

# Immigration Law

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The Law Offices of Doss & Associates prides itself on its proven track record and successes in Immigration and Naturalization law. Our offices are conveniently located in Jersey City and Newark, New Jersey. We represent clients throughout Northern and Central New Jersey and even throughout the United States. Our firm also represents clients who need an Arabic-speaking immigration attorney.

Caroline Labib Doss is an attorney-at-law whose practice is primarily limited to Immigration and Naturalization Law. She is dedicated to representing you with all your immigration and naturalization needs including the following:

## Relative Petitions

We assist immigrants with the sponsorship of a family member or another relative who is seeking a green card or citizenship in the United States. Under federal law, citizens and legal permanent residents can sponsor (or "petition" on behalf of) their family members for immigration visas or "green cards" so they can immigrate to the U.S.

## Deportation and Removal Issues

Immigration violations, as well as, criminal convictions can result in deportation, ineligibility for relief from removal, and being barred from naturalization, which is the process whereby United States citizenship is conferred on a foreign citizen or national after he or she has fulfilled certain requirements established by Congress.

## Asylum

Individuals may be granted asylum on a discretionary basis if it is determined that the applicant has suffered past persecution or has a "well-founded fear of persecution" on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a social group, or political opinion in their country of origin. People seeking asylum must establish their persecution on at least one of these five grounds. Asylum applications must be filed within one year after entry into the United States, with some exceptions being granted for extraordinary circumstances.

## Employment Visas

There are numerous categories of employment-based visas, with most requiring sponsorship of the foreign national employee by their U.S. employer. Eligibility for an employment-based visa is often based on the immigrant's unique ability, talent or professional achievement. Filing the petition with the appropriate documentation should be prepared by an attorney who is familiar with the employment- visa categories and criteria.

## Green Cards

A "green card" gives you official immigration status - lawful permanent residency - in the United States. Green card

holders may travel freely to and from the United States and are entitled to work in the United States and receive health, education, tax, retirement, social security and other benefits. A green card holder may also apply for United States citizenship.

### Naturalization & Citizenship

Naturalization is the process whereby United States citizenship is conferred on a foreign citizen or national after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). All naturalization applicants must demonstrate good moral character and a favorable disposition toward the United States. Some naturalization requirements may be modified or waived for certain applicants, such as spouses of United States citizens and persons with mental or physical disabilities.

If you have questions or concerns regarding Immigration and Naturalization Law, contact us today for a consultation.