



Robert H. Cohen

Rob's primary area of practice is immigration and nationality law. He has extensive experience in all aspects of business and family immigration procedures. Rob has served as chapter chair and is a past chair of the USCIS Benefits Committee, the Nebraska Service Center Liaison Committee and the Board of Trustees of the American Immigration Council. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] in the areas of Immigration Law every year since 1997, and was most recently named *Best Lawyers*[®] 2015 Columbus, Ohio Immigration Law "Lawyer of the Year." In addition to his legal experience, he was also an instructor for the Legal Assistant program at Capital University from 1986-2015.

Bar Admissions

Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Presentations

- "Overcoming Unspoken Biases Beyond Just Conversation," Dayton Bar Association Diversity Day, April 5, 2019
- "Agency Spotlight: New Policies & Procedures from the Current Administration," Porter Wright Employment Relations Seminar, Oct. 31, 2018
- "Understanding Changes in US Immigration Policy," Porter Wright Seminar, March 7, 2018
- "When There's Something Strange: Immigration Today," Porter Wright Employment Relations Seminar, Nov. 1, 2017
- "Traveling Travails," Porter Wright Employment Relations Seminar, Oct. 5, 2016
- "Cutting Edge Approaches for Business Immigration," American Immigration Lawyers Association, Sept. 23, 2016
- "DOL Breakfast Briefing," Porter Wright Seminar, June 28, July 14, Aug. 3, Sept. 28, 2016
- "USCIS Open Forum," American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, June 20, 2016
- "USCIS Open Forum," American Immigration Lawyers Association Spring Conference, April 7, 2016

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Blogs

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EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., 1976

Miami University, A.B., 1973

SERVICES

Immigration

International Business & Trade

- Immigration and cross-border employment

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Immigration Lawyers Association, *USCIS Benefits/Headquarters Liaison Committee*
- Columbus Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association



- “The Immigrant Investor: Understanding Investment-Based Immigration Options,” Porter Wright Seminar, July 15, 2015
- “Business in the 21st Century—Virtual Office Challenges in PERM,” American Immigration Lawyers Association National Conference, June 17, 2015
- “Alternatives to H-1B,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Midwest Regional Conference, March 9, 2015
- “Immigration: The Intersection of Politics and Policy,” Ohio State University, Marion Campus’s Learning Enrichment Institute, a four part lecture series, Oct. 9, 16, 30 and Nov. 13, 2014
- “PERM and BALCA Updates,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Midwest Regional Conference, March 2014
- “Challenging Business Denials in Federal Court,” American Immigration Lawyers Conference, June 28, 2013
- “Recurrent Nonimmigrant Visa Issues,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Midwest Regional Conference, March 15, 2013
- “Dealing with Difficult RFEs: EB-2 and EB-3,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, June 16, 2012
- “Pre-Filing PERM Issues — Cases & Practice Tips,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, June 14, 2012
- “Service Center Updates/Visa Bulletin,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Midwest Regional Conference, March 16, 2012
- “PERM Denials: Now What Do I Do?,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, June 16, 2011
- “The Unhappy Convergence of Immigration Law, Politics and The Foreign Worker,” Porter Wright Employment Relations Seminar, May 11, 2011
- “Before the Government Comes Knocking: Benefits of Conducting an I-9 Self Audit,” Porter Wright Webinar, Feb. 3, 2011
- “The Economic Effects on Immigrant Visa Petitions — Rough Ride on Stormy Waters,” American Immigration Lawyers Association, Jan. 28, 2011
- “Monumental Decisions Affecting Labor Certification Practice: BALCA Cases,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, July 1, 2010
- “Health Care Workers: Temp and Perm,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Midwest Regional Conference, April 9, 2010
- “E Visas: From Preparation to Practical Aspects in Filing,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Midwest Regional Conference, April 9, 2010
- “Fundamentals: You Want Me to File a PERM Application? OK, Here Is What You Need to Know...,” American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference, June 2009

Publications

- “A short history of the politics of immigration,” *Columbus Bar Lawyers Quarterly*, Spring 2019
- “Trump’s executive order: What’s legal?” Columbus Bar Association, Feb. 16, 2017
- “Practice pointer, specialty occupation,” written with Cyrus D. Mehta and Turid L. Owren, American Immigration Lawyers Association, September 2016
- “Virtual office, roving, and telecommuting challenges in the PERM labor certification process: Six things you need to know,” *Immigration Practice Pointers, Tips for Handling Complex Cases*, 2015
- “Administrative appeals and federal court review for business immigration petitions,” *American Immigration Lawyers Association Practice Pointers*, 2013-2014
- “When eat, pray and love doesn’t work, respond, build and sue,” written with Rita Sostrin and Angelica Grado-Wright, *Immigration Practice Pointers*, 2012-2013 edition
- “My PERM was denied, now what? A practical guide to next steps,” written with Michelle Funk and Michael P. Nowlan, *Immigration Practice Pointers*, 2011-2012 edition
- “When changes in the job description require or permit a new PERM Application,” American Immigration Lawyers Association, Midyear Conference Handbook, 2011
- “Determining substance over form: When does BALCA determine a mistake is a fatal error?” *Immigration Practice Pointers*, 2010-2011 edition
- “Identifying the Employer’s Requirements for the Position Before Drafting an Approvable and Appropriate PERM Application,” *David Stanton Manual on Labor Certification*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2008-2009
- “Labor Certification du Jour: 2007-08 PERM Developments,” *Immigration & Nationality Law Handbook 117*, 2008-2009 edition

Honors | Awards

- *Ohio Super Lawyers*[®], Immigration: Business
- *The Best Lawyers in America*[®], Immigration Law
- *Best Lawyers*[®] Columbus, Ohio Immigration Law Lawyer of the Year, 2015
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Jack Wasserman Memorial Award for Excellence in Litigation in the field of Immigration Law, June 2013
- American Lawyers Association, Presidential Award for outstanding leadership as Chair of the Nebraska Service Center Liaison Committee, June 2011
- Ohio Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers Association, Outstanding Contribution to the Practice of Immigration Law, November 2009



- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Presidential Award for distinguished service on the Chapter Litigation Guidelines and Chapter Affiliation Agreement Working Groups, June 2006

Community

- Community Refugee & Immigration Services, Board Member
- Columbus Jewish Historical Society, Board Member, 2010-2016