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OVERVIEW

Jim delivers strategic immigration solutions that help highly accomplished professionals in academia and business build enduring lives in the U.S.

Jim's practice focuses on filing EB-1A Extraordinary Ability, EB-1B Outstanding Professor/Researcher, and EB-2 National Interest Waiver (NIW) petitions for highly skilled individuals. His work centers on self-sponsored immigration, helping professors, Ph.D. students, and post-doctoral researchers secure permanent residency without employer sponsorship. This approach is often faster, offers greater career mobility, and eliminates reliance on institutions that may delay or decline green card sponsorship. As a result, Jim has represented thousands of clients across every continent, helping them obtain permanent status on their own terms.

Jim regularly presents on immigration options at the nation's leading research universities and flagship state institutions.

Jim's immigration practice is shaped by a multidisciplinary career spanning more than 35 years. In addition to practicing law, he was a university professor for more than 16 years. His firsthand experience as an academic allows him to connect directly with scholarly clients, understand their professional priorities, and secure the immigration solutions they need.

Industries

Education
Healthcare
Life Sciences

Services

Athlete Immigration
Business Immigration and Global Mobility
Healthcare Labor & Employment and Immigration
Higher Education
National Interest Waivers

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Education

- J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law
- B.A., Texas Tech University

Admissions

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

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