

Ana María Mieles

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Overview

Ana María is a Shareholder in the Immigration Group, where she provides counsel on employment-based temporary and permanent visa categories to small and medium-sized for-profit organizations and large multinational companies, as well as on family-based permanent residence applications to individual clients.

Ana María's clients include companies in such industries as chemicals, pharmaceutical, medical, financial services, engineering, information technology, nuclear and steel.

Experience

Ana María advises employers on a wide variety of immigration issues, including temporary and permanent visa options, H-1B dependent employment and I-9 compliance. Her immigrant visa practice focuses on EB-1 and EB-2 preference petitions for scientists, athletes, musicians and engineers as well as on labor certification (PERM). She practices before United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Consulates, U.S. Administrative Appeals Office and related government agencies.

She served as a Legislative Programs Officer at the U.S. Department of State, (OFM/DMV) in Washington, D.C. (2000), a Legal Fellow at the Center for Justice and International Law in Washington, D.C. (1999) and a Fellow at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris, France (1996).

Ana María has also traveled around the world, spending time in India, Indonesia, China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, South Africa and Kenya.

Insights

- Co-author, "March 20, 2020, US immigration updates regarding border closures, employment verification completion, premium processing, and signature requirements," Dentons client alert, March 21, 2020
- Co-author, "Canadian border closure and other updates," Dentons client alert, March 17, 2020

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- Ana María served on the City of Pittsburgh, Welcoming Pittsburgh Advisory Council from May 2014-May 2015. Welcoming Pittsburgh is a citywide initiative designed to celebrate the city's immigrant past and build a more welcoming future. The council's main task was developing a long-term and sustainable Welcoming Pittsburgh implementation plan to engage both existing Pittsburgh residents and new ones, and synthesize welcoming practices into city government and its partners in local business, nonprofit and community groups.

Presentations

- Presenter, "Permanent Residence Options and Strategies," Dentons Cohen & Grigsby Immigration Summer Webinar Series, July 2021
- Presenter, "Immigration, Naturalization & Citizenship in the United States: A Historical Survey," CLE webinar, June 2021

Memberships

- Ana María is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Hispanic Attorneys Committee of the Allegheny County Bar Association and served as regional vice president for the Hispanic National Bar Association in 2003-2004.

Prior and Present Employment

- Prior to starting her practice at Dentons Cohen & Grigsby, Ana María was a Litigation Associate at Jones Day from 2002 to 2006.

Areas of focus

Practices

- Immigration

Industry sectors

- Manufacturing
- Technology

Education

- University of Pittsburgh, 2002, M.A. International Affairs
- University of Pittsburgh, 1996, BA, *magna cum laude*, Economics and Political Science
- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, JD, *cum laude*

Admissions and qualifications

- Pennsylvania

- US District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Languages

- Spanish