

# Nikki Mehrpoo Jacobson

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## FIRST & ONLY DUAL CERTIFIED LEGAL SPECIALIST IN IMMIGRATION & WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

*by The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization*

Attorney at Law  
Professor of Law

Expert Witness  
Keynote Speaker

Legal Consultant  
Lecturer/Trainor

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### BAR MEMBERSHIP / ADMISSIONS

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Member of the State Bar of California  
California Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
United States District Court, Southern District of California

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### EDUCATION

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1994-1997 Pepperdine University School of Law  
Juris Doctor  
1990-1994 California State University, Northridge  
Political Science, B.A. (*Cum Laude*)

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### EXPERT WITNESS CASES

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Green Way Foods (Yahya Eslami) vs. ZPizza International, Inc., Christopher Bright, ZBV, LLC.; Arbitrator: Peter D. Collisson; Nature of Claim: Franchisor/Franchisee Contract (EB-5 Investment Visa): *retained as immigration expert for testimony and consulting.*

Jacinto Zetina vs. Rosemarie Mayote Aguja; Superior Court Of California, County of Los Angeles; Case Number BD638673 ; Nature of Claim: Dissolution of Marriage, Spousal Support and effect of U.S. Immigration laws (Affidavit of Support) on support issue: *retained as immigration expert for declaration, consulting with family law lawyer and potential testimony.*

Z.Z. at U.S. Embassy in Shanghai, China; Nature of Claim: Consequences of criminal convictions in U.S. Immigration Law: *retained as immigration expert and consultant for declaration on effects of convictions in the United States and immigration benefits.*

B.G.E., Inc.; Nature of Claim: Social Security Administration Inquiry, Internal I-9 Audit and Undocumented Workers: *retained as immigration and workers' compensation expert for evaluation, declaration and policy determination.*

XXX Confidential; Nature of Claim: California State Bar Complaint against immigration attorney: *retained as immigration expert to consult in defense of the complaint.*

Pacific Coast Interiors (PCI, Inc.); Nature of Claim: I-9 Audit and Corporate Compliance Dispute regarding independent contractors: *retained as immigration and workers' compensation expert for I-9 and 1099 review and evaluation, declaration and policy determination.*

## S P E A K I N G   E N G A G E M E N T S

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YEAR	ORGANIZATION	TOPIC	PRACTICE AREA
2020	California Applicants' Attorneys Association	<i>The Applicant Deposition: Protecting Non-Citizens</i>	Immigration & Workers' Compensation
2020	California Division of Workers' Compensation Annual Education Conference – Los Angeles	<i>Women In Law &amp; Business: Past, Present &amp; Predicting The Future</i>	Workers' Compensation
2020	California Division of Workers' Compensation Annual Education Conference – Oakland	<i>Women In Law &amp; Business: Past, Present &amp; Predicting The Future</i>	Workers' Compensation
2020	California Lawyers Association	<i>Done In A Day: MCLE Marathon</i>	Workers' Compensation (Elimination of Bias)
2020	Exam Works	<i>AME/QME Process: Advocacy Letters</i>	Workers' Compensation
2020	Pincus Professional Education	<i>Workers' Compensation 101: The Nuts and Bolts</i>	Workers' Compensation
2020	Workers Comp Central	<i>2020 Super Saturday: Workers' Compensation Ethics Program</i>	Workers' Compensation (Ethics)
2019	Beverly Hills/Century City Legal Secretary Association	<i>2019 Immigration Law Update</i>	Immigration
2019	California Division of Workers' Compensation Annual Education Conference – Oakland	<i>Women In Law &amp; Business: Past, Present &amp; Predicting The Future</i>	Workers' Compensation
2019	California Division of Workers' Compensation Annual Education Conference – Los Angeles	<i>Women In Law &amp; Business: Past, Present &amp; Predicting The Future</i>	Workers' Compensation
2019	California Lawyers Association	<i>Legal Specialization Boot Camp 2019: Claims Evaluation</i>	Workers' Compensation
2019	Exam Works	<i>AME/QME Process: Substantial Medical Evidence</i>	Workers' Compensation
2019	West Los Angeles College	<i>All You Want To Know From The Experts</i>	Legal Career Planning
2018	American Immigration Lawyers Association – Annual Conference	<i>Employment Visas</i>	Immigration
2018	Culver-Marina Bar Association	<i>2018 Immigration Law Overview &amp; Update</i>	Immigration

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (continued)**

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<b>2018</b>	Los Angeles Paralegal Association	<i>Medical Issues In California Workers' Compensation Claims: The Importance of Substantial Medical Evidence and The Role of The Treating Physician Vs. Evaluating Physician</i>	Workers' Compensation
<b>2018</b>	West Los Angeles College	<i>Immigration Options for International Students</i>	Immigration
<b>2017</b>	Beverly Hills/Century City Legal Secretaries Association	<i>Is It A Personal Injury Claim or A Workers' Comp Claim? The Interplay Between Personal Injury (Third Party Claims) and Workers' Compensation</i>	Workers' Compensation
<b>2017</b>	California Applicants' Attorneys Association	<i>Immigration U Visa: Victims of Violence/Crimes May Be Eligible for Immigration Benefits</i>	Immigration & Workers' Compensation
<b>2017</b>	California Applicants' Attorneys Association	<i>The Applicant Deposition – Protecting Non-Citizens: Complex Issues Arising At Applicant Deposition</i>	Immigration & Workers' Compensation
<b>2017</b>	California Applicants' Attorneys Association (Harbor Chapter)	<i>Immigration Law &amp; Injured Workers: What Every Workers' Compensation Attorney Should Know When Representing Undocumented Workers</i>	Immigration & Workers' Compensation
<b>2017</b>	California Applicants' Attorneys Association (Los Angeles Chapter)	<i>Immigration Law &amp; Injured Workers: What Every Workers' Compensation Attorney Should Know When Representing Undocumented Workers</i>	Immigration & Workers' Compensation
<b>2017</b>	California Applicants' Attorneys Association (Valley Chapter)	<i>Immigration Law &amp; Injured Workers: What Every Workers' Compensation Attorney Should Know When Representing Undocumented Workers</i>	Immigration & Workers' Compensation
<b>2017</b>	California's Worker's Compensation Defense Attorneys' Association	<i>Case Law Update: The Most Significant Workers' Compensation Decisions of 2016 &amp; 2017</i>	Workers' Compensation
<b>2017</b>	Democratic Club of Ventura	<i>2017 Immigration &amp; Legislative Update</i>	Immigration
<b>2017</b>	Latino Comp	<i>Representing Immigrant Workers: What You Need To Know About Immigration Consequences</i>	Immigration

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2017	Los Angeles Legal Secretaries Association	<i>Family Based Immigration Petitions &amp; Visas</i>	Immigration
2017	Los Angeles Paralegal Association	<i>Ethics In Immigration Law: Dual Representation, Unlawful Practice of Law and Other Ethical Considerations</i>	Immigration
2017	Los Angeles Paralegal Association	<i>President Trump's Executive Orders: Immigration Analysis &amp; Practice Pointers From An Immigration Expert</i>	Immigration
2017	West Los Angeles College	<i>Paralegal Resumes &amp; Networking: All You Want To Know From The Experts</i>	Legal Career Planning
2017	West Los Angeles College	<i>Immigration Options for International Students</i>	Immigration
2016	American Immigration Lawyers Association	<i>Removal Proceedings: Remedies In Immigration Court</i>	Immigration
2016	Beverly Hills/Century City Legal Secretaries Association	<i>Injured At Work: What Worker's Compensation Benefits Are Injured Workers Entitled To In California?</i>	Workers' Compensation
2016	California Applicants' Attorneys Association	<i>Conducting Ethical Discovery: Protecting Applicants' Individual Rights Based On Native Language, Race, Religion, Gender and Sexual Orientation Preventing The Abuse of The Privacy Rights of The Injured Worker and The Rights of The Undocumented Worker</i>	Workers' Compensation / Elimination of Bias
2016	California State Bar Association (Los Angeles)	<i>Advanced Litigation Skills Boot Camp: Common AME/QME Traps</i>	Workers' Compensation
2016	California State Bar Association (San Francisco)	<i>Advanced Litigation Skills Boot Camp: Common AME/QME Traps</i>	Workers' Compensation
2016	California Workers' Compensation Defense Attorneys' Association	<i>The AME/Pqme Process</i>	Workers' Compensation
2016	Los Angeles Paralegal Association	<i>Your Client Wants To Marry A Foreign National? Fiancé/Fiancée &amp; Marriage Visas</i>	Immigration
2016	Los Angeles Paralegal Association	<i>Workers' Compensation Law From Both The Applicant and Defense Perspectives</i>	Workers' Compensation

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<b>2016</b>	West Los Angeles College	<i>Immigration Options for International Students</i>	Immigration
<b>2016</b>	West Los Angeles College	<i>Legal Careers: Planning for The Future</i>	Legal Career Planning
<b>2015</b>	Los Angeles Paralegal Association	<i>President Obama's New Immigration Policy: What Does It Mean?</i>	Immigration
<b>2015</b>	West Los Angeles College	<i>Immigration Options for International Students</i>	Immigration
<b>2014</b>	California Applicants' Attorneys Association	<i>Navigating The Maze of Workers Compensation Practice In 2014</i>	Workers' Compensation
<b>2014</b>	Los Angeles Paralegal Association	<i>Immigration Law: Not The Dream Act, But Better Than Nothing: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)</i>	Immigration
<b>2014</b>	St. Thomas The Apostle, Hollywood	<i>Immigration Seminar: Immigration Update</i>	Immigration
<b>2013</b>	American Immigration Lawyers Association	<i>Strategies for Winning Cancellation of Removal for Non-LPR Cases</i>	Immigration
<b>2012</b>	Iranian American Lawyers Association	<i>Dreamers &amp; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals</i>	Immigration
<b>2012</b>	West Los Angeles College	<i>Are You In Compliance With The Law? What Every Attorney and Paralegal Should Already Know About Business &amp; Professionals Code §§6450-6456</i>	Ethics
<b>2011</b>	Beverly Hills Bar Association	<i>Entertainment Visas</i>	Immigration
<b>2011</b>	Iranian American Lawyers Association	<i>Immigration Court 101: What Every Attorney Should Know Before Appearing In Immigration Court</i>	Immigration
<b>2011</b>	Pincus Professional Education	<i>Immigration 101: Introduction To Immigration Practice</i>	Immigration
<b>2010</b>	American Immigration Lawyers Association	<i>Anyone Can Do This, Right? Wrong! The Unauthorized Practice of Law</i>	Immigration (Ethics)
<b>2010</b>	American Immigration Lawyers Association	<i>Social Media for Immigration Lawyers</i>	Immigration
<b>2010</b>	Beverly Hills Bar Association	<i>Immigration 911: Post-Conviction Relief (PCR)</i>	Immigration
<b>2010</b>	Los Angeles Paralegal Association	<i>Introduction To Immigration Law and Procedure Before The Immigration Court (EOIR Practice Manual)</i>	Immigration

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<b>2010</b>	National Association of Legal Assistants	<i>U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization: What To Expect During The Naturalization Process</i>	Immigration
<b>2010</b>	National Association of Legal Assistants	<i>H-1b Visas</i>	Immigration
<b>2010</b>	Solo Practice University	<i>How To Create (And Manage) An Immigration Practice</i>	Immigration
<b>2010</b>	Beverly Hills Bar Association	<i>Trying A Case In Immigration Court: Advice From The Bench and Bar (Immigration Experts)</i>	Immigration
<b>2009</b>	American Immigration Lawyers Association	<i>How To Grow Your Immigration Law Practice With Media Relations / Public Relations</i>	Immigration
<b>2009</b>	American Payroll Association	<i>I-9 Procedures and Audits</i>	Immigration
<b>2009</b>	California State Association of County Auditors - Payroll Managers Group	<i>I-9 Procedures and Audits</i>	Immigration
<b>2009</b>	Fremont College	<i>Introduction To Immigration Law for Foreign Students &amp; Workers (Employment Visas)</i>	Immigration
<b>2009</b>	Immigration Law Weekly (ILW.com)	<i>Immigration Court: Removal for Beginners</i>	Immigration
<b>2009</b>	Los Angeles Paralegal Association	<i>Understanding H-1b Visas (Employment Visa)</i>	Immigration
<b>2009</b>	National Association of Legal Assistants	<i>Family Based Immigration: How To Get Lawful Permanent Resident Status Through Family Members</i>	Immigration
<b>2008</b>	A Place Called Home	<i>Undocumented Youth</i>	Immigration
<b>2008</b>	American Immigration Lawyers Association	<i>Immigration Court Practice Manual</i>	Immigration
<b>2008</b>	Beverly Hills Bar Association	<i>Nuts &amp; Bolts of Family &amp; Employment Based Immigration Law</i>	Immigration
<b>2008</b>	California State University, Northridge - Multicultural Caucus Northridge	<i>Immigration In Higher Education.</i>	Immigration
<b>2008</b>	Culver Marina Bar Association	<i>Introduction To U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) and The New Redesigned Naturalization Test</i>	Immigration
<b>2008</b>	HULA: Hondurans United of Los Angeles	<i>TPS: Temporary Protected Status</i>	Immigration



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YEAR	ORGANIZATION	TOPIC	PRACTICE AREA
2008	Los Angeles County Bar Association	<i>The Ins and Outs of The New Immigration Court Practice Manual for Immigration Attorneys and Their Staff</i>	Immigration
2008	Los Angeles Superior Court: Court-Clergy Conference	<i>Immigration Law</i>	Immigration
2008	Pincus Professional Education	<i>Immigration Litigation In The 9th Circuit</i>	Immigration
2007	Beverly Hills Bar Association	<i>Evidence Before DHS, DOJ/EOIR and Investor Visa Categories E-2 and Eb-5</i>	Immigration
2007	Beverly Hills/Century City Legal Secretaries Association	<i>The ABC's of Immigration Law</i>	Immigration
2006	Paralegal Super Conference	<i>The ABC's of Immigration Law</i>	Immigration
2006	The Young Center: California Youth Think Tank	<i>Immigration In America</i>	Immigration
2005	Los Angeles County Bar Association	<i>The Bottom Line: Ethics, Hiring and Utilization for Paralegal Work Under Business &amp; Professions Code 6450</i>	Ethics
2005	Orange County Paralegal Association Annual Educational Conference	<i>"Who? Me, Land In Jail?" Business &amp; Professions Code Sections 6450-6456</i>	Ethics
2003	Los Angeles Paralegal Association Annual October Conference	<i>Immigration Law: The Nuts &amp; Bolts of Family Immigration</i>	Immigration
2000	Los Angeles County Bar Association	<i>Pro Bono Attorney Training: Terminal Island Detention Center</i>	Immigration

## R E C O G N I T I O N S

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Appointed Pro Tempore Workers' Compensation Judge (Los Angeles) – Division of Workers' Compensation, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board

Southern California Super Lawyer 2015-2020

Southern California Super Lawyer, Rising Stars 2009-2012

AV Preeminent Rating

Avvo Superb Lawyer

Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group® - Top Injured Workers' Attorney

## P R O   B O N O

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LGBTQ+ Asylum, Withholding of Removal and United Nations Convention Against Torture Claims before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR-Immigration Court) within the Department of Justice (DOJ).

## MEMBERSHIPS

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American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)  
 Past Southern California Immigration Court EOIR/AILA Liaison

Beverly Hills Bar Association  
 Past Chair, Immigration Committee  
 Immigration MCLE Coordinator

California Applicant Attorney's Association  
 Member Board of Directors  
 Membership Committee  
 Women's Caucus

Iranian American Lawyers Association  
 Past President  
 Board Member  
 MCLE Coordinator

Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA)  
 Small Firm /Sole Practitioner Executive Board Member  
 Past Immigration Court Pro-Bono Coordinator  
 Past Immigration Section Executive Board Member  
 Immigration Court Liaison

## PUBLICATIONS

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YEAR	ORGANIZATION	TOPIC	ROLE	PRACTICE AREA
2019	Los Angeles Paralegal Association	<i>Do You Know? Does Your Supervising Attorney Know? New Rules of Professional Conduct Became Effective November 1, 2018</i>	Author	Ethics
2015	American Immigration Lawyers Association	<i>Immigration Practice Toolbox, 5th Ed.</i>	Author & Contributing Editor	Immigration
2013	American Immigration Lawyers Association	<i>Immigration Practice Toolbox, 4th Ed.</i>	Author & Contributing Editor	Immigration
2011	American Immigration Lawyers Association	<i>Immigration Practice Toolbox, 3rd Ed.</i>	Author & Contributing Editor	Immigration



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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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1998 – Present	West Los Angeles College (Los Angeles Community College District) Professor of Law <i>Immigration Law, Workers' Compensation Law, Law Office Management, Contracts Law, Introduction to Law...</i>
2019 – Present	The Jacobson Law Firm, LLP Partner, Attorney at Law
2016 – 2018	Rose, Klein & Marias LLP Senior Attorney
1999-2016	The Jacobson Law Firm, APC ( <i>formerly Jacobson &amp; Han LLP</i> ) Managing Attorney
1999-2002	Los Angeles County Bar Association Pro Bono Attorney Coordinator
1998-1999	Law Offices of Reeves & Hanlon Associate Attorney
1997 – 2001	Los Angeles Mission College (Los Angeles Community College District) Adjunct Instructor
1997- 1998	Law Offices of James Valinoti Contract Attorney

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## LANGUAGES

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Farsi (fluent)  
Spanish (working knowledge)