



Gizie Bekele Joins Lathrop Gage as Staff Attorney

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Kansas City, Mo. (September 16, 2008) – Joel Voran, CEO of Lathrop Gage L.C. announced today that Gizie D. Bekele has joined the Kansas City office as a staff attorney in the immigration law group.

Bekele practices in all areas of business-related immigration law. Bekele was a legal intern for the Missouri State Public Defender's Office and Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Municipal Unit. She also served as a law clerk for an immigration firm in Atlanta where she handled a wide variety of business and family based immigration matters.

Bekele received her undergraduate degree from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia in 1997 and her juris doctorate from the University of Missouri School of Law in 2006. She is a member of The Missouri Bar.

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