

## Maria Kallmeyer

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## About Maria

### Tell-it-like-it-is, business-centered immigration counsel

Maria Kallmeyer advises clients on all aspects of employment-related immigration law, including visas, work permits, I-9 work authorization compliance and citizenship matters. Counseling large and small corporations in a variety of industries, she focuses on:

- **Employment-based immigration strategies**
- **Corporate immigration compliance**
- **Visa processing for foreign national employees**

Clients appreciate that Maria offers practical, business-oriented advice and translates legalese fluidly into layman's terms. Prior to joining Quarles, Maria worked at two national business immigration law firms in Boston.

### Experience in Action

- **Advising employers and employees regarding nonimmigrant visa status**, including B, E, H, J, L, O, P and TN categories.
- **Working with in-house recruiters at client companies** to assess the likely strength of an immigration petition before a recruit is hired.
- **Managing the filing of PERM labor certification applications**, including responding to PERM audits when necessary.
- **Representing employees through the permanent residency process**, including multinational managers, outstanding researchers and individuals with extraordinary ability in the arts, sciences or business.

### Education and Honors

Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, Certificate, Quarles & Brady Leadership Program (2018)

Suffolk University Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2008)

- International Law Certificate with distinction
- Participated in the Immigration Law Clinic

Boston University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2003)

- Majors: International Relations; Hispanic Language and Literature
- Common Ground Award for Multicultural Awareness

### Bar Admissions

Illinois

### Languages

German

Spanish





- **Counseling clients on consular issues**, including counseling and preparing foreign nationals for visa application interviews.
- **Conducting I-9 audits and advising clients with regard to compliance** and discrimination issues.
- **Advising clients on a wide variety of immigration-related matters**, including citizenship, marriage petitions, asylum applications, U.S. Coast Guard Letters of Determination and the effects of criminal acts.
- **Advising health care employers and physicians** on J-1 waivers, H-1Bs and the permanent residency process for physicians.

## Capabilities

Immigration & Mobility

Labor, Employment & Benefits

Sports, Entertainment and Media Industry

Banking & Financial Institutions

Employment Advice, Counseling and Training

## Professional Recognitions

- Selected for inclusion in *Illinois Super Lawyers*<sup>®</sup>-Rising Stars Edition (2014-present: Immigration)

## Professional & Civic Activities

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, fellow, 2019
- International Medical Graduate Taskforce, member
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Chicago Chapter CBP Committee, member
- Chicago Bar Association, member
- American Bar Association, member
- Quarles & Brady Chicago Women's Forum
- Quarles & Brady Diversity Committee, member

