

Wilka Toppins OF COUNSEL



With over 34 years of exceptional experience in litigation, corporate law, and U.S. immigration, Wilka's career spans Fortune 500 companies, private law firms, and C-Suite leadership roles. She has served as a senior executive in a publicly traded corporation with nationwide responsibilities, equipping her with a unique perspective on corporate strategy and operations. As the founder of a Houston-based boutique law firm, she established a practice specializing in helping foreign companies and high-net-worth individuals achieve success in the U.S. market. She is a sought-after national and international speaker, presenting cutting-edge insights on investment and immigration strategies to global audiences.

Wilka launched a global business and immigration consultancy with offices in Mexico City and Ho Chi Minh City, focused on facilitating cross-border opportunities for businesses and investors. Her expansive experience also includes:

- Holding a pivotal role as partner at an AMLaw 200 firm, where she established and led the firm's Immigration Practice Division
- A practice which spans state and federal litigation, labor and employment law, collective bargaining, mergers and acquisitions, and complex civil transactions
- Serving as a global advocate for talent mobility and investment

SERVICE LINE

Immigration

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Environmental & Energy
Hospitality, Leisure, & Sports
Manufacturing
Technology

PRIMARY LOCATION

Charleston, SC

- Advising U.S. and international companies on strategic cross-border investments
- Securing thousands of employment and investment visas, including E2, TN, L1, H-1B, H2, H3, EB-2/3 Program Electronic Review Management (PERM), O-1, P, and EB1-A visas
- Gaining unparalleled experience as an internationally recognized EB-5 attorney and serving as an advisor for both investors and project developers participating in the Citizenship by Investment Program

Wilka's passion for knowledge is evident in her five years as an adjunct professor at Thurgood Marshall School of Law, where she taught corporate immigration law. Originally from Puerto Rico, Wilka is bilingual in English and Spanish.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Texas

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- Houston Association of Realtors, 2018 – present
- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Houston Supplier Developer Council

HONORS

- 2011 Texas Women on the Move, Texas Executive Women

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, Tulane University Law School

B.S., Political Science, University of Massachusetts at Amherst