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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