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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Gasparian Spivey Immigration, (formerly Gasparian Immigration)
New Orleans, Louisiana – 2015- Present**

Founder

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.

PB&J: Pro Bono and Juveniles, New Orleans, Louisiana – July 2014 to present

Founded a volunteer organization to recruit, train, mentor, and match pro bono attorneys with immigrant children who have recently crossed the U.S. Southern border and who cannot afford legal services. Led coordination between various area organizations and volunteers resulting in providing services to over fifty children in less than three months.

Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2015-Present

Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law

Instruct students in immigration law with an emphasis on practical application and practice.

Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2013-Present

Adjunct Professor of Immigration Law

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**Ware|Gasparian (formerly David Ware & Associates, LLC), Metairie, Louisiana, 2004 – 2015
Managing Partner, 2012 – 2015**

Previous Positions - Associate, Senior Associate, Chief Associate Partner and Managing Attorney

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. Lead 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.

Burgos & Evans, LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana

Attorney, 2003-2004, Paralegal/ Law Clerk 2001-2002

Areas of practice included: Immigration, Family Law, Personal Injury, and Contracts. Litigated civil, criminal, and administrative matters.

U.S. Department of Justice, Attorney General's Honors Program, Oakdale, Louisiana

Judicial Law Clerk - Executive Office for Immigration Review 2002-2003

Drafted legal opinions and bench memoranda. Prepared summaries of procedural history, evidence, and testimonies. Made recommendations to the Court

EDUCATION

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

***Juris Doctor*, 2002**

Recipient of the 1998-1999 Joseph V. Bolgna Prize, of the Law Excellence Award for Civil Law Property, and of the Law Excellence Award for Administration of Criminal Justice, I; Attended the evening program on academic scholarship.

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Loyola University New Orleans

Bachelor of Arts, 1995

Graduated Cum Laude from the Honors Program with a degree in English Writing and a minor in Business. Recipient of an academic scholarship. Member of Beta Gamma Sigma (Business Honors) and Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honors).

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted Louisiana Bar, October 2002

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

Professional Activities

Named 40 under 40 by Gambit Weekly in 2012
10.0 – Superb Rating by AVVO.Com
Best Law Firms – U.S. News & World Report
Top Lawyer 2015, 2016, 2017 – New Orleans Magazine
Super Lawyers Pro Bono Award – 2014
Louisiana State Bar Association – 2015 Children’s Law Award
National Organization for Women, Olga Vives Award - 2015
Gillis Long Poverty Law Center Public Service Award – 2016
AILA Pro Bono Champion – 2016
Leadership in Law Award – City Business 2017

Media Appearances

- WWL News, WWLTV, April 27, 2017
- “Louisiana immigrants face an uncertain future under the Trump administration” Gambit, March 6, 2017
- “Teen's relative: Undocumented suspect in fatal Baton Rouge shooting 'what Donald Trump is trying to get rid of'” The Advocate, March 14, 2017
- “Trump’s executive order has international students at Louisiana schools on edge”, The Advocate, January 29, 2017.
- WWL News, WWLTV, October 6, 2014
- “Immigration Attorney Looks for Help Representing Children”, City Business, September 16, 2014
- “Central American Immigrants Flock to New Orleans—and Wait: Many Women and Children Seeking Asylum Face Deportation Hearings”, The Wall Street Journal, September 19, 2014
- Live with Jose Diaz-Balart, MSNBC, September 18, 2014
- FUSION LIVE, Fusion TV, September 15, 2014
- WDSU News, WDSU New Orleans, September 12, 2014
- “Lawyers respond to help unaccompanied minors”, Clarion Herald, September 9, 2014
- “Influx of Child Immigrants Strains Courts in Louisiana”, TIME, August 11, 2014
- “N.O. a hub for Honduran children fleeing violence”, The Advocate, August 10, 2014
- “Will illegal immigrant kids stay or be sent home? Depends if they have a lawyer”, FoxNews.com, August 6, 2014
- “New Orleans immigration court handling more than 1,200 cases of unaccompanied minors fleeing Central America”, The Lens NOLA, August 4, 2014
- “Immigrant children in Louisiana, placed with relatives or family friends, face lengthy court process”, The Times Picayune, August 1, 2014
- “Immigration Reform in Louisiana”, Louisiana Public Square, October 2010

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Publications

- "Options for Returning to the United States After Removal", Immigration Practice Pointers 2017-2018
- "Is It Truly Safe to Travel? Arrabally's Impact So Far on the Unlawful Presence Bars", AILA Practice Series 2016
- "Continuous Physical Presence for Cancellation of Removal", AILA Practice Series 2016
- "Running the Numbers", Immigration Practice News, Vol. 5, Issue 3, May 2014
- "The Break Even Number", AILA Practice Success Tips, May 2014
- "Adjustment of Status for the Atypical Entrant", 2012 Immigration Practice Pointers, AILA 2012
- "Be Prepared: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina", Immigration Practice News, Vol. 4, Issue 1, October 2012
- "An Immigration Primer for Primary and Secondary Schools", The Admissions Review

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

- Treasurer AILA Mid-South Chapter 2006-2008
- Chair AILA Mid-South Chapter 2008-2010
- Member of AILA National Board of Governor's as serving Chapter Chair 2008- 2010
- AILA Mid-South Liaison to the New Orleans Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) 2005- 2011
- Member AILA National Distance Learning Committee 2010
- Member AILA National Liaison Committee to EOIR 2010 to 2012
- Chair AILA National Liaison Committee to EOIR 2012 to 2013
- Member AILA National Practice Management Committee 2013 to 2014

Louisiana State Bar Association, Immigration Section

- Vice-chair, 2016 -2017
- Chair, 2017 to present

NAFSA: Association of International Educators

- Regulatory Ombudsperson, Region III, Scholar Issues 2012-2015

New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, New Orleans, Louisiana

- Board of Directors, 2012 to Present

New Orleans Bar Association

- Chair of the Immigration Law Section, 2017

Presentations

- LSCE panel on Immigrant Labor, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA, October 2006
- Employing Foreign Nationals: Immigration Issues, Procedures and Policy Considerations, 2007 State of Florida Human Resources Conference, Jacksonville, FL, October 2007
- Immigration Update, NAFSA Arkansas State Meeting, Little Rock, AR, April 2007
- Illegal! Strategies for Out of Status and Undocumented Students, NAFSA Arkansas State Meeting, Little Rock, AR, April 2007
- Working Under the Table, LSBA, Immigration Law Seminar, New Orleans, LA February 2008
- I-9 Overview and Issues, NAFSA Region VII, Charlotte, NC Fall 2008
- Immigration for Employers: Construction Law, Sterling Education Services, Biloxi, MS, May 2008

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- Immigration for Employers, Sterling Education Services, Pensacola, FL, September, 2008
- Faculty Member, 2008 AILA Fall Fundamentals Conference, Memphis, TN, October 2008
- Immigration for Employers: Construction Law, Sterling Education Services, Mobile, AL, October 2008
- USCIS Government Panel – USCIS, AILA Mid-South Annual Conference, November 2008
- Immigration for Employers: Construction Law, Sterling Education Services, Jackson, MS, December 2008
- Immigration Law and Employer Compliance, LES, New Orleans, LA, December, 2008
- Court Procedures and EOIR Information, National Center for Refugee & Immigrant Children Seminar, New Orleans, LA, April 2009
- Immigration for Employers, Sterling Education Services, Baton Rouge, LA, November 2009
- Regulation Update, NAFSA Louisiana State Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA, April 2010
- PERM and Prevailing Wage, NAFSA Louisiana State Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA, April 2010
- Immigration for Employers, Sterling Education Services, Pensacola, FL, March 2010
- Immigration for Employers, Sterling Education Services, Mobile, AL, July 2010
- Close Encounters of the Agency Kind NAFSA Region III, New Orleans, LA, October 2010
- USCIS Government Panel, AILA Mid-South Annual Conference, November 2010
- Immigration Court 101, AILA Mid-South Annual Conference, November 2010
- The Immigration Court Practice Manual, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN, May 2010
- Adjustment of Status & Waivers of Inadmissibility before USCIS & EOIR, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN, May 2010
- Who is Eligible for Temporary Protected Status?, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN, May 2010
- Immigration for Employers, Sterling Education Services, New Orleans, LA February 2011.
- Regulatory Update and H-1B Master Class, NAFSA LA State Meeting, March 2011
- Making the Right MOVE: Using Motions to Win Your Case AILA Audio Seminar, April 2011
- Updates and Emerging Issues in TPS and NACARA, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN May 2011
- How to Present an EOIR-42B Cancellation for Certain Nonpermanent Residents Case before the Immigration Judge, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN May 2011
- Close Encounters with the Department of Homeland Security, NAFSA National Conference, Vancouver, CA June 2011
- Relief from Removal: What Relief Exists and How Does the Client Get It?, AILA National Conference, San Diego, CA, June 2011
- The Material Support and Persecutor of Others Bars, AILA Audio Seminar, August 2011
- Careers in Immigration Law, Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, October 2011
- Show me the money: Best practices for getting paid, AILA, October 2011
- Adjustment of Status vs. Consular Processing, AILA Mid-South Conference, November 2011
- Immigration Update, LA TESOL Annual Conference, November 2011
- Update on Implementation of Prosecutorial Discretion Policy, AILA Audio Seminar, February 2012
- When Federal Agents Come Calling, NAFSA National Webinar, March 2012
- Presenting Complicated Cases Before USCIS, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN May 2012
- How to Present an EOIR-42B Cancellation for Certain Nonpermanent Residents Case before the Immigration Judge, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN May 2012
- When Federal Agents Come Calling, NAFSA Annual Conference, June 2012
- Adjustment of Status for the Atypical Entrant, AILA Annual Conference, June 2012
- Let Me Out of Here! Seeking Bond in Immigration Court, AILA Annual Conference June 2012
- Presenting Cases Before the Court, AILA Mid-South/ Texas Joint Chapter Conference, November 2012
- 50 Shades of Gray: Marriage Cases in Immigration, AILA Mid-South/ Texas Joint Chapter Conference, November 2012
- Disaster Preparedness and Recovery, AILA Podcast, December 2012
- The Three Rs: Reinstatement, Regulations, and Requirements, NAFSA Region 3, Rogers, AR, October 2013
- Moderator and Organizer, What Every Attorney Should Know About Immigration, New Orleans Federal Bar Association, Fall 2013

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- Representing Foreign Nationals in Civil Litigation, LSBA, New Orleans, December 2013
- Panelist, Left Out in Louisiana, New Orleans, March 2014
- Presenter and Plenary Speaker, AAIE, April 2014
- Crimes Involving Moral Turpitude vs. Good Moral Character, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN May 2014
- Unlawful Presence and Provisional Waivers, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN May 2014
- Expert Witnesses and Evidence in Removal Proceedings, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN May 2014
- Plenary Speaker, Immigration After U.S. v. Windsor, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN May 2014
- The Road Less Travelled: Travel Issues in Immigration, NAFSA Annual Conference, May 2014
- Running the Numbers: Practical Advice for your Firm's Financial Health, AILA Podcast, June 2014
- Everything About FOIA You Won't Learn in a Book, AILA Webinar, August 2014
- Inadmissibility & Waivers, AILA Fundamentals Conference, October 2014
- Unpopular Defendants, New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, with Ken Starr, February 2015
- Immigration Update, Louisiana NAFSA state meeting, April 2015
- An Honest Liar?, LSBA, New Orleans, April 2015
- Unaccompanied Minors, National Legal Aid and Defenders Association (NLADA) Conference, November 2015
- Trends in Worksite Enforcement, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN May 2015
- Unaccompanied Minors – Trends and Hot Topics, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, Memphis, TN, May 2015
- Louisiana Commission on Human Rights, June 2015
- Immigration Overview, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA October 2015
- Louisiana Justice Community Conference, Baton Rouge, LA October 2015
- F-1 Immigration Workshop, NAFSA Region III Conference, Norman, OK, October 2015
- Reinstatement Workshop, NAFSA Region III Conference, Norman, OK, October 2015
- Forging the Future of STEM, NAFSA Region III Conference, Norman, OK, October 2015
- LSBA Immigration Law Conference, New Orleans, LA April 2016
- Grounds of Inadmissibility, FBA Immigration Law Seminar, New Orleans, LA, May 2016
- Continuous Physical Presence for Cancellation of Removal, AILA Webinar, May 2016
- Wrestling with Reinstatement, NAFSA Annual Conference, Denver, CO, June 2016
- I-601 and I-601A Waivers, AILA Paralegal Conference, New Orleans, LA, August 2016
- Cancellation of Removal and Beating the Stop-Time Rule, AILA Advanced Business and Removal, New York, NY, October 2016