

Legal Counsel Regarding Immigration

Questions

Ben Johnson, Director of Immigrant Hope agreed to allow us to contact them with our questions.

To do so, please contact by email Karla.Hannant@immigranthope.org or by phone **612-516-5422**. Karla is the Program Coordinator for Immigrant Hope and she's agreed to triage your question and either forward it or have you contact directly one of their churches' immigration legal clinics. That clinic should be able to answer most of your questions. If not, they'll forward it to one of the law firms working with them. The answer may take a few days, but they'll get back to you.

Representation

If you want/need representation, we recommend Meghan Riordan. Here is her short bio from her form:

Meghan Kennedy Riordan Principal [Detroit \(313\) 965-7461](tel:(313)965-7461)

Meghan Kennedy Riordan heads the firm's Immigration Law Practice Group. Ms. Kennedy Riordan has over 32 years of experience in all aspects of immigration law. She has extensive experience in both employment-based (e.g. L1 [including blanket petitions], H1-Bs, TNs, E2 [including blanket petitions], J-1s, O and P visas; to name a few) and family related immigration law, issues of inadmissibility and removability, and naturalization/citizenship, as well as inbound/outbound corporate migration, immigration-related audits and I-9 compliance training; and, assisting corporations with Department of Labor/Department of Homeland Security audits. Ms. Kennedy Riordan has authored several published articles related to her area of practice, and frequently lectures on the topics of immigration and nationality law.

Ms. Kennedy Riordan's accomplishments have led to her being selected as a Michigan Super Lawyer. Only five percent of the attorneys in the state are named Super Lawyers. Also, Ms. Kennedy Riordan was selected by Detroit Business Magazine as a Top Lawyer in Michigan in the field of immigration law, and was recognized by Best Lawyers in America® as a "Best Lawyer" in the field of Immigration Law. She was also recognized as a Leading Lawyer in 2021 and 2022. This recognition is based on a survey of their peers.

Ms. Kennedy Riordan received her J.D. from the University of Detroit School of Law, where she was on the Moot Court Board of Directors and served as the Moot Court Director of Competitions. She received her Bachelor of Arts with honors from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. Ms. Kennedy Riordan is licensed to practice law in Michigan as well as the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan and the Supreme Court of the United States. She is also a Foreign Legal Consultant licensed by the Law Society of Upper Canada to provide services in Ontario.