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Jeff Ghouse joined the Dallas office in January 2011.

As an associate, he works with the labor and employment group and focuses on immigration. Jeff's representation includes clients ranging from startup companies to large consulting and domestic and multinational corporations in industries such as oil and gas, banking, insurance, manufacturing, information technology, telecommunications, software, semiconductor, retail, biotechnology, healthcare, and food services.

Jeff has assisted clients with obtaining both employment-based lawful permanent resident status and nonimmigrant visas. In connection with employment-based lawful permanent resident status, he has filed I-485s, Applications to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, and I-140s, Immigrant Visa Petitions, for aliens of extraordinary ability (EB-1), multinational executives and managers (EB-1), members of the professions holding an advanced degree (EB-2), aliens of exceptional ability (EB-2), professionals (EB-3), and skilled workers (EB-3). In connection with the lawful permanent resident process, he has extensive experience with the Department of Labor's foreign labor certification process. Jeff has also helped clients with nonimmigrant visas as treaty traders and investors (E-1, E-2), members of specialty occupations in fields requiring highly specialized knowledge (H-1B, H-1B1, E-3), intracompany executive and managerial transferees (L-1A), intracompany transferees possessing specialized knowledge (L-1B), Canadian and Mexican NAFTA professional workers (TN-1, TN-2), professional athletes (P-1A), individuals with extraordinary ability or achievement (O-1), and individuals employed in the Outer Continental Shelf (Letter of Determination from US Coast Guard). This includes experience with startup companies and well-established companies requiring a blanket procedure for their intracompany transferees. Further, Jeff has assisted clients in obtaining visas and work permits in other countries, including Canada, China, and Mexico.

In addition to the above, Jeff has briefed appeals in all facets of the immigration practice, including the Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals (Department of Labor), the Administrative Appeals Office (US Citizenship and Immigration Services), and the Board of Immigration Appeals (Department of Justice). Moreover, he has worked with officers of US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement in resolving I-9 compliance audits for clients. Lastly, he has successfully tried, appealed, and won a case for political asylum on re-hearing.

Areas of concentration

- Immigration

Representative experience

- H-1B Professional Nonimmigrant Visas
- L-1 Intracompany Transferee Nonimmigrant Visas
- TN (NAFTA) Professional Nonimmigrant Visas
- E-1 and E-2 Treaty Trader/Investor Nonimmigrant Visas
- P-1A Professional Athlete Visas
- O-1 Individuals with Extraordinary Ability or Achievement Visas
- B-1 OCS (Outer Continental Shelf) Certification
- E-3 Australian Professional Nonimmigrant Visas
- H-1B1 Singaporean/Chilean Professional Nonimmigrant Visas
- Labor Certification Applications (including PERM)
- Immigrant Petitions for Extraordinary Ability Aliens (EB-1)
- Immigrant Petitions for Multinational Executives/Managers (EB-1)
- Immigrant Petitions for Members of the Profession Holding an Advanced Degree (EB-2)
- Immigrant Petitions for Aliens of Exceptional Ability (EB-2)
- Immigrant Petitions for Professionals (EB-3)
- Immigrant Petitions for Skilled Workers (EB-3)
- Adjustment of Status to Lawful Permanent Residence
- I-9 Compliance
- Consular Processing

Professional activities

- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Asian American Bar Association
 - Programs Committee
- Dallas Regional Chamber
 - Dallas Young Professionals Group
- Greater Dallas Indo-American Chamber of Commerce
 - Founding member of the Young Business Professionals Forum

Publications

- Co-Author, "[Green Cards: Avoid Pitfalls in EB-2s and EB-3s](#)," Texas Lawyer: In-House: Immigration Law, February 3, 2014
- Co-Author, "[Yes, It Is That Time of Year Again — H -1B Cap FY2013](#)," Fulbright Briefing, March 12, 2012

Educational background

2010 - J.D., cum laude, Southern Methodist University School of Law

2007 - M.S., Accounting Information Systems, University of Texas at Dallas

2006 - B.S., cum laude, Finance, University of Texas at Dallas

While in law school, Jeff was the Vice President of the Asian American Law Student Association, Associate Managing Editor for the *International Law Review*, the Scrivener of the SMU Barristers Association, and a 2010 Sarah T. Hughes Scholar.

Jeff was admitted to practice law in Texas in 2010 and in the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas in 2011.

Interests

When away from the office, Jeff enjoys tennis, golf, football, cycling, and motorcycles.