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Derek Strain has practiced exclusively in the area of United States immigration and nationality law since 1997. He represents clients in all areas of immigration and nationality law including naturalization, family-based immigrant petitions, and employment-based immigration. His practice includes H-1B, L, E, and TN non-immigrant visas, PERM labor certification, and I-9s/employer compliance issues.

Derek is valued for his ability to anticipate client needs and navigate the complexities of immigration decisions and how that can impact the company and individual for decades into the future. He provides customized solutions specific to the business objectives of his clients.

Derek is involved in various legal and business associations and has been an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers' Association (AILA) since 1997. He served as the Chicago Chapter President from 2013-2014 and has since served on numerous AILA committees. Derek is a former Peace Corps Volunteer (Guatemala) and is fluent in Spanish.

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

Distinctions

Illinois Super Lawyers, 2009-2011, 2014-2022

Leading Lawyers, 2012-2023

The Best Lawyers in America, 2012-2022



Education

DePaul University College of Law, J.D.,
Law, 1996

University of Kansas, B.F.A., 1989

Admissions

Illinois

U.S. District Court, Northern District of
Illinois

U.S. District Court, Southern District of
Illinois

Practice Areas

Immigration

Languages

Spanish