



Turid Owren



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LEGAL SERVICES

Business Immigration

EDUCATION

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School
Editor in Chief, Environmental Law
B.A., Reed College

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Oregon State Bar

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

The Best Lawyers in America
2005-2022, Immigration Law

**Chambers USA: America's
Leading Lawyers**
2010-2021, Labor & Employment: Immigration

Who's Who Legal
2015-2021, Corporate Immigration

Super Lawyers
2006-2012, Oregon Super Lawyer –
Immigration

**American Immigration Lawyers
Association, Oregon Chapter**
2011 – Gerald H. Robinson Excellence in
Advocacy Award

**American Immigration Lawyers
Association**
2007 – Presidential Award for Outstanding
Leadership in Liaison

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Immigration Lawyers Association
Multnomah Bar Association
Oregon State Bar

Turid has practiced immigration law since 1988. She founded the firm's Business Immigration Practice Group in 1999 and served as its chair for more than 18 years. Turid advises clients on employment-related immigration and other immigration matters. Her diverse client base includes both startups and international companies, as well as individuals.

Turid currently serves as Chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Business Immigration Response Team, which issues practice advisories on current topics to attorneys nationally. She previously served as a member of the USCIS HQ Benefits Committee, and as AILA's liaison to the USCIS Administrative Appeals Office for eight years. She is a past member of AILA's Service Center Operations Committee, a past member of AILA's Ombudsman Liaison Committee, a past Chair of AILA's USCIS Nebraska Service Center Liaison Committee, and a past Chair of the Oregon Chapter of AILA. She is a speaker at AILA conferences both regionally and nationally. Turid has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America®, Chambers and Partners USA, and Who's Who Legal: Corporate Immigration for her achievements in immigration law.

Turid has been active in the local bar throughout her career. She served as a mentor for young lawyers through the Multnomah Bar Association Mentor Program, a program she helped launch in 1993. Turid is a past member of the Executive Committee of the International Law Section of the Oregon State Bar, a past Chair of the Multnomah Bar Association's Professionalism Committee, and a past President of the Young Lawyers Section of the Multnomah Bar Association.

In the community, Turid currently serves on the Board of Directors of Portland Center Stage @ The Armory. Previously, she served on the Board of Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest, and before that as the Director of Mentors for Minds Matter of Portland, Inc. Turid also served as legal advisor for more than 10 years to Friendly House, a neighborhood social services agency for senior citizens and families in transition.

Turid is married to E. Walter Van Valkenburg and is the mother of two children. Her interests include education, reading, writing, traveling internationally, and walking.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVITIES

American Immigration Lawyers Association

2018-Present, Chair, AILA Business
Immigration Response Team

2004-Present, liaison on various AILA
committees

1991-Present, Member

AILA Oregon Chapter

1991-Present, Member

2001-2002, Chapter Chair

Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest

2012-2018, Member, Board of Directors

Marathon Partners

2007-Present, Partner

Portland Center Stage @ The Armory

2018-Present, Member, Board of
Directors

Reed College Women's Committee

1990-Present, Member

1991-1992, Chair

LANGUAGES

Norwegian

