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Jennifer is a director in the Immigration Practice group.

Her practice focuses on employment-based immigration with a particular emphasis on the healthcare sector, including J-1 waiver and green card processing for foreign medical graduates.

Jennifer prepares both immigrant and nonimmigrant petitions and applications on behalf of foreign workers.

Her areas of expertise include H-1B and L-1 nonimmigrant petitions, PERM labor certification applications, I-140 immigrant petitions, national interest waiver petitions, and I-485 adjustment of status applications. Jennifer also advises and represents clients on family-based immigration matters and citizenship applications.

Jennifer is a past national president of the 18,000 member American Immigration Lawyers Association from 2020 - 2021.

She has published numerous articles on immigration issues ranging from J-1 waivers to green card options, to prevailing wage requirements.

She has spoken, by invitation, at many national conferences and Continuing Legal Education Courses sponsored by the American Immigration Lawyers Association and other groups.

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia 2001
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit

EDUCATION

- Cornell Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2001
- University of Maryland (College Park), *cum laude*, English & History, 1993

RECOGNITIONS

- Chambers & Partners USA
  - -Immigration - Virginia, Band 1
- Best Lawyers®
  - -"Lawyer of the Year", Immigration, 2023
  - -Immigration Law, since 2021
- *Virginia Business Magazine*
  - -100 People to Meet in 2020
  - -Virginia Business "Legal Elite", Immigration Law, since 2020
- Lawdragon 100 Leading Immigration Lawyers, 2023
- Virginia Lawyers Media, "Influential Women in Virginia," 2014
- International Who's Who Corporate Immigration, since 2023
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Service Excellence Award 2014
- Super Lawyers®, Virginia, "Rising Star", 2011

INVOLVEMENT

- AILA | American Immigration Lawyers Association
  - -President (2020 - 2021)
  - -President-Elect, (2019 - 2020)
  - -National First Vice-President, AILA (2018-2019)
  - -National Second Vice-President, AILA (2017-2018)
  - -National Treasurer, AILA (2016-2017)
  - - National Secretary, AILA (2015-2016)
  - -Elected Director, AILA Board of Governors (2012-2015)
  - -Past Chair, AILA Healthcare Physicians Committee
  - -Past Member, AILA Department of State Liaison Committee
  - -Past Chair, Government Agency Liaison Committee, International Medical Graduate Taskforce
- VBA | Virginia Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

- Quoted In: Virginia Center For Investigative Journalism: New $100,000 H-1B visa fee could stun Virginia companies, universities — Virginia Center for Investigative Journalism (October 1, 2025)
- Quoted In: CNN: Elon Musk is one of illegal immigration's harshest critics. He once described his past immigration status as a 'gray area' (September 29, 2024)
- Quoted in: Financial Times: Biden's Immigration Woes Complicate US Labour Shortages (April 11, 2022)

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