



The Law Offices of Atchison & Associates, PC is a full-service immigration practice representing clients throughout the United States and internationally. The firm has successfully represented clients with all types of immigrant and nonimmigrant visa petitions, labor certifications, abused spouse petitions, employment visas, adoptions, asylum cases, consular interviews, naturalization applications and other numerous benefits under the immigration laws. Our former clients consist of individuals, small and large employers and entertainers.

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Immigration Services

The attorneys at the Law Offices of Atchison & Associates, PC pride themselves on their ability to represent persons seeking permanent resident status in the United States. Our attorneys are experienced in a host of legal services and are available to provide representation in all cases before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS).

Some of the services the firm provides include:

APPLICATIONS FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS

Family-Based Sponsorship (including Marriage Petitions)

If an immigrant has a family member with U.S. citizenship, he or she may be eligible for family-based sponsorship. The resident relative should contact an attorney for assistance in completing the immigrant visa petition before the immigrant applies for an immigration benefit. How long the process will take varies considerably based on whom the immigrant's petitioner is. A petition filed by a spouse may lead to a green card in less than a year, while the same petition filed by a brother or sister may take over a decade to result in a visa.

Employment-Based Sponsorship

If an immigrant is presented with a permanent employment opportunity or is currently working on a nonimmigrant visa, he or she may be eligible for employment-based sponsorship. The employer will need to fill out a lot of paperwork during the multi-step process, and it is in the immigrant's best interest to make the process go as easily as possible. He or she should contact an immigration attorney for assistance.

Adjustment of Status Proceedings and Consular Proceedings

If an immigrant is already in the U.S. on a nonimmigrant visa, he or she may apply for an adjustment of status to become a lawful permanent resident. If the immigrant has not yet entered the U.S., he or she may apply for a visa from outside of the U.S. Once the visa is approved, an interview will be conducted at a U.S. consulate in the country of birth or the country of residence.

Removal Hearings

If an undocumented immigrant is facing a removal hearing (formerly deportation proceedings), he or she should seek the guidance of an immigration attorney immediately. There may be measures that can be taken to allow them to stay in the United States.

APPLICATIONS FOR NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

Visas for Business Visitors, Tourists, Students and Religious Workers

"Generally, a citizen of a foreign country who wishes to enter the United States must first obtain a visa." Our attorneys work with foreign nationals from various countries to help them acquire the necessary permissions to access the U.S.

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Custody, Child Support, Visitations and Guardianships of Minors

Joint custody is preferred and implies that both parents will share in making major decisions concerning the child's upbringing. Sole custody occurs when one parent is not involved, i.e., prison, or suffers from mental incapacity. Visitation is the right of the parent who does not have residential custody to spend time with the child.

In determining the amount to be paid for child support, the court will apply the Child Support Standards Act that designates a percentage to be used to determine child support based upon the number of children in question. The attorneys at the Law Offices of Atchison and Associates, PC can assist individuals in family court disputes to resolve these issues.

Prenuptial Agreements

Prior to marriage, many couples choose to arrange prenuptial agreements. These agreements outline how wealth would be distributed in the event of a divorce. A "prenup" helps spouses avoid the expense and turmoil of litigating future financial issues by agreeing to certain terms without the hostility that often accompanies divorce proceedings.

Separation and Divorce

A divorce is a legal decree signed by a judge officially dissolving a marriage. Sometimes a divorce is contested, meaning that one partner does not want to get divorced and will argue against it, and sometimes it is not. Regardless, the process of obtaining a divorce the family can live with is often a very complicated one. If you are considering a divorce, the attorneys at the Law Offices of Atchison & Associates, PC can help. We provide representation and legal counsel in cases of contested and uncontested divorce to protect your best interests. We also present individuals whose marriages occurred overseas. In some cases, they are eligible to obtain a divorce in New York.

Adoptions

Families may choose to adopt a child for many different reasons. Because laws regulating adoptions vary from country to country and even state to state, families planning to adopt need an experienced attorney to help them navigate the complex adoption process. Our attorneys have successfully represented parents seeking both domestic and international adoptions.

REAL ESTATE

The purchase of a home often signifies the crowning achievement of the American Dream. This financial transaction also tends to be the largest purchase most people ever make. Real estate transactions are complicated and both the purchaser and the seller should retain legal counsel to assist them at each step of the process. Even though there may be many professionals involved in the transaction, from mortgage lenders to home inspectors, no one has the individual's best interests in mind, absent a capable real estate lawyer. The attorneys at the Law Offices of Atchison & Associates, PC are knowledgeable and available to represent buyers and sellers in residential and commercial real estate transactions, including the purchase and sale of single-family homes, co-ops, condos and commercial properties.

WILLS, PROBATE AND ESTATES

Probate is the process of presenting your Last Will and Testament to a Surrogate's Court for review and then authorizing the appointment of an executor to carry out the provisions of the Will. The executor, if acting pursuant to a Last Will and Testament, or administrator for a person who dies without a Will, must be authorized by a Surrogate's Court with authority to gather and administer the estate, satisfy any outstanding debts, taxes due, and other obligations, and then pass the remainder to the beneficiaries according to the decedent's wishes and New York law. We assist clients with Estate Planning, Preparation of Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Health Care Proxies, and other Health Care Directives, Probate and Administration of Estates.

CORPORATE LAW

Businesses face more legal issues in their daily operations than many people face in their whole lives. From the initial formation of a corporate entity, to the eventual sale or dissolution of the company, business owners are constantly making decisions that may have legal ramifications. The attorneys at the Law Offices of Atchison & Associates, PC are available to assist with all business concerns.

