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## Alexandra LaCombe

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### Practices

Immigration

### Education

Columbia Law School  
J.D., 1993

University of Michigan  
B.A., 1990

### Admitted to Practice

- Michigan, 1994

### Languages

French  
Russian

Alexandra LaCombe is a principal in the Detroit, Michigan, office of Jackson Lewis P.C. Her practice includes all aspects of corporate U.S. immigration law, with particular focus on regulatory compliance and corporate immigration policy.

Alexandra's experience includes both individual and corporate client matters in various industries including automotive, aerospace, and finance, as well as internationally recognized universities and research institutions. She handles all aspects of corporate U.S. immigration, including nonimmigrant visas and permanent residence sponsorship, as well as extraordinary ability cases in the arts, sciences, and business, outstanding professor and researcher matters, and all types of waivers.

Alexandra represented several international corporations during restructuring, performing due diligence, advising on immigration aspects of the transaction, collaborating with global counsel, and consulting on creation of immigration processes and procedures for the new entities. She regularly conducts internal audits for clients, encompassing I-9 verification, public access files, and other recordkeeping procedures. Alexandra has also represented clients during government audits. She also counsels representatives of foreign companies on U.S. immigration matters, including start-up procedures and commercial contracts in preparation for transfer of foreign personnel to the U.S.

Alexandra decided to become an immigration lawyer because of her own experience of coming to the United States as a refugee from the Soviet Union. During law school, she wrote for and served as an administrative editor at the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* and as the Student Editor of the *Bulletin of Soviet and Eastern European Law*. After graduating from law school, Alexandra started her own practice serving the Eastern European communities of Metro Detroit in asylum and removal defense matters. Her work expanded into business immigration, and she subsequently joined Electronic Data Systems Corporation as immigration counsel. Prior to joining Jackson Lewis, Alexandra was a partner at a major global immigration firm for almost two decades, and served as a managing attorney of the Michigan office for several years.

Alexandra is currently an adjunct professor with the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law, teaching Immigration Law within the University's innovative Law Firm Practice curriculum.

### Honors and Recognitions

- Leader in the Law, Michigan Lawyers Weekly (2014)

- *Legal 500 USA*, “Recommended Attorney” (2021)

## Professional Associations and Activities

- American Immigration Lawyers Association, Michigan Chapter
- Detroit Regional Relocation Council
- French-American Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Chapter
- Society for Human Resource Management, Detroit Chapter
- University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law

## Pro Bono and Community Involvement

- AILA Military Assistance Program, Pro Bono Attorney
- Michigan Immigrant Rights Commission, Pro Bono Attorney
- Michigan Members of the Stratford Festival, Executive Committee Member
- Michigan Shakespeare Festival, Board Member
- South Texas Family Residential Center immigrant detention facility, Pro Bono Attorney

## Published Works

- “The Russian Bill of Rights: Implications”, *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* (Vol. 24, 1992-3) [author, as Alexandra Chistyakova]

## Speeches

- “Immigration Compliance and Enforcement”, American Society of Employers Employment Law Conference (Livonia, MI, August 2019) (presenter)
- “Immigration Compliance and Enforcement”, ILG National Conference (Milwaukee, WI, July 2019) (presenter)
- “Crossing the Border – Are You Prepared?”, Detroit SHRM (Detroit, MI, April 2019) (presenter)
- “US Border Updates”, American Society of Employers, Annual US-Canada workshop (Livonia, MI, March 2019) (presenter)
- “Immigration Process and Compliance for Employers”, American Society of Employers Compensation and Benefits Conference (Livonia, MI, December 2018) (presenter)
- “Recent Trends in U.S. Immigration”, American Society of Employers Employment Law Conference (Livonia, MI, August 2018) (presenter)
- “Understanding Employment Eligibility Verification and Immigration-Related Employment Discrimination”, Detroit SHRM (Detroit, MI, May, 2018) (presenter)
- “US Border Updates”, Global Mobility Roundtable (Farmington Hills, MI, April 2018) (presenter)
- “US Border Updates”, American Society of Employers (Livonia, MI, February 2018) (presenter)
- “Trumped! Immigration in a New Era”, Detroit SHRM (Detroit, MI, April 2017) (presenter)
- “US Border Updates”, American Society of Employers, Annual US-Canada workshop (Livonia, MI, February 2017) (presenter)
- “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Form I-9, but Were Afraid to Ask”, Michigan SHRM Conference (Detroit, MI, October 2016) (presenter)
- “Wage Issues in the US Non-immigrant and Immigrant Cases”, Detroit SHRM (Detroit, MI, June 2016) (presenter)
- “Business Travelers: Where in the World Are You?”, Detroit SHRM (Detroit, MI,

August 2016) (presenter)

- “We Have to Pay How Much? Wage Issues in U.S. Immigration Cases”, Michigan Statewide American Payroll Association Annual Conference (Battle Creek, MI, October 2015) (presenter)
- “Issues of Concern for Foreign Nationals Living and Working in the US”, Detroit SHRM (Detroit, MI, January 2015) (presenter)