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## IMMIGRATION LAW

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### **Attorney Biographical Sketch**

Kristen Harris is the principal of Harris Immigration Law, LLC, a boutique immigration law firm that specializes in business immigration with a focus on the healthcare sector. Kristen advises healthcare entities across the United States with regard to immigration, including immigration sponsorship of physicians, researchers, allied health care professionals and technical professionals, as well as I-9 compliance. Kristen has practiced immigration law exclusively for the past 17 years.

Kristen brings to her long-term immigration practice a unique background as a former attorney with the Enforcement Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as corporate law practice in the private sector. Her enforcement and corporate law experience afford her the ability to provide expert immigration counsel to entities that are heavily regulated and/or that are undergoing or contemplating mergers, acquisitions, and other forms of reorganization and restructuring.

Kristen served as Advocacy Chair/Co-Chair of the International Medical Graduate Taskforce, the national physician immigration bar, from 2007 to 2017. Kristen served on the Executive Board of the Chicago Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), the nation's leading immigration lawyer association, for six years, and also served on the Board of Governors of AILA, as well as leading the Chicago Chapter of AILA as Chapter Chair in the 2017-2018 program year. Kristen has served the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) as Chair of the Immigration Affinity Group, and as Faculty at AHLA conferences. Kristen has published peer-reviewed articles on the subject of physician immigration.

Kristen was selected as among the top "40 Under Forty" attorneys to watch by the Law Bulletin Publishing Co. from among a field of 1,200 attorney nominees in 2011. She was the only immigration attorney selected for the peer-nominated award

Kristen is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale University (B.A., M.A.) and holds a J.D. degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Her admission to the Illinois bar permits her to represent clients in immigration matters anywhere within the United States.