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Valarie H. McPherson is a special immigration counsel in the Immigration & Nationality Group, with more than a decade of experience. She represents companies from Fortune 500 to small and medium-sized entities in the banking, finance, pharmaceutical, medical, publishing, manufacturing and fashion industries, as well as public and private foundations and individuals in a variety of immigration matters including:

- Securing employment-based nonimmigrant visas (including B, E, H, J, L, M, O, P, Q, and TN) for employers
- Counseling clients through the EB-5 immigrant investor visa process
- Providing guidance and counseling to clients with regard to all aspects of the permanent residency process, including family-based, diversity lottery and all employment-based categories, including the PERM process with the department of labor and petitions to the USCIS for individuals of extraordinary ability and outstanding researchers
- Counseling clients on a wide variety of compliance matters including public access files, employment eligibility verification systems, and related issues
- Developing and implementing corporate policies and procedures relating to employment verification systems and immigration sponsorship

As a senior member of the Immigration practice at Proskauer, Valarie counsels large clients and handles some of the most complex and challenging matters, including E visa registration for new enterprises at the U.S. Consulates. She has been recognized by the *New Jersey Law Journal* as one of the top “40 under 40” lawyers in New Jersey and as a “Rising Star” by *New Jersey Super Lawyers*.

Prior to joining Proskauer, Valarie was a member of the Attorney General’s Honor Graduate Program and served as Attorney Advisor to approximately 30 Immigration Judges at the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) in New York City. Through her work at EOIR, Valarie gained extensive experience in all areas of immigration law and immigration litigation. In addition, Valarie was awarded the National Lawyer’s Guild Fellowship at the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project in Florence, Arizona. During her Fellowship, Valarie worked on numerous complex immigration litigation matters involving political freedom of expression, sexual orientation, criminal aliens and detained aliens.

In law school, Valarie was the President of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant Project (VITA) and Vice-President of the Hispanic Law Students Association (Alianza). In October 2000, the Women’s Law Caucus and Rutgers School of Law in Camden awarded Valarie the esteemed Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award for her commitment to immigrant, Hispanic and elderly clients.

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Practices

Immigration, Global Employment & Immigration

Education

Rutgers University School of Law, Camden, J.D., 2000

Member, *Rutgers Law Journal*

American University, Washington, D.C., B.A., 1996

Admissions & Qualifications

New Jersey

New York

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, New Jersey

Memberships

American Immigration Lawyers Association

Awards & Recognition

The Legal 500 United States: Labor & Employment: Immigration: Next Generation
2015, 2018 - 2019

"Rising Star," New Jersey Super Lawyers, April 2011

"40 under 40," New Jersey Law Journal, August 2011

"Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award," The Women's Law Caucus and Rutgers
School of Law in Camden 2000

Government Service

U.S. DOJ Attorney Honors Graduate Program Clerk with the Executive Office for
Immigration Review (EOIR) in New York, NY

Languages

Spanish