



## DAVID J. WILKS

Partner, Immigration Co-Practice Group Leader

[dwilks@hodgsonruss.com](mailto:dwilks@hodgsonruss.com) 585.613.3942

David is a Partner in the Immigration Practice, where he concentrates on business immigration. He guides companies, nonprofit organizations, universities and entrepreneurs in preparing and submitting non-immigrant (temporary) and immigrant (permanent residence) petitions. David also assists foreign medical graduates in obtaining waivers and lawful status, as well as individuals in obtaining marriage-based permanent residence and U.S. citizenship.

David is an Elected Director for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Board of Governors. AILA is the leading global professional organization for attorneys practicing American immigration law. He has regularly served on national committees for AILA.

David is often a featured speaker at immigration conferences and has appeared on webinars, podcasts and radio shows where he discusses relevant issues in immigration law. He has also written various articles on assorted topics in immigration law. These articles have appeared in *Benders' Immigration Bulletin*, *ILW.com*, the *National Law Review* and in various publications of AILA.

### Honors

- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America* (Immigration) 2023 - 2024
- Listed, *Who's Who Legal Future Leaders*, (Corporate Immigration) 2022
- Listed, *Upstate New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, (Immigration: Business) 2017 - 2021
- Joseph Minsky Young Lawyer Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association (2019)
- Mark T. Kenmore, Mentor of the Year Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Upstate New York Chapter (2018)
- William E. McKnight Volunteer Service Award, Volunteer Legal Services Project of Monroe County, Inc. (2012)

90 Linden Oaks  
Suite 110  
Rochester, NY 14625

### Practices & Industries

Immigration

### Admissions

New York

### Education

Brigham Young University, B.A.,  
cum laude

Cornell Law School, J.D.

DAVID J. WILKS

## **In the News**

Hodgson Russ Names Immigration Duo Practice Co-Chairs  
*Law360*, July 27, 2023

Thought Leaders: Cross-border issues  
*Buffalo Business First*, March 4, 2022

Immigrant-Run Startups In Jeopardy During Pandemic  
*Law360*, May 22, 2020

Industry Roundtable: Immigration  
*Albany Business Review*, May 22, 2020

## **Press Releases**

Hodgson Russ LLP Names Co-Leaders of Immigration Practice  
July 25, 2023

Hodgson Russ LLP Honored with 2023 New York State Bar Association President's Pro Bono Service Award  
April 17, 2023

Hodgson Russ LLP Relocates to New Facility in Rochester  
November 2, 2022

71 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Ranked in 2023 Edition of *Best Lawyers in America*  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, August 19, 2022

Fifty-Four Hodgson Russ Attorneys Ranked in 2021 Edition of Upstate New York Super Lawyers  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, August 20, 2021

David Wilks Named to American Immigration Lawyers Association Board of Governors  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, June 30, 2021

Sixty-Two Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to 2020 Upstate New York Super Lawyers  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, September 8, 2020

Hodgson Russ Attorney David Wilks, Appointed to the AILA National Committee  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, July 7, 2020

Immigration Attorney David Wilks Joins Hodgson Russ  
*Hodgson Russ Press Release*, January 22, 2020

DAVID J. WILKS

## **Publications**

Changes to the Cap H-1B Registration Process

*Hodgson Russ Immigration Alert*, February 16, 2024

USCIS Increases Filing Fees Effective April 1, 2024

*Hodgson Russ Immigration Alert*, February 13, 2024

H-1B Registration for Fiscal Year 2025

*Hodgson Russ Immigration Alert*, February 1, 2024

Department of State Processes Domestic Visa Renewals for Certain Applicants in Limited Pilot Program

*Hodgson Russ Immigration Alert*, January 30, 2024

Israelis to be Included in Visa Waiver Program

*Hodgson Russ Immigration Alert*, September 28, 2023

Second Selection from FY2024 H-1B Lottery

*Hodgson Russ Immigration Alert*, July 27, 2023

New Majors Eligible for STEM OPT Work Authorization Extension

*Hodgson Russ Immigration Alert*, July 13, 2023

COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements for Travelers to the United States

*Hodgson Russ Immigration Alert*, November 8, 2021

Oh, Where Are the Good Old Times? Trying to Be an L-1 Intracompany Transferee

*AILA Immigration Practice Pointers*, June 15, 2021

Practice Pointer: FAQs Regarding the New Electronic H-1B Registration & Filing Process

*American Immigration Lawyers Association*, September 22, 2020

## **Presentations & Events**

2024 AILA Annual Conference and Webcast on Immigration Law

American Immigration Lawyers Association, McCormick Place Convention Center West Building, Chicago, IL, June 12 - 15, 2024

February Luncheon: Immigration Planning for Employers 2024

Association of Legal Administrators, New York City Chapter, Arno Ristorante, February 9, 2024

2023 AILA Northern Border Conference

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), 500 Pearl Street, Buffalo, NY 14202, October 20, 2023

How the U.S. Immigration System Works

AILA Live Online Course, October 3, 2023

DAVID J. WILKS

Specialized Knowledge and L-1B Practice Today: "I Know it When I See it, But How do I Prove It?"  
American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), September 19, 2023

2023 AILA Annual Conference and Webcast on Immigration Law  
American Immigration Lawyers Association, Orlando, Florida, June 21 - June 24, 2023

Life After F and J Visas  
Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, April 20, 2023

David Wilks to Speak to Students at Cornell University  
Cornell University, March 20, 2023

Immigration Planning for Employers 2023  
February 7, 2023

2022 AILA Fall Conference and Webcast  
American Immigration Lawyers Association, Lahaina, Hawaii, September 11, 2022

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Elected Director, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Board of Governors
- AILA National Bylaws Committee
- Monroe County Bar Association
- AILA Innovation and Technology Committee