



Ahran K. McCloskey

of counsel

Ahran leverages her nearly two decades of experience in key roles with the U.S. Department of State, Department of Homeland Security and Department of Commerce to assist clients with a wide range of immigration and international trade matters.

She focuses her practice on assisting clients with immigration petitions and visa processing, as well as advising on international trade matters, including trade remedies, customs, export controls and economic sanctions.

Her federal government experience includes providing legal advice to senior leadership on U.S. trade, immigration and visa law and policy. She collaborated with the National Security Council within the Executive Office of the President on high-level legal and policy issues and oversaw legal review of proposed visa legislation and administrative rulemaking. She also partnered with the Department of Justice in litigating numerous trade and immigration matters.

Ahran's extensive experience in the federal government includes directing the work of adjudicators responsible for writing appellate decisions involving employment-based immigrant and nonimmigrant petitions, including EB-1 through EB-5 as well as H, L, O and P petitions.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Admitted only New York and directly supervised by John Amaya, a member of the District of Columbia Bar

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- The Association of Women in International Trade

HONORS | AWARDS

- U.S. Department of State, Superior Honor Award, 2024, 2023
- U.S. Department of State, Meritorious Honor Award, 2022
- DHS, USCIS, AAO Pillar Award, 2018
- Department of Commerce, Special Act Award, 2010, 2008
- Case Western Reserve University Law Clinic, Jack Cronquist Award, 2005

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EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University
School of Law, J.D., *with honors*,
2005

University of Michigan, B.A., 1999

LANGUAGES

- Korean, *conversational*

SERVICES

Government & Regulatory Affairs

- Administrative advocacy
- Regulatory advocacy

International Business and Trade

- Immigration and cross-border employment

Immigration

- CALI Excellence for the Future Award® in Law Clinic