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Christine Rodriguez focuses her legal practice on advising clients in all aspects of business immigration law.

Christine provides strategic advice and immigration planning to clients in a variety of industries in the full range of immigration processes from hire to permanent residency, including H-1B, L-1, TN, E-3, H-3, STEM OPT, I-140 (EB1 and PERM-based) immigration petitions and I-485 adjustment of status applications.

Christine has been working in the business immigration field since receiving her bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University. For four years she served as a paralegal in a large corporate immigration firm prior to attending law school, and returned to business immigration upon earning her J.D. During law school, Christine interned with the Offices of the DeKalb County and Fulton County District Attorneys, Atlanta Legal Aid Society, and the ACLU of Georgia.

Representative Experience

- Developed immigration policies, procedures and best practices related to the permanent labor certification process for clients in the banking, technology, and life sciences industries.
- Represented and counseled employers subject to audits, Requests for Evidence (RFE), and other legal proceedings by U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Counseled human resource personnel regarding employer requirements in complex I-9 cases and reductions in force.
- Obtained retroactive R-1 approval and reinstatement of lawful immigration status for R-1 religious worker who overstayed authorized R-1 period.

Honors & Awards

- The *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch,* Immigration Law (2026 - 2027)

EDUCATION

- Georgia State University College of Law (J.D., 2020)
- Vanderbilt University (B.A., 2014)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia

LANGUAGES

- Spanish (fluent) - French (proficient)

Memberships

- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Georgia Hispanic Bar Association
- Georgia Association for Women Lawyers

News & Insights

- July 07, 2026 - Supreme Court Permits Termination of TPS for Syria and Haiti: What Employers Should Know
- January 26, 2026 - 2026 H-1B Cap Lottery Registration and Key Changes to Selection Process
- December 15, 2025 - Expanded Online Presence Review Requirements for H-1B Applicants and H-4 Dependents
- October 31, 2025 - USCIS Provides Payment Method and Clarification on Applicability of New $100,000 H-1B Visa Fee
- September 24, 2025 - Presidential Proclamation Imposes $100,000 Fee on New H-1B Visas

Events

- September 02, 2026 - The New I-9 Enforcement Landscape: What Every Employer Needs to Know in 2026 — Complimentary Webinar
- June 24, 2026 - FordHarrison Tri-State Employment Law Update for 2026 — Complimentary Webinar
- January 22, 2026 - SHRM South Brevard and Ford Harrison New Year's Workplace Legal Seminar - 2026 [Melbourne, FL]
- February 12, 2025 - ICE Workplace Raids – How Employers Can be Prepared - Complimentary Webinar

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