



# Melina LaMorticella



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## LEGAL SERVICES

Business Immigration

## EDUCATION

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, 2010  
B.A., University of Oregon, 1992

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Oregon State Bar

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### The Best Lawyers in America

2021, Ones to Watch – Immigration Law

### Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers

2020, Labor & Employment: Immigration  
2019, Associates to Watch – Labor & Employment: Immigration

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Immigration Lawyers Association  
Multnomah Bar Association  
Portland Human Resources Management Association

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVITIES

### American Immigration Lawyers Association

2016-2017, Oregon Chapter Chair

### Department of Motor Vehicles

2011-2016, Liaison

Melina represents regional and international companies in matters related to employment-based immigration. Melina has successfully handled immigration matters for multinational corporations and regional technology firms, health care providers, and universities on non-immigrant and immigrant visa options and procedures including Conrad 30 waivers, PERM Applications and Naturalization Applications, and Extraordinary Ability Petitions.

Melina was chair for the Oregon Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association from 2016 to 2017 and Liaison to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles for five years. She served for two years at Portland State University's Immigration Clinic and currently mentors first year law students at Lewis & Clark. Melina is a frequent speaker on employment-related immigration.

Prior to joining Tonkon Torp, Melina practiced immigration law at a boutique firm in Portland. Before she earned her law degree, Melina worked for more than eight years as an immigration paralegal in the Portland area, she lived in Tokyo for one year, and she had a brief career as an editor in New York City.

## Presentations & Publications

"Business Immigration Update," September 2020

Panelist, "International Student Town Hall," University of Oregon, July 2020

"H-1B Cap Season 2020," American Immigration Lawyers Association, Oregon Chapter, February 2020

"H-1B Cap Season 2020," February 2020

"Worksite Enforcement Business Immigration Briefing," September 2019

"Visas – Who Can Come? Who Can Stay?" Annual Labor & Employment Law Update, May 2019

"Business Immigration for Startups," November 2018

"Worksite Enforcement, Compliance Best Practices & Forms I-9," June 2017

"What Immigration Means to Healthcare Delivery in Oregon," Oregon State Bar Health Law Section, June 2017

"H-1B Cap Season 2017 and Trump Administration Executive Orders," February 2017

"Business Immigration 2017," February 2017

"Employment-Based Immigration," American Immigration Lawyers Association, Oregon Chapter, May 2016

"Recent Developments in L Visas," Northwest Regional Immigration Law Conference, American Immigration Lawyers Association, March 2016

"Getting Ready for H-1B Cap Season," January 2016

"INA 204(I) – Navigating the Law for Surviving Relatives and Others Measures of Extraordinary Relief," Northwest Regional Immigration Law Conference, American Immigration Lawyers Association, March 2015

