not necessarily indicate the best service.
- 14. If you still have questions about the attorney's background and qualifications, contact the California State Bar Association (www.calbar.ca.gov) for information about a particular attorney.