



# Melany Savitt



## PARTNER

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## LEGAL SERVICES

Business Immigration

## EDUCATION

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, 2011  
B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1996

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Oregon State Bar

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers

2020-2021, Labor & Employment: Immigration

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association  
American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)  
Multnomah Bar Association  
Oregon Women Lawyers

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVITIES

**Art4Life**  
2015–Present, Board Member  
**Business for Culture and the Arts**  
Art of Leadership Program 2016

Melany represents clients of all sizes from a variety of industries, guiding employers and foreign nationals through the maze of immigration laws. She handles a wide range of nonimmigrant work visas, including specialty occupation categories, intracompany transfers, extraordinary ability in business and arts, internationally recognized artists and performers, religious workers, cultural exchange workers, and TN NAFTA status for Canadian and Mexican nationals. Additionally, Melany has extensive experience with PERM labor certifications, and immigrant visa petitions for multinational executives and managers, as well as individuals meeting the extraordinary ability threshold.

Melany's most recent pro bono work has helped crime victims, with U visa petitions. She has also provided pro bono services to several organizations involved in immigration matters, including Surviving Spouses Against Deportation, and securing artists' visas for participants in Portland-area arts events and festivals.

Melany's interest in art is more than legal. She studied Byzantine mosaic techniques in Ravenna, Italy and has created and installed custom mosaics in tile and stained glass.

## Presentations & Publications

- "Business Immigration Update," September 2020
- "H-1B Cap Season 2020," American Immigration Lawyers Association, Oregon Chapter, February 2020
- "U.S. Employment Options Post-Graduation for International Students," Reed College, February 2020
- "H-1B Cap Season 2020," February 2020
- "Visas – Who Can Come? Who Can Stay?" Annual Labor & Employment Law Update, May 2019
- "Advanced PERM and PERM-based I-140 issues," NW Regional Immigration Law Conference, Seattle University, February 2019
- "Business Immigration for Startups," November 2018
- "L1A/L1B Petitions and Multinational Executives/Managers Immigrant Petitions" Northwest Regional Immigration Law Conference, AILA, Seattle, March 2018
- "H-1B Breakfast Briefing," March 2018
- "Worksite Enforcement, Compliance Best Practices & Forms I-9," 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

