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Professional Background

Mr. Peter Asaad represents U.S. companies and multinational corporations on all business-related and employment-based visa matters. In addition, Peter serves as adjunct law professor at American University, Washington College of Law, where he teaches and develops an advanced course curriculum on business immigration law.

Recognized as an expert on immigration law and policy, Peter has been acknowledged by the *American Bar Association* for his achievement "as one of the nation's leading litigators" in the field of immigration law; by extensive confidential peer review from members of the Bar awarding him a national rating from Lexis-Nexis, Martindale-Hubbell for achieving a high-level of distinction in the field for his demonstrated legal ability and ethical standards; and by judges of the D.C. Superior Court appointing him to the U.S. Criminal Justice Defense Panel.

As a leader in his field, Peter serves on a number of Boards, is actively involved with immigration-related organizations and contributes to issues of global importance, including:

- Executive Board Member of the *American Immigration Lawyers Association* (AILA) for the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, where he interacts as liaison between the government and his colleagues working directly with government representatives of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Department of Labor, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
- Chairman of the *National Council for Innovation*, as well as the Senior Immigration Policy Advisor to *Global Science Partnerships for the 21st Century* (GSP21), a U.S. Department of State endorsed non-profit organization founded by the former Science and Technology Advisor to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell; and
- Chair of the DC Bar, International Law Section's Immigration & Human Rights Committee, where he led the planning and organization of the Bar's educational programs, including "Legislative Update" with Congressional staffers and advocacy leaders, as well as a panel entitled "State and Local Laws Targeting Undocumented Immigrants," with speakers from the Migration Policy Institute, New York University Law School and the ACLU lead counsel in the high-profile Hazelton case.

An authority on complex issues in U.S. immigration law, Peter has been an invited guest on several news media programs including: Washington Post Radio; 107.7 FM and 1500 AM; 100.3 FM and 980 AM, and other institutional bodies and news media groups. Previously, Peter served as Lead Counsel for WJLA ABC News Legal Resource Center.

Education

J.D. Cum Laude (Honors), American University, Washington College of Law
B.A. Cum Laude (Honors), University of Rochester

Admitted to Practice

- National U.S. Immigration Law
- District of Columbia Bar Admission
- Maryland Bar Admission
- Fourth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals
- Other Federal Court Bar Admissions

Representative Matters

- Immigration counsel to leading global broadband satellite communications provider for business, governments, and consumers on various business related and employment-based visa matters and I-9 compliance issues.
- Chief Legal Officer to an international consulting company that specializes in consulting services to governments and private clients in the areas of international business and political/cultural networking.
- Counsel to International Environmental Organization on various business and employment matters.
- Counsel to a U.S. government defense employee in obtaining a fiancée visa in a short period of time.
- Counsel to mother in detention and obtained national exposure to garner congressional intervention for her release.
- Counsel to foreign national in legal malpractice action against attorney obtaining judgment based on fraud and negligence.
- Counsel to an Inter-American Health Organization employee's wife in her removal proceeding protecting her from the 3/10 year bar in a very short period of time.
- Consultant and counsel in VAWA case to non-citizen victim of extreme cruelty by U.S. citizen ex-spouse.
- Consultant and counsel to criminal defendant in avoiding immigration consequences of charged crimes and in obtaining U.S. citizenship.

Available to Provide Commentary/Insight on Issues Related to:

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| □ Immigration and Nationality Law, including Federal Regulatory & Compliance Issues | □ Green Cards |
| □ Labor and Employment Law | □ Employment & Family-Based Immigration |
| □ Foreign Nationals | □ Relief from Deportation |
| □ Immigration Reforms | □ Citizenship |
| □ Temporary, Non-Immigrant Visas | □ Asylum |
| □ E-Verify | □ North American Free Trade Agreement |
| | □ Federal Immigration & Reform Act |