



## Melinda Potmesil

Counsel

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### PRACTICES

- Immigration

### EDUCATION

- Michigan State University  
College of Law, J.D., 2010, Trial  
Practice Institute Certification,  
Moot Court and Trial Advocacy  
Board
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln,  
B.S. and B.A., 2006

### ADMISSIONS

- Missouri

### AFFILIATIONS

- American Immigration Lawyers  
Association
- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan  
St. Louis

### COMMUNITY

- St. Vincent Home for Children,  
Board of Trustees, 2016-Present
- Legal Services of Eastern  
Missouri, Pro bono immigration  
assistance, 2014-Present

Melinda is a business immigration attorney who helps clients hire and retain foreign national workers in the United States and transfer employees between international offices.

She practices exclusively in the area of immigration and advises clients across the country on this evolving and highly dynamic area of law.

Melinda assists domestic and international corporate clients in all aspects of employment-based immigration, including obtaining temporary H-1B and L-1 work authorization for foreign national employees, and assisting companies with sponsoring employees to become lawful permanent residents (green cards).

Drawing on her experience in preparing immigration petitions for employees in high-tech sectors, Melinda frequently works with clients looking to hire or retain business professionals, including software developers, engineers, and financial analysts. She also has experience helping health care clients obtain Conrad 30 Waivers, which allow foreign national doctors to remain in the U.S. after completing their medical training.

In addition, Melinda assists clients with family-based petitions, obtaining status and work authorization for dependent family members. She also supports applications to become naturalized U.S. citizens and facilitates visa applications for global travel.

Melinda recognizes the significant time and cost pressures organizations face when making decisions about foreign national employees, and works closely with employers to develop short- and long-term immigration strategies to accommodate the business' immediate workforce needs and future human resources objectives.

### Presentations

- "Growing in a Hostile Environment," Thompson Coburn HR Seminar  
April 2019
- "To Infinity and Beyond the Border: Immigration Issues and  
Investigations/ICE Enforcement In The New Administration," Thompson  
Coburn HR Seminar, April 2018
- "Warp Speed Ahead: Navigating Business Immigration in 2017,"

**EMPLOYMENT**

- Thompson Coburn LLP  
Associate, 2014-Present Project  
Attorney - Immigration, 2012-  
2013
- Williams Venker & Sanders LLC  
Contract Document Review,  
2011
- St. Charles Prosecuting  
Attorney's Office Rule 13 Intern,  
2009
- Immigration Law Clinic, St.  
Vincent Catholic Charities  
Internship, 2009

Thompson Coburn HR Seminar, April 2017

- "Navigating the Rocky Road of Immigration Law," Thompson Coburn  
HR Seminar, March 2015