Practice Groups

- Corporate & Business Law
- Immigration
- International Law

Education

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 1985
  - University of Pittsburgh Law Review, Staff Member
- M.R.T.S. (Master of Rabbinic & Talmudic Studies), Beth Medrash Govoha, 1980
- B.T.S. (Bachelor of Talmudic Studies), Beth Medrash Govoha, 1976

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

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Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
- United States Tax Court

Representative Matters

- Extensive experience in handling immigration and naturalization matters on behalf of both foreign and U.S. based companies, as well as individuals.
- Obtained Labor Certification, Temporary Visas, and Permanent Resident Status for numerous foreign applicants.
- Estate Planning and Administration for U.S. and foreign nationals.

Awards/Honors

- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Immigration Law
- Named the *Best Lawyers*® 2016 Immigration law "Lawyer of the Year" in Pittsburgh

Professional/Community Involvement

- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Member
  - Past Speaker at its National Conference
- AILA Pittsburgh Chapter, Past Chairman
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Associations, Member
- Community College of Allegheny County Educational Foundation, Former Board Member
- Hebrew Free Loan Association of Pittsburgh, Former Board Member
- Jewish Family and Children's Services, Former Assistant Treasurer
  - Former Member of Finance Committee

Articles/Speaking Engagements

- "'Public charge' proposal could thwart hopes & dreams," *TribLive*. November 6, 2019.
- "Joel Pfeffer: Immigration must shift to employment model," *TribLive*. June 15, 2019.

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Articles/Speaking Engagements (cont'd)

- Interviewed as a guest on PGHTech Fuse on May 24, 2019 to discuss the immigration topics impacting foreign workers within the technology industry and the path the citizenship for students and highly skilled professionals.
- Interviewed by NPR Pittsburgh Radio on March 18, 2019 discussing changes in lottery system for immigration selection and how it could impact the H-1B visa process.
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- "Immigration Law Update," Presenter, *Sterling Education Services,* March 29, 2017 – Morgantown, WV.
- "How the Trump Administration is Changing US Immigration," Meritas Capability Webinar, March 1, 2017.
- "Essentials of Employment Law," Presenter, *Sterling Education Services,* February 22, 2017 – Pittsburgh, PA.
- "Pittsburgh schools, lawyers discourage travel for those affected by Trump order," *Pittsburgh Business Times*. January 31, 2017.
- *Foreign Direct Investment,* Co-author, Global City Media, 2016.
- "Intra-Company Transferees – The "L" Visa," *Immigration Law Forum,* PBI, September 23, 2016 – Philadelphia, PA.
- "Break the Immigration Stalemate," Author, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, June 27, 2016.
- "The Visa Lifecycle for Religious Workers," Co-author, *Immigration & National Law Handbook* (AILA 2016-17 Ed.).
- "The Ins and Outs of Employing Foreign Nationals in the United States," Presenter, *What's Hot in International Business Transactions,* PBI, May 11, 2016 – Philadelphia, PA.
- "Immigration and Employment Law," Presenter, Sterling Education's *Essentials of Employment Law* CLE Seminar, March 30, 2016 – Morgantown, WV.
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- "'Public Charge' Moves Towards More Restrictive Standard," October 4, 2019.
- "H-1B Visa Applications Can be Filed on April 1," February 6, 2019.
- "Administration Proposes New Rules to Test 'Public Charge'," December 20, 2018.
- "H-1B Visa Applications Can Be Filed on April 2," March 6, 2018.
- "Employing Foreign Nationals Through TN Visas," October 23, 2017.
- "Revised I-9 Forms Must Be Used Starting 9/18/2017," August 28, 2017.
- "E-3 Visas Exclusive to Australian Citizens," August 3, 2017.
- "Work Options for Foreign Students," July 5, 2017.
- "Companies Should Prepare for an Increase in I-9 Audits," May 4, 2017.
- "H-1B Visa Applications Can Be Filed On April 3," Co-Author, March 2, 2017.
- "President Trump's Executive Orders on Immigration," Author, February 14, 2017.
- "Client Reminder: New I-9 Forms Must Be Used Starting 1/22/2017," Author, December 2, 2016.
- "H-1B Visas: Be Prepared to Submit Applications," Co-author, February 17, 2016.
- "Take Advantage of 'E' Category Trader and Investor Visas Co-author," January 28, 2016.
- "Proposed Rule for F-1 Nonimmigrant Students with STEM Degrees," Co-author, December 1, 2015.
- "L-1B Visas - New Policy Memo Issued on Intracompany Transfers," Co-author, August 19, 2015.
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- "Certain H-4 Dependent Spouses May Seek Employment Authorization - Effective May 26, 2015," Co-author, March 5, 2015.
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