

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Gasparian Spivey Immigration, (formerly Gasparian Immigration)**

**New Orleans, Louisiana – 2017 - Present**

**Partner (starting January 1, 2018)**

Provide comprehensive immigration legal services to institutional, corporate, and individual clients throughout the U.S. and abroad. Practice areas include business and academic immigration as well as family-based immigration, federal appellate practice, asylum and removal.

### **Ware|Immigration (formerly Ware|Gasparian and David Ware & Associates, LLC)**

**Metairie, Louisiana, 2010 – 2017**

**Senior Associate (previous titles: Associate, Law Clerk, Paralegal (2006 – 2008))**

Provide comprehensive immigration legal services to institutional, corporate, and individual clients throughout the U.S. and abroad. Practice areas include business and academic immigration as well as family-based immigration, federal appellate practice, asylum and removal. Member of a team of five attorneys, fourteen paralegals, and six support staff with a high rate of success and standard of excellence. Primary office in Metairie, LA. By appointment in Baton Rouge, LA, Birmingham, AL, Pensacola, FL, Jackson, MS, and Seattle, WA.

### **Stephenson, Chavarri, & Lambert, LLC**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, 2009 - 2010**

**Attorney**

Areas of practice included: Immigration, Family Law, Worker's Compensation, Personal Injury, and Contracts. Litigated civil and administrative matters.

### **Murov & Ward, LLC**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, 2006**

**Immigration Paralegal**

Prepared family and employment-based immigration forms and provided sole support for a solo immigration practitioner.

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana**

***Juris Doctor, 2009***

Attended the common law/day program on academic scholarship. Associate Editor, Journal of Public Interest Law.

### **Tulane University**

***Bachelor of Arts, 2004***

Graduated Cum Laude with honors in Latin American Studies, minor in Portuguese. Completed one year of study in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil at Pontificade Universidade Católica-Rio. Internship in Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. 2003 presented for best undergraduate paper Tulane Undergraduate Conference on Latin America.

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## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Admitted Louisiana Bar, October 2009

Admitted to the Eastern District of Louisiana and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

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## LEAH SPIVEY

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### Professional Activities

10.0 – Superb Rating by [AVVO.Com](#)  
Top Lawyer 2017 – [New Orleans Magazine](#)  
Super Lawyers Rising Star Award – 2015

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

- AILA Mid-South Liaison to the New Orleans U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) 2010 – 2017 (various years)

New Orleans Bar Association

- Co-Chair of the Immigration Law Section, 2017
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### Presentations

- Immigration Update, MAIE Study Mississippi Conference, Jackson, MS 2013
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, NAFSA Texas State Meeting, San Antonio, TX 2013
- Immigration Update, MAIE Study Mississippi Conference, Hattiesburg, MS 2014
- Professionalism in the Representation of Special Immigrant Juveniles, Pro Bono & Juveniles, Metairie, LA 2014
- Introduction to Asylum, Advocacy for Immigrant Juveniles, New Orleans, LA 2015
- I-751 Petitions, AILA MidSouth Annual Conference, Louisville, KY 2015
- Immigration and Family Law, LJC Summer School, Destin, FL 2015
- Employment Based Permanent Residence, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 2016
- Defending Immigrants in Immigration Court, CC Hispanic Apostolate, New Orleans, LA 2017