



## Brian Graham

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## OVERVIEW

Brian Graham is a partner in the firm's Austin office where he concentrates his practice in corporate and investment-based immigration law and is a member of the labor, employment and workplace safety practice group. He is internationally recognized for his expertise in obtaining visas, permanent residency, and citizenship for athletes, entertainers, executives, healthcare professionals, investors, religious workers, information technology workers, professors, and researchers. Brian regularly advises corporations on immigration compliance issues and developing long-term immigration strategies. In addition, he counsels immigrant investors and developers on the EB-5 immigrant investor program. He works alongside tax and estate planning attorneys to counsel high net worth individuals on comprehensive immigration planning.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Brian Graham is ranked as a leading corporate immigration lawyer by Chambers & Partners (2006-present), recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* (2010-2017), received *Finance Monthly's* 2018 USA Corporate Immigration *Lawyer of the Year*, received 2017 Austin Immigration Lawyer of the Year, and has been named a "Texas Super Lawyer" since 2013. He has been Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 2000, and currently serves on the examinations committee for the Board's annual examination in immigration and nationality law. Prior to joining the firm, Brian headed the immigration law practice at a national law firm based in Texas. Before entering private practice, he was employed as Assistant District Counsel for the Immigration and Naturalization Service and worked at the INS Office of the General Counsel in Washington, D.C.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Invest in U.S.A

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Smart Immigration Strategies for Today’s Entrepreneurs,” *Berkeley SkyDeck*, December 2018
- 2017 Business Immigration Law Guide: What To Expect,” *K&L Gates Immigration Webinar*, February 2017.
- “Labor, Employment and Workplace Safety: 2016 Year in Review and 2017 Outlook,” *K&L Gates Labor, Employment and Workplace Safety Webinar*, January 2017.
- “Immigration Issues in the Hospitality Industry,” *K&L Gates Labor, Employment and Workplace Safety Webinar*, October 2016.
- “Global Employer Solutions in a Digitalized World.” *K&L Gates Global Employer Solutions Webinar*, July 2016.”
- “Tax and Immigration Planning for High Net Worth Individuals”, *Private Wealth Mexico Forum*, June 2015.
- Moderator, “EB-5 Financing & P3: Leveraging International Migration to Create Capital,” *P3Conference*, February 2014.
- “Legal Series for 2011: U.S. Export Controls 2011 for Attorneys,” *LIVE Webcast*, February 2011.
- “I-9 Compliance and E-Verify: What HR Needs to Know,” *HRSouthwest Conference*, October 2010.
- “I-9 Compliance and E-Verify,” *HRSouthwest Conference*, October 2009.
- “Immigration Law Update,” *Lone Star Alliance*, December 2008.
- “Hot Topics in Immigration Law,” *Austin Chamber of Commerce*, November 2008.
- “Immigration Strategies for International Employers,” *HRSouthwest Conference*, October 2008.
- “U.S. Immigration Options for Mexican Investors,” *Frost Bank*, October 2008.

## EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, 1995
- B.A., The University of Texas, 1992 (*honors*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Texas

## LANGUAGES

- Spanish

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 31 August 2020, COVID-19: Employment Issues in Health Care Mergers and Acquisitions in the Era of COVID-19 (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 24 April 2020, COVID-19: Executive Order on Immigration Temporarily Suspends Certain Green Cards (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 24 March 2020, COVID-19: Premium Processing for Employment Petitions Suspended and Relaxed I-9 Verification Requirements (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 February 2020, Prior Version of Form I-9 to Become Obsolete April 30, 2020 (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 December 2019, H-1B Electronic Registration Process (*Alerts/Updates*)
- June 2018, Smart Immigration Strategies for Latin American Investors (*Research Surveys*)
- April 2018, Global Mobility in 2018: Are Things Tough All Over? (*Research Surveys*)
- March 2018, The K&L Gates 2018 Immigration Law Guide: What To Expect (*Research Surveys*)
- 1 February 2017, Urgent: Travel Restrictions Following Recent Executive Order (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 18 January 2017, USCIS Issues Major New Immigration Regulations for Highly Skilled Workers (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 January 2017, Employers Must Begin Using New Form I-9 by January 22, 2017 (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 28 November 2016, USCIS to Increase Fees for Key Immigration Filings (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 28 November 2016, 2016 Election Guide: A Guide to Trump-era Changes in Business Immigration (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 18 July 2016, Getting It Right: Maximizing Yield While Minimizing the Risk in Hiring Farm Labor (*Alerts/Updates*)

## NEWS & EVENTS

- August 2020, K&L Gates Lawyers Provide Insights on Impact of COVID-19 Across Various Industries (*Media Mention*)
- 23 April 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized in 2020 Chambers USA Guide (*Rankings & Recognitions*)
- 26 April 2019, Chambers USA 2019 Guide Ranks K&L Gates, Lawyers Among Leaders (*Press Release*)
- 23 June 2016, K&L Gates, Lawyers Recognized as Leaders in Chambers USA 2016 Guide (*Press Release*)
- 12 November 2015, K&L Gates Enhances Global Employer Solutions Capabilities with Addition of Paris Labor and Employment Partner (*Press Release*)

- 16 July 2015, K&L Gates Bolsters Labor & Employment Practice with Immigration Partner Addition in Texas (*Press Release*)

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- “Slowdown in Immigrant Workers Also Translates to Fewer Opportunities for Americans,” *Austin Business Journal* (June 2014)
- “Expanding Immigrant Investor Program Could Boost Central Texas Business,” *Austin Business Journal* (February 2014)
- “EB-5 Program Changes Recommended,” *San Antonio Express-News* (February 2014)
- “H-1B Demand Spike May Signal Improving Outlook For Skilled Pros,” *Computerworld.com* (December 2009)

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Labor, Employment, and Workplace Safety
- Immigration
- Investigations, Enforcement, and White Collar