



Joel Pfeffer

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Practice Groups

- Corporate & Business Law
- Immigration
- International Law

Education

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 1985
 - University of Pittsburgh Law Review, Staff Member
- M.R.T.S. (Master of Rabbinic & Talmudic Studies), Beth Medrash Govoha, 1980
- B.T.S. (Bachelor of Talmudic Studies), Beth Medrash Govoha, 1976

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Joel Pfeffer is a member of the Corporate & Business Law and International & Immigration Law groups. Mr. Pfeffer works primarily in the areas of immigration, nationality, and corporate law.

Representative Matters

- Extensive experience in handling immigration and naturalization matters on behalf of both foreign and U.S. based companies, as well as individuals.
- Obtained Labor Certification, Temporary Visas, and Permanent Resident Status for numerous foreign applicants.
- Estate Planning and Administration for U.S. and foreign nationals.

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
- United States Tax Court

Awards/Honors

- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for immigration law
- Named the *Best Lawyers*® 2016 Immigration law “Lawyer of the Year” in Pennsylvania

Professional/Community Involvement

- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Member
 - Past Speaker at its National Conference
- AILA Pittsburgh Chapter, Past Chairman
- Allegheny County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, Member
- Board of the Community College of Allegheny County Educational Foundation, Former Member
- Board Member of the Hebrew Free Loan Association of Pittsburgh, Former Member
- Jewish Family and Children’s Services, Former Assistant Treasurer
 - Former Member of Finance Committee

Articles/Speaking Engagements

- “Immigration Law Update,” Presenter, *Sterling Education Services*, March 29, 2017 – Morgantown, WV.
- “How the Trump Administration is Changing US Immigration,” Meritas Capability Webinar, March 1, 2017.
- “Essentials of Employment Law,” Presenter, *Sterling Education Services*, February 22, 2017 – Pittsburgh, PA.
- *Foreign Direct Investment*, Co-author, Global City Media, 2016.
- “Intra-Company Transferees – The “L” Visa,” *Immigration Law Forum*, PBI, September 23, 2016 – Philadelphia, PA.
- “Break the Immigration Stalemate,” Author, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, June 27, 2016.
- “The Visa Lifecycle for Religious Workers,” Co-author, *Immigration & National Law Handbook* (AILA 2016-17 Ed.).

- “The Ins and Outs of Employing Foreign Nationals in the United States,” Presenter, *What’s Hot in International Business Transactions*, PBI, May 11, 2016 – Philadelphia, PA.
 - “Immigration and Employment Law,” Presenter, Sterling Education’s *Essentials of Employment Law* CLE Seminar, March 30, 2016 – Morgantown, WV.
 - “Be Prepared for Delays During M&A Deals with Chinese Businesses,” Co-author, *The Legal Intelligencer*, June 5, 2015.
 - “Immigration Reform is Long Overdue,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, December 14, 2014.
 - *MUS Client Advisories*
 - “H-1B Visa Applications Can Be Filed On April 3,” Co-Author, March 2, 2017.
 - “President Trump’s Executive Orders on Immigration,” Author, February 14, 2017.
 - “Client Reminder: New I-9 Forms Must Be Used Starting 1/22/2017,” Author, December 2, 2016.
 - “H-1B Visas: Be Prepared to Submit Applications,” Co-author, February 17, 2016.
 - “Take Advantage of ‘E’ Category Trader and Investor Visas Co-author,” January 28, 2016.
 - “Proposed Rule for F-1 Nonimmigrant Students with STEM Degrees,” Co-author, December 1, 2015.
 - “L-1B Visas - New Policy Memo Issued on Intracompany Transfers,” Co-author, August 19, 2015.
 - “‘E’ Category Trader or Investor Visas,” Co-author, June 26, 2015.
 - “Certain H-4 Dependent Spouses May Seek Employment Authorization - Effective May 26, 2015,” Co-author, March 5, 2015.
 - “H-1B Visas: Be Prepared to Submit Applications on April 1st,” Co-author, February 10, 2015.
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