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Main Bio

April Greene Apking works with businesses in applying for various visas for employees and with individuals in applying for visas, permanent residence, and naturalization. In addition, she has represented clients in immigration court as well as before the Board of Immigration Appeals and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. She works closely with the local community to provide education on immigration processes and benefits. In April's business and corporate practice, she uses her legal expertise to guide decisions involving corporate acquisitions and transitions. She has worked with non-profits and startup companies advising on corporate governance and structure. She also represents clients in various business activities, including business immigration, asset purchases, lease negotiations, and advising on business structure and drafting, and reviewing organizing documents and applications, operating agreements, contracts, internal operations manuals and bylaws.

Representative Experience

- Represents a large agricultural business in hiring seasonal workers
- Counseled a construction firm in H2B audit
- Experience in obtaining O visas
- Represents clients in removal proceedings
- Represents individuals in obtaining family-based visas
- Experience in obtaining waiver of illegal entry to obtain permanent residence
- Represents clients in humanitarian reinstatement of family visa petitions
- Assists clients in obtaining B visas (tourist and business visas)
- Represents clients in naturalization process
- Experience with H-1B and L-1 visa petitions
- Assisted companies and individuals in obtaining investor visas
- Assists individuals in change of status based on employment (H1B or L1 to permanent resident status)

Education

- University of Nebraska College Law (Master of Law, Space and Telecommunications Law, 2009)
 - NASA Grant Scholarship
- University of Colorado (J.D., 2005)

- Colorado Journal of International Environmental Law and Policy, Notes & Comments Editor
- Legal Aid and Defender Program A ward
- Jules Milstein Law Fund Scholarship; Moye Giles Scholarship; Bernard J. Seeman Scholarship
- William Smith College (B.A., summa cum laude, 1989)
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)
- Justice Sonia Sotomayor Inn of Court
 - Member (2017-present)
- Minoru Yasui Inn of Court
 - Member (2009)
 - Executive Committee (2010-2015)
- Colorado Women's Bar Association (2007-2012)
- National Association of Women Judges (2011-2012)
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Regional Judge (2011-2013)
- University of Colorado School of Law Appellate Advocacy Judge (2007-2008, 2011)
- Thomas Tang Asian Pacific Moot Court Competition Regional Judge (2011-2012)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Business Immigration and Real Estate Investment," Presenter, August 24, 2017, AREAA
- "Status of Immigration Policies and Resulting Impact in the Classroom," Presenter, July 20, 2017, BUENO 2017 Summer Institute, Boulder, Colorado
- "A Step in the Right Direction: Colorado's First Space Legislation," Author, 90 DENY. U. L. REV. ONLINE SUPP.
- Colorado Practice Series, Criminal Practice and Procedure, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Pocket Parts, Contributor
- The Rush to Develop Space: The Role of Spacefaring Nations in Forging Environmental Standards for the Use of Celestial Bodies for Governmental and Private Interests, Author, 16 COLO. J. INT'L ENVTL. L. & POL'Y 429

Community Involvement

- Law School Yes We Can
 - Mentor (2017-present)
- Dragon 5280
 - Board Member, Emerging Leader Program Committee
- Pomona High School Music Boosters

- Coordinator Pomona Marching Festival (2017-present)
- Youth on Record
 - Board of Directors and Co-Chair HR/Legal/Policy Committee (2013-2015)
 - Treasurer (2015)
 - Fundraising Volunteer (2012)

Other Professional Experience

- 3iLaw, Attorney (2016-2018)
- Fowler, Schimberg, Flanagan & McLetchie P.C., Contract Attorney (2013-2014)
- Senter Goldfarb & Rice LLC, Contract Document Review Attorney (2013)
- Garlin Driscoll LLC, Contract Research Attorney (2013)
- Promontory Financial, Foreclosure Analyst (2012-2013)
- Colorado Court of Appeals, Senior Appellate Law Clerk (2007-2008, 2010, 2011-2012)
- Colorado Judicial Branch, Division of Planning and Analysis, Fiscal Notes Analyst (2011-2012)
- Secure World Foundation, Contract Space Governance Legislative and Policy Development Attorney (2009)

Bar Admissions

- Colorado

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit