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Overview

Kate is a member of 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 and exclusion/deportation defense. Kate's clients include companies in such industries as chemicals, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, financial services, engineering, information technology, and agriculture.

Experience

Kate advises employers on a wide variety of immigration issues, including both immigrant and nonimmigrant visa options; labor certification (PERM) and EB-1 visas as well as EB-2 National Interest Waivers. Her nonimmigrant visa practice focuses on L-1, H-1B, and O-1 visas for scientists, athletes, musicians, and engineers. Kate also has experience with H-2A and H-2B visas. 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.

Recognition

Honors and Awards

- Selected to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers Rising Stars list

Insights

- Co-author, "President Trump's new executive order suspending entry of immigrant visa applicants," Dentons client alert, April 23, 2020
- Co-author, "Immigration impact of COVID-19 pandemic: India, China and Hong Kong," Dentons client alert, April 2, 2020

- 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, "US Department of State suspends routine visa services worldwide and announces travel advisory for US Citizens," Dentons client alert, March 20, 2020
- Co-author, "Compliance with US employment authorization verification: completing Form I-9 remotely," Dentons client alert, March 18, 2020
- Co-author, "Canadian border closure and other updates," Dentons client alert, March 17, 2020
- Co-author, "Update: Trump announcement regarding suspension of travel from Europe, restrictions now include Ireland and the United Kingdom," Dentons client alert, March 15, 2020
- Co-author, "Trump announcement regarding suspension of travel from Europe," Dentons client alert, March 12, 2020
- Co-author, "2019 COVID-19 (Coronavirus)," Dentons client alert, March 9, 2020

Activities and Affiliations

Presentations

- Presenter, "I-9 Compliance in a Post-COVID World," Dentons Cohen & Grigsby Immigration Summer Webinar Series, July 2021
- Co-presenter, "Preparing Employers for Government Scrutiny and Investigations," Dentons Cohen & Grigsby's Workforce Solutions: Compliance Seminar, January 2020

Memberships

- Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Former Board Member, Bach Choir of Pittsburgh
- Former Member, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra New Leadership Council
- Former Member, C&G Associates Committee

Prior and Present Employment

- Prior to joining Dentons Cohen & Grigsby, Kate was an associate at a small immigration firm in Pittsburgh.

Areas of focus

Practices

- Immigration

Industry sectors

- Manufacturing
- Media, Entertainment and Sports
- Health Care

Education

- University of Michigan, B.A. Political Science, *cum laude*
- University of Pittsburgh School of Law, JD, International and Comparative Law Certificates

Admissions and qualifications

- Pennsylvania
- US District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania