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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

- "How will Florida SB1718 (Illegal Immigration Law) Affect Your Business?," Porter Wright, July 11, 2023
- "A New Perspective on Immigration & Employment: Humanitarian Immigration Programs, I-9 Compliance and Updates to Immigration Compliance in a Post-COVID Workplace," Porter Wright Employment Relations Seminar, June 1, 2023
- "Form I-9: No Detail is Too Small When it Comes to Employer Compliance," Porter Wright Employment Relations Seminar, Oct. 19, 2022
- "Meeting the Challenges – Hiring & Retaining Foreign Talent," Porter Wright Employment Relations Webinar, Nov. 10, 2021
- "Keeping Up With Immigration: A Roundtable Discussion," Porter Wright Employment Relations Webinar, Nov. 17, 2020
- "Understanding the H-1B Electronic Registration Process," Porter Wright, Feb. 13, 2020
- "Hot Topics," AILA Ohio Annual Fall Conference, Oct. 11, 2019

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EDUCATION

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SERVICES

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- "Election Law Update," Ohio State Bar Association Federal Courts & Practice Committee Bench Bar Conference, Oct. 10-11, 2019
- "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
- "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

PUBLICATIONS

- "Immigration politics impacts the line for green cards," *Columbus Business First*, Nov. 1, 2019
- "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
- "Hearing echoes from the last refugee crisis today," American Immigration Lawyers Association Leadership Blog, August 24, 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

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Columbus Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association

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- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
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- Ohio Super Lawyers
- *The American Lawyer*, Midwest Trailblazer, 2021
- *National Law Journal,* Immigration Trailblazer, 2020
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Jack Wasserman Memorial Award for Excellence in Litigation in the field of Immigration Law, June 2013
- American Immigration 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
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Presidential Award for Outstanding Leadership as chair of the USCIS Benefits Liaison Committee, June 2017

COMMUNITY

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

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