

Leslie Diaz

Leader in Removal Defense Immigration

Leslie manages the litigation and removal defense practice areas at Weinstock Immigration Lawyers. She has successfully represented hundreds of clients in removal or deportation proceedings and zealously fought for them to stay in the U.S.

She specializes in immigration court representation and immigration appeals. She has expertise in analyzing the immigration consequences of criminal convictions to properly advise clients on whether their criminal history can affect their immigration status. Leslie also specializes in family-based immigration petitions, and regularly appears with clients at interviews before USCIS.



Passionately Helping Individuals in Removal Proceedings

Leslie has filed numerous petitions for review with the U.S. circuit courts, many of which have resulted in published, precedential cases. She also regularly files mandamus and APA lawsuits before the federal district court to address errors in decisions and delays by immigration agencies. She frequently speaks to the community and attorney seminars about immigration law.

Leslie is admitted to practice law in the state of Georgia. She is admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Ninth and Eleventh Circuits. Ms. Diaz received her Juris Doctoral degree from Emory University Law School and Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Florida. Previously, Leslie worked as a Staff Attorney for the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals and also practiced criminal and commercial litigation law.

Areas of Expertise in Immigration Law

- Immigration Court representation in deportation defense
- Cancellation of Removal for LPR/ Non-LPR
- Asylum – before USCIS and immigration court
- Overcoming criminal grounds for removal and inadmissibility
- Board of Immigration Appeals
- Releasing clients from immigration detention and securing bonds in proceedings
- Federal Court Litigation: Petitions for Review, Mandamus and Administrative Procedures Act (APA) lawsuits
- Family based immigration: I-130, Adjustment of Status and Consular Processing
- I-601 and I-601A Waivers of Inadmissibility and Unlawful Presence Waivers
- Removal of Conditions (I-751)
- K-1, K-2 fiancée visas, K-3 and K-4 spouse visas
- USCIS interviews
- U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Professional Publications and Lectures

- “Ethics and Professionalism”, Spring Professionalism Program, 2016
- “Fundamentals of Removal Defense”, AILA Georgia-Alabama Chapter Annual Conference, 2016
- “New Member Mentorship”, New Member Mentor Dinner, 2015
- “Eleventh Circuit Update and Strategy Session”, American Immigration Lawyers Association Georgia-Alabama Chapter Conference, 2015
- “Strategies in Obtaining Reopening, Reconsideration, and Review of Removal Orders”, Georgia-Alabama Chapter Annual Conference, 2013
- “Relief from Removal and Waivers of Inadmissibility”, Family Immigration Law, 2013
- “Grounds of Deportability”, Family Immigration Law, 2012
- “Victims of Crime Visas and Asylum Law”, Immigration Law Fundamentals, 2011
- “Calling a Fraud a Fraud: Why Congress Should Not Adopt a Uniform Cap on Homestead Exemptions”, Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal, 1999

Education

- Emory University School of Law- Juris Doctor, 2000
- University of Florida- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, 1995

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