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Laleh Sharifi is a Partner and the Business Immigration Practice Group Leader of Smith Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

Ms. Sharifi's practice concentrates in the area of business immigration matters for investors, managers, executives and technical personnel. Her practice includes temporary work visas, PERM labor certifications, immigrant visas, consular representation and citizenship for foreign executives, managers and professionals, as well as EB-5 investors and entrepreneurs. Ms. Sharifi also has significant experience in representing musicians, international artists, athletes, scientists and researchers entering the U.S. for professional employment, performances and events.

Ms. Sharifi also advises multinational companies on general immigration policies, planning and I-9 compliance. Representative clients include international companies, technology firms and U.S. subsidiaries of foreign corporations engaged in IT consulting, manufacturing, and the chemical and engineering industries, among others.

Ms. Sharifi frequently speaks on corporate immigration matters. She is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and Georgia Association for Women Lawyers (GAWL).

Ms. Sharifi received her B.S. degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and her J.D. degree from Georgia State University. Ms. Sharifi is fluent in Farsi and is admitted to the Georgia Bar.

SGR Publications & Presentations

- Co-author: "E-Verify's Self Check is Now Available in All U.S. States and U.S. Territories," Client Alert (February 2012)
- Co-author: "Happy New Year from SGR's Immigration Practice Group," Client Alert (January 2012)
- Co-author: "USCIS Releases New Handbook for Employers Regarding I-9 Process," Client Alert (January 2011)
- Co-author: "Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians in the U.S.," Client Alert (January 2010)
- Co-author: "Immigration Client Alert," Client Alert (January 2009)



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Areas of Practice

Global Immigration & Mobility
Governmental Affairs
International Law

Bar Admissions

Georgia

- Co-author: “Instructions for the 2008 Diversity Immigrant Visa Program (DV-2008),” Client Alert (October 2006)

Other Presentations

- “Best Practices: Immigration, I-9 and E-Verify Issues to Avoid,” Atlanta Foodservice Expo (October 2013)
- Program Chair: “Business Immigration Law,” ICLE of Georgia Immigration Law Seminar (April 2010)
- Program Chair: “Family Immigration Law,” ICLE of Georgia Immigration Law Seminar (December 2009)
- Program Chair: “Business Immigration Law,” ICLE of Georgia Immigration Law Seminar (April 2009)
- Program Chair: “Family Immigration Law,” ICLE of Georgia Immigration Law Seminar (December 2008)
- Speaker: “U.S. Business Immigration Issues,” Sterling Education Services (November 2008)
- Program Chair: “Business Immigration Law,” ICLE of Georgia Immigration Law Seminar (May 2008)
- Speaker: “Immigration Law & Employer Compliance,” Sterling Education Services (January 2008)
- Program Chair: “Immigration Law,” ICLE of Georgia Immigration Law Seminar (November 2007)
- Speaker: “Immigration Law in the Workplace,” Sterling Education Services (October 2003)
- Speaker: “Immigration Updates and Related Compliance Issues,” ICLE of Georgia International Law Seminar (April 2003)