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Bar Admissions: North Carolina; 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina; U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina; U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina

Education: North Carolina Central University, J.D., Magna Cum Laude, 2006; University of Utah, BA, Psychology, 2002; University of Utah, BS, Exercise & Sports Science, 2002

Experience: Counsel, Womble, Bond, Dickinson (US) LLP; Attorney, McKinney Immigration Law; Attorney, Alan Gordon Immigration Law; Attorney Advisor, U.S. DOJ Executive Office for Immigration Review

Jeff is an immigration attorney representing clients in employment-based permanent residency cases, consular processing, nonimmigrant visa applications, naturalizations, family-based filings, administrative appeals to the AAO and BIA, employer sanctions, petitions for review with U.S. Circuit Courts, mandamus and APA causes of action filings with U.S. District Courts. Jeff also has a wealth of experience in representing clients with removal defense. He has been recognized as a Board-Certified Immigration Specialist in Immigration Law by the North Carolina State Bar since 2012.

Prior to entering private practice Jeff worked for the US Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review where he supported Immigration Judges of the Denver, Salt Lake City, and Newark Immigration Courts in adjudicating removal proceedings and deciding the merits of claims of relief from removal such as asylum and adjustment of status.

Jeff frequently speaks both nationally and at local events on subjects of immigration law.

Professional & Civic Engagement

- New Hanover County Bar Association
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

- North Carolina State Bar Immigration Specialization Committee 2014 – 2020

Presentations

- Criminal Grounds of Removability: Categorical, Modified Categorical & Circumstance-Specific Approaches, 2021 AILA Annual Conference
- Adjustment of Status and Criminal Grounds of Removability, 2010 Immigration Series, Mecklenburg County Bar, Charlotte, NC, February 24, 2010
- Immigrant Information Day, ACORN, Charlotte, NC, June 20, 2009
- Stays of Removal - Who Can Issue and Effect of a Stay, Immigration Workshop for the Bench and Bar, Mecklenburg County Bar, Charlotte, NC, March 13, 2009
- Current Reality of Immigration Law, Construction Financial Management Association, Charlotte, NC, November 11, 2008

Publications

- Crimes Involving Moral Turpitude: Changing Definitions and Strategies, AILA Immigration Practice Pointers, 2020-21 Edition
- Modifying Immigration Policies Does Not Equal Amnesty, Wilmington Star-News, February 7, 2012
- Cutting Undocumented Alien Employment Using the Spine of a Knife, How The Fourth Circuit Court Failed to Adequately Use Title VII to Strengthen IRCA in Egbuna v. Time Life Libraries Inc., 28 NC CENT L.J. 87 (2005)