

## **OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES**

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# **Local Immigration Attorneys**

#### **Allegheny Immigration Group**

https://www.alleghenyimmigration.com/ 412-586-4131 310 Grant St #3309 Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## Caruso Law Group, LLC

https://www.carusolawgroup.com/ 412-265-1822 124 S. Highland Ave Studio 207 Pittsburgh, PA 15206

#### **Dentons Cohen & Grigsby**

https://www.dentons.com/dcg 412-297-4900 625 Liberty Avenue 5th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3152

#### **Ellen Freeman Immigration Law Group LLC**

https://freemanimmigration.com 412-822-6500

## Goldstein & Associates, LLC

https://mglaw.com 412-258-8080 1125 Penn Avenue, 3rd Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222

#### **Greenberg Visa Law**

https://asgvisalaw.com 412-376-7302 Penn Center East – Building 1 201 Penn Center Blvd. Suite 400 Pittsburgh, PA 15235

#### Hartzman Law Firm, LLC

https://www.hartzmanlawfirm.com/ 412-495-9849 525 William Penn Pl, 28th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219

#### **Herman Legal Group**

https://www.lawfirm4immigrants.com 412-927-1238 355 Fifth Street, Fourth Floor Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

#### **Law Offices of Kristen A Schneck LLC**

https://www.schneckimmigrationlaw.com/ 412-253-4380 Investment Building, Suite 1911 and 1902 239 Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

## **May Law Group LLC**

https://www.mayvisalaw.com 412-291-4400 One PPG Place, Suite 1600 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

# **Low Income Immigration Services**

#### **University of Pittsburgh Immigration Clinic**

https://www.law.pitt.edu/academics/experientiallearning-opportunities/clinics/immigration-law-clinic Potential clients should call to request an appointment: 412-648-1300

## **JFCS Refugee & Immigrant Services**

https://www.jfcspgh.org/services/refugee-immigrantservices/ 412-422-7200 5743 Bartlett Street Pittsburgh, PA 15217

# American Immigration Lawyers Association – Lawyer Search Tool

https://www.ailalawyer.com

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# When Should You Hire an Attorney

In general, OIS can assist a Pitt student or employee with questions directly related to their H-1b, F-1, J-1, or other Pitt-sponsored immigration status. However, OIS can never represent you as your attorney, nor are we able to give you legal advice. Whenever you present us with a situation where we believe you will be best served by getting your own legal advice, we will make that recommendation. We encourage you to take that recommendation seriously and understand that there are many nuances to immigration law and any actions you take now may have consequences for you far into the future. Some examples of when we may urge you to seek immigration counsel might include:

- Any time you have been arrested, no matter how small the charge (this does not include traffic speeding tickets, but it does include DUIs or other minor offenses.)
- ➤ If you have questions about the immigration status of your dependents, including their ability to work or change status in the US.
- > If you are a student who will file or has filed for a change of immigration status within the US.
- > If you are a student who will file or has filed for a reinstatement of your status.
- ➤ How a green card application might affect your F-1 or J-1 status.
- > Whether or not certain unpaid activities can be interpreted as 'employment'
- > If you are a student athlete with 'Name, Image, Likeness' questions.

## **How to Hire an Attorney**

Below are some questions to ask when interviewing possible attorneys. There is a fair amount of guidance online about how to prepare for your first consultation with an attorney, as well. Some law firms will charge a fee for the initial consultation, and some will not. This may be the very first question you want to ask before setting up an initial meeting. It is best to have all immigration and related documents available and organized before the initial meeting, so that the attorney has as much relevant information as possible to assess your situation.

- > How long have you been practicing immigration law? Is it your specialty, or do you practice different kinds of law?
- > Are you a member of the American Immigration Attorneys Association (AILA)?
- Do you have experience with my immigration status and case type?
- > How will we communicate and who will be my main point of contact?
- Who else will be working on my case other than you?
- What is your rate, and can you give me an estimated cost?

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