

The Law Office of Carl Shusterman

Experts in U.S. I Immigration & Naturalization Law

For over 30 years, the Law Office of Carl Shusterman has assisted corporate and individual clients across the United States and in countries around the world regarding immigration matters.

7 Attorneys with 100+ Years of Immigration Experience

Widely recognized as one of the most prestigious immigration law firms in the U.S., the Law Office of Carl Shusterman was established in 1982 by a former INS Trial Attorney. Each of our attorneys, most of whom are immigrants themselves, has expertise in a particular area of immigration law. We work as a team, and we believe that there is no substitute for experience and genuine concern for our clients.

Our Services

We help our clients in obtaining temporary work visas, permanent residence and U.S. citizenship. We also specialize in deportation defense and litigation in the Federal Courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. We advise our corporate clients with regard to I-9 and E-Verify requirements, and conduct internal audits to ensure compliance with documentary and anti-discrimination statutes.

Most immigration petitions and applications, particularly those concerning employment and investor-based matters, are mailed to the government. This allows us to assist clients in all 50 states. Quality takes precedence over location. We conduct frequent in-person consultations and also communicate with most of our clients via Skype, e-mail and telephone.

Client Reviews and Attorney Endorsements

Our team of attorneys and paralegals has received hundreds of favorable client reviews on Google, Yahoo, Avvo and other internet sites. Well over 100 of our colleagues in the Immigration Bar have also posted endorsements of our law firm on the web.

Free Immigration Resources

In 1995, we launched our website which serves as an online encyclopedia regarding U.S. immigration laws and procedures. In 1996, we published the first issue of Shusterman's Immigration Update, a monthly e-mail newsletter which informs our readers of the latest developments in the immigration world. In 2008, we began a YouTube channel to educate the public about how to obtain immigration benefits. We also maintain a Spanish-language website and newsletter.

In the Media

Our attorneys are frequent writers and lecturers and have been quoted in the New York Times, Washington Post, Canada's Globe and Mail, USA Today, Christian Science Monitor, Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, National Law Journal, California Law Journal, Los Angeles Lawyer, JAMA, Atlantic Monthly, Computer World, and many other publications. They have appeared on numerous television programs including NBC's Today Show, CNN's Headline News, Good Morning America and on a wide variety of nationally syndicated radio shows.

Our Attorneys



Carl Shusterman is one of the most prominent immigration lawyers in the United States. After serving as an INS Trial Attorney (1976-82), he entered private practice. Mr. Shusterman has testified as an expert witness before the U.S. Senate. He is a Certified Specialist in Immigration Law and has served on the National Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (1988-97). He was named as one of the Top 15 Corporate Immigration Attorneys in the U.S. by Human Resource Executive magazine. He is frequently quoted in the Los Angeles Times, the Associated Press and by other major media outlets.



Elahe "Ellie" Najfabadi is one of the leading attorneys assisting highly-skilled persons in immigrating to the United States. She has obtained J waivers, H-1B status and permanent residence for thousands of physicians. Ms. Najfabadi has practiced immigration law for over 25 years. She represents numerous corporations, health care employers, doctors and outstanding professors and researchers. Ms. Najfabadi has served as the Chairperson of the Immigration Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. She is fluent in Farsi, Hindi and Spanish.



Elif Keles has specialized in deportation defense and federal litigation for over 15 years. She has successfully represented hundreds of immigrants in Immigration Court, before the Board of Immigration Appeals and in Federal Court. Ms. Keles is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals in the 2nd, 7th, 9th and 11th Circuits. She wrote the appeal briefs in the landmark case of <u>Schneider v. Chertoff</u>, 450 F.3d 944 (9 Cir. 2006) which overturned the government's restrictive regulations regarding National Interest Waivers. Ms. Keles is fluent in Turkish.



Ellen Ma Lee has over 35 years of immigration law experience. She first represented low income immigrants at legal aid organizations. She is admitted to practice in the Federal District Court, Central District of California and in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. Ms. Lee served on the National Board of Governors of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the National Board of Trustees of the American Immigration Law Foundation. She has testified before the President's Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy. Ms. Lee is fluent in various dialects of Chinese.



Amy Prokop has over a decade of experience in deportation defense and federal litigation. She has assisted hundreds of persons in winning their cases in Immigration Court, before the Board of Immigration Appeals and in Federal Court. Ms. Prokop wrote the legal briefs in <u>DeOsorio v. Mayorkas</u>, 695F.3d 1003 (9 Cir. 2012) in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit rejected the government's restrictive interpretation of the automatic conversion clause of the Child Status Protection Act. Ms. Prokop is proficient in German.



Rajkrishna "Raj" Iyer supervises our firm's business immigration practice assisting both corporate and individual clients. His expertise includes the preparation of immigrant and nonimmigrant visa petitions for persons of extraordinary ability, outstanding researchers, multinational managers and executives and investors. Mr. Iyer guides employers through the PERM process and conducts internal I-9 audits. He is fluent in Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam.



Ashkan Emami handles complex employment-based immigration matters for corporations and individuals from a wide variety of industries. He has extensive experience with physician-based H-1B petitions, PERM applications and I-140 visa petitions. Mr. Emami also has significant experience representing clients seeking asylum based on religious and political grounds. He served as the Legal Director of the Los Angeles Office of Mil Mujeres, an organization devoted to providing legal support to victims of domestic violence. Mr. Emami is proficient in Farsi.

Consultations

The Law Office of Carl Shusterman invites business clients to contact our attorneys at:

(213) 623-4592, ext. 0

Individuals seeking to schedule a telephone, Skype, or in-person legal consultation with any of our attorneys can do so on our website at:

https://www.shusterman.com/intake-secure.html

The following foreign languages are spoken in our office: Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Farsi, German, Hindi, Malayalam, Tagalog, Taiwanese and Turkish



















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