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Anthony El-Hashem is an associate attorney in the Immigration Planning and Compliance team within Akerman's Labor and Employment Practice Group. Anthony is responsible for the strategic preparation and management of employment and familybased immigration matters on behalf of corporate clients in various industries, including hospitals and healthcare networks, laboratories, universities, parenteral drug packaging companies, software development and technology firms, advertising agencies, and wealth management firms, among others. Through his advice and counsel, clients are better prepared to navigate and understand the complex issues associated with nonimmigrant and immigrant visa processes, such as H-1B, L-1A/L-1B, O-1, and TN Petitions, and PERM labor certification applications and I-140 Petitions in the EB-1, EB-2, and EB-3 preference classification categories, to hire and retain top foreign talent and remain in compliance with U.S. immigration laws.

Anthony also provides high-level guidance to clients on obtaining J-1 waivers for foreign medical graduates through the appropriate interested government agency, including State Departments of Health (Conrad 30 programs), the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

Prior to joining Akerman, Anthony gained significant experience with a Connecticut-based business immigration law practice and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Immigration Litigation and Executive Office for Immigration Review.

Notable Work

I-9 Compliance: Audited thousands of I-9 forms for a regional supermarket with a high attrition rate.

L-1B Petition: Successfully responded to a complex Request for Evidence in the L-1B specialized knowledge context on behalf of a multinational parenteral drug packaging company providing critical

Areas of Experience

Labor and Employment Immigration Planning and Compliance

Education

J.D., University of Connecticut School of Law, 2018, with honors, *Connecticut Law Review*, Articles Editor B.A., Trinity College, Hartford Connecticut, 2013, with departmental honors

Admissions

Bars

Florida District of Columbia Connecticut Massachusetts

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Languages

Arabic

Related Content

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February 28, 2024

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December 11, 2023

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infrastructure to support the continued supply of vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Related Professional Experience

- Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Office of Immigration Litigation, 2020-2021
- Judicial Law Clerk, U.S. Department of Justice, Attorney General's Honors Program, Miami Immigration Court, 2018-2020
- Legal Intern, U.S. Department of Justice, Boston Immigration Court, 2017

Published Work and Lectures

• HR Defense Blog, Contributor

Honors and Distinctions

• *The Best Lawyers in America,* 2024, Listed in Florida for Labor and Employment Law - Employee as "One to Watch"