

Grossman Young & Hammond Formed Through Merger of Top Immigration Law Firms

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Firm to provide comprehensive, world-class immigration services to confront the challenges of today

Now, more than ever, foreign nationals seeking to immigrate to the United States, and U.S. companies and employers hoping to hire the very best talent, need savvy and experienced immigration counsel to navigate the maze of ever-changing immigration law and policy. **Hammond Young Immigration Law** and **Grossman Law** today announced a merger of their firms, to form Grossman Young & Hammond. Combining decades of experience in a broad range of immigration issues, including deportation defense, humanitarian and family law, and business immigration, as well as reputations for providing top-notch, concierge-level service to discriminating clients around the globe, the new firm is uniquely positioned to confront the challenges of today.

The combined firm's roster of past and current clients is a testament to the knowledge, creativity and technical experience of Grossman Young & Hammond. Whether representing the award-winning author Yeonmi Park, the face and voice of the oppressed in North Korea; the Grammy-nominated Indonesian child jazz prodigy Joey Alexander; America's premier national nuclear security laboratory (Los Alamos); or the world's most-acclaimed chefs and restaurants, Grossman Young & Hammond provides creative and ethical solutions for the most complex of cases.

The newly merged firm also represents a diverse array of individuals with inadmissibility concerns and people in deportation proceedings, and advises activists, persecuted individuals, and other attorneys on human rights issues, asylum, and INTERPOL matters.

The firm will continue its demonstrated commitment to pro bono services for immigrants with humanitarian and due process concerns. Attorneys from both firms have dedicated thousands of hours to improving the practice of immigration law, representing individuals in asylum proceedings, securing the rights of the undocumented population, and educating other lawyers on best practices in immigration cases.

“Our merger allows us to provide comprehensive, innovative and wide-ranging solutions to those with unique immigration demands and challenges,” said **Becki Young**. “Together we will help our clients build a better future for themselves, institutionally, professionally and personally.”

Sandra Grossman added, “Our combined attorneys are tenacious, yet compassionate and recognized for their experience in immigration law and business, criminal, and human rights law, allowing us to address even the most difficult of client issues in the most effective way possible.”

Denise Hammond says, “this merger will produce one of the finest teams of immigration lawyers in the United States.”

The new firm’s range of immigration legal services offered to corporations large and small, preeminent research institutions, individuals, families, and nonprofit organizations is unparalleled and includes:

Employment-based temporary visas and green cards, PERM labor certification, I-9 and e-Verify training and compliance.

Immigration court and federal court litigation, FOIA cases, asylum, consular processing, complex inadmissibility waivers.

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, law-enforcement visas, and family immigration, among others.

The female-led firm offers a team of multilingual, top Washington, DC immigration lawyers including:

Sandra Grossman— a respected immigration litigator, named by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of “Washington’s Top Lawyers”; known for her unique practice, which addresses complex inadmissibility issues, often involving matters before INTERPOL, high-profile clients, politically sensitive matters, and diplomatic issues with foreign policy implications. She is a frequent publisher and sought-after speaker on immigration issues, and a former American University Law School adjunct faculty member, and fluent in Spanish.

Becki Young— a prominent business immigration lawyer ranked by *Chambers USA*, *Washingtonian* and *U.S. News & World Report* who regularly publishes and lectures on immigration issues. She has represented more than 100 of the world's most prominent hotels and restaurants, and facilitated the sponsorship of foreign professionals, trainees, interns and individuals of "extraordinary ability." In addition to her hospitality practice, Young regularly provides immigration law advice to clients in a broad range of industries, including investment banking and securities, information technology, nonprofit, manufacturing and healthcare. She is proficient in French and Japanese.

Denise Hammond — senior counsel at the firm; was named Immigration Lawyer of the Year (2018 and 2014) in Washington, D.C., by *Best Lawyers* and a Top 10 Immigration Attorney in D.C. by *Legal Times of Washington*; and is ranked by *Chambers USA* as a Band 1 Leading Individual (2015 to 2018) and by *Chambers Global*. Hammond has chaired government liaison committees of the 15,000-member American Immigration Lawyers Association and was selected to chair the association's annual conference in 2008.

Attorneys

Meg Hobbins — a senior attorney with more than a decade of experience, focusing her practice on complex family-based and humanitarian immigration matters, as well as waivers of inadmissibility and consular processing before the U.S. immigration courts, Board of Immigration Appeals, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and U.S. Consulates abroad. She is fluent in French and proficient in Spanish.

Yeon Me Kim — an attorney handling a wide variety of family and employment based non-immigrant and immigrant visa petitions and solving complex issues for clients with challenging immigration situations. She is fluent in Korean.

Claudia Lainez — an attorney representing individuals before U.S. Immigration Courts, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Board of Immigration Appeals. She is fluent in Spanish.

Rita McCarthy — a senior attorney with more than a decade of experience in a full range of immigration categories, including business-

based nonimmigrant and immigrant petitions, family-based petitions, students, and exchange visitors. She is conversant in Spanish.

Ali Nasserghodsi — an attorney representing clients in a wide array of cases before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, Executive Office of Immigration Review, U.S. Embassies and Consulates, as well as the Office of Foreign Assets Control. He is proficient in Farsi.

Rachel Zoghlin — a senior attorney with experience in a broad range of immigration matters, including defending individuals in removal proceedings, and representing individuals in asylum matters, petitions for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (before Maryland State Courts and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services), U and T visa petitions for victims of crime and trafficking, self-petitions under the Violence Against Women Act family and employment-based visa petitions, waivers of inadmissibility, extraordinary ability visa petitions, and applications for lawful permanent residence and naturalization. She is fluent in Spanish.