



## Gizie Hirsh

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**Gizie Hirsh practices in all areas of business-related immigration law. She assists such national and local employers as architectural firms, educational institutions, manufacturers, entertainment firms, financial service firms and health care providers with immigrant and non-immigrant matters.**

She focuses her practice on representing employers before United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of State on a wide variety of immigration matters. Gizie's experience during and prior to law school included three years as a law-clerk and paralegal at a boutique immigration firm in Atlanta, where she handled various business- and family-based immigration matters.

Gizie's experience includes the following:

- Securing approvals for employers who wish to hire foreign nationals in various nonimmigrant categories, including H-1B (Specialty Workers), L-1 (Intra-company Transferees), TN (NAFTA Treaty Workers), O-1 (Individuals with Extraordinary Ability or Achievement), and R-1 (Religious Workers).
- Obtaining J-1 waivers for foreign physicians.
- Obtaining labor certifications from the Department of Labor for employers pursuing permanent resident status for their foreign national workers.
- Obtaining immigrant petition approvals in the EB-1, EB-2, EB-3 and EB-4 categories.
- Assisting foreign nationals to obtain permanent resident status.
- Advising clients on I-9 compliance and E-Verify issues.

### Areas of Focus

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## Credentials

### Education

- University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D., 2006
- Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, B.A., 1997, summa cum laude

### Bar Admissions

- Missouri

### Recognition

- *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, "The POWER List: Immigration Law," 2024
  - "Top 100: Immigration Law," 2024

### Accolades



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## Presentations

- Presenter, "Immigration Update," and "Immigration Q&A," Lathrop GPM 2023 Employment & Labor Law Seminar, October 1, 2024 (Kansas City); October 23, 2024 (Minneapolis)
- Presenter, "Immigration Update," and "Immigration Q&A," Lathrop GPM 2023 Employment & Labor Law Seminar, October 24, 2023 (Minneapolis)
- Presenter, "Immigration Update: I-9 Compliance and Foreign National Issues," Lathrop GPM 2022 Employment & Labor Law Seminar, April 12, 2022 (Kansas City); May 4, 2022 (Minneapolis)
- Presenter, "Immigration Q&A," Lathrop GPM 2022 Employment & Labor Law Seminar, April 12, 2022 (Kansas City); May 4, 2022 (Minneapolis)
- Presenter, "Immigration Compliance," Associated Industries of Missouri (AIM), August 25, 2010

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## Publications

- [Cutting Immigration Programs is No Solution](#), *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, June 26, 2009

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## Professional Activities

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Fellows Program, 2019
- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- The Missouri Bar
- American Bar Association, Labor & Employment Section

## Languages

- Amharic