

Ms. Denyse Sabagh

Denyse Sabagh is the head of the firm's Immigration Practice Group. She practices in the areas of immigration and nationality law and litigation.

Ms. Sabagh has more than 30 years of experience in representing diverse clients. She helps corporate clients manage both inbound and outbound employment immigration. She is a recognized leader in all aspects of immigration law. She has in depth experience representing individual and corporate clients for all of their immigration needs including E, H, J, L, O, P, and TN non-immigrant and EB-1, PERMs, immigrant visas, EB 5 Immigrant Investor Visa, J-1 waivers and Outbound issues. She also represents clients in I-9 audits, complex immigration cases, consular processing and immigration ramifications of criminal charges. In addition, she represents family based clients. She is a frequently featured speaker at national, state, and local conferences and in national and international media.

She is a recognized leader in developing strategic business immigration programs and policies.

Ms. Sabagh is a former national president and general counsel of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and serves on its Board of Governors. She is the Vice Chair of the National Immigration Forum, the umbrella organization for organizations concerned about immigration. She is also on the Board of the Arab American Institute and Immigrants' List, the only proimmigration PAC. Ms. Sabagh is also a former member of the Coordinating Committee on Immigration Law of the American Bar Association, former chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Fairfax County Bar Association and former member of board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union National Capital Area Chapter. In 2010, Human Resource Executivemagazine named her one of their Top 15 for Immigration Law. She has been listed in Washingtonian magazine consistently as best lawyer and in 2009, Washingtonian magazine listed Ms. Sabagh as one of 30 "Stars of the Bar" in Washington, D.C and in 2012 she featured in the Washingtonian. She is listed in Chambers Global and Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers for 2006 through 2018, and was awarded the first Rose Bouziane Nader Award by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in June 2006. This Award is given to an Arab American who exemplifies civic courage, organizing skills and significant achievement in advancing the just society with its pursuit of happiness, creativity and foresight. She also received the Hala Maksoud Award for Leadership in 2012.

Admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and Virginia, Ms. Sabagh is a member of the District of Columbia, Virginia State, Arlington County and Fairfax County bar associations, the 4th Circuit, the D.C. Circuit and the Maryland District Court. She is a 1977 magna cum laude graduate of George Mason University Law School and a graduate of the University of Maryland.