

Jeffrey S. Bell

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Jeffrey Bell helps U.S. and international companies navigate the complex landscape of immigration law with practical, business-focused solutions. With over 30 years of experience, Jeff develops and implements immigration strategies that support clients' talent, growth and compliance goals.

Clients rely on Jeff for guidance in obtaining work visas and permanent residence for key employees, maintaining compliance with immigration regulations, and developing long-term workforce plans that align with their business objectives. He combines a deep understanding of immigration law with insight into the operational realities companies face when hiring and retaining foreign national employees.

Jeff advises clients across a range of industries, including health care, manufacturing and global services, and has extensive experience in:

- Counseling health care organizations on immigration visa and compliance matters
- Assisting multinational companies with the transfer of key personnel across borders
- Helping U.S. employers secure work visas and permanent residence for professional and essential employees
- Representing foreign investors seeking immigration benefits through U.S. business formation

Jeff's collaborative, solution-oriented approach helps clients manage workforce mobility efficiently while staying compliant in an evolving regulatory environment.

Education

- Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (J.D., 1992)
 - Order of the Coif; Recipient of International Law Prize; Washington University Law Quarterly, Associate Editor; National Moot Court team
- The University of Texas at Austin (B.A., *cum laude*, 1989)
 - Psychology

Bar Admissions

Capabilities

- Academic Medical Centers
- Employment Advice & Investigations
- Immigration & Global Mobility
- International
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation

- Missouri, 1992
- Utah, 2023

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, District of Kansas

Memberships

- American Health Law Association, 2012-present
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, 1993-present

Recognition

- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Immigration, Utah, 2025
- International Relations Council of Kansas City, Board President, 2019-2020
- President, Kansas Bar Association Immigration Law Committee, 2016-2018
- ImmigrationLaw360's Immigration Editorial Advisory Board, 2015, 2016
- Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Chairman International Law Committee 2004-2005

Matters

- Managing immigration visa programs for national and regional health care systems, successfully processing thousands of work visa and green card applications.
- Managing immigration visa programs for information technology companies, including the world's leading information security integrator, successfully processing hundreds of work visa and green card applications.
- Managing the immigration visa program for one of the world's leading consumer electronics company.
- Managing the immigration visa program of the largest nonprofit plant science research organization in the United States.
- Successfully obtained hundreds of J-1 visa waivers for health care clients ranging from national and regional health care systems, community hospitals, to private practice groups.
- Assisting numerous multinational companies, including in the engineering, automotive, and technology industries, with the transfer of executives, managers, and specialist employees to positions in the United States.
- Advising many foreign national company and individual investors with the establishment or expansion of business operations in the United States to provide work visas for investors and key employees.
- Managing internal immigration audits and reviews for multinational engineering companies, U.S.-based technology companies, and as part of due diligence for corporate mergers, acquisitions, and sales.
- Defending companies in the agricultural, hospitality, and construction industries subject to immigration compliance worksite investigations by Immigration and Customs and Enforcement.