



# SIVARAMAN

## IMMIGRATION LAW



### J-1 Waivers

We work with J-1 visa waiver programs across the U.S. and assist International Medical Graduate (IMG) physicians with finding employment opportunities in rural areas, securing J-1 waivers, and transitioning to employment. Physicians completing Graduate Medical Education in J-1 status are required to return to their home countries after completion of their training (the “two-year” residency requirement) or obtain a waiver of this requirement to continue working in the United States. Our team has the expertise to guide physicians and their employers through each step of this complex process.



### Physician Visas

Physicians have unique opportunities for employment through nonimmigrant visa sponsorship. For most IMGs, the H-1B visa is the next step after obtaining a J-1 waiver. Physicians who receive certain types of J-1 waivers are exempt from the H-1B “cap” and can be sponsored for employment year-round. We also work with physicians eligible for the O-1 visa. O-1 is a creative option for physician sponsorship, particularly when H-1B is not an option. We will help you determine the best path for your career in U.S. medicine.



### Physician Green Cards

The most common route for physicians to obtain permanent status is through Labor Certification, or “PERM.” The PERM process requires the employer to show that there are no U.S. workers to fill the need met by the IMG physician. We work with physicians and their employers on all steps of the PERM process, from recruitment to green card. A lesser known option for clinical IMGs is the Physician National Interest Waiver (PNIW) which allows self-sponsorship and an alternative to PERM. Our office assists physicians with green card processes in all 50 states. Call us for a free case evaluation to review the best options for you.

## U.S. Immigration Legal Services for Physicians and Physician Employers

**Representing International Medical Graduates (IMGs) is a specialized practice area of U.S. immigration law.**

Physicians face unique credentialing requirements and are eligible for immigration benefits specific to the practice of medicine. We represent physicians, health care facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Hospital Systems through the United States in all aspects of healthcare immigration, from temporary training to permanent residency.

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