

# Ryan Patterson

Attorney

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Ryan Patterson is a Senior Associate based in the firm's Washington D.C. office and is a seasoned and innovative immigration attorney with more than a decade of experience in the field. He specializes in creative innovative solutions that navigate the complexities of business, family, and humanitarian immigration law. Serving a diverse range of clients across industries, Ryan's practice is dedicated to facilitating the achievement of both individual and organizational goals through the US immigration system.

Ryan first found his way to immigration as an opportunity to practice and maintain Spanish fluency through volunteer work with an immigration legal services nonprofit. This experience ignited a larger passion for the field, leading him to a career in employment-based immigration, boasting expertise across a broad spectrum of visa types, including H-1B, TN, O, L, E, F, and J-1, among others. His focus extends to assisting highly skilled workers with in-demand skills.

Mission-driven to develop and implement creative immigration strategies, Ryan empowers his clients to realize their own American dream. Known for a strong sense of empathy, attention to detail, and creative problem-solving, he brings a holistic approach to the challenges his clients face. Working together with Timothy D'Arduini, Ryan envisioned and operationalized a one-of-its-kind immigration sponsorship program in a mid-city market where he grew up, where employers can leverage the support of a robust philanthropic network to sponsor foreign talent critically needed to accelerate the economic development of the community.

## EDUCATION

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University of Oklahoma, B.A. in Journalism, 2008

University of Oklahoma, College of Law, J.D., 2011

Universidad de Belgrano, Study Abroad Program, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2007

## ADMISSIONS

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Oklahoma

## PRACTICE AREAS

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Corporate Immigration



Ryan earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism in 2008, and a Juris Doctorate in 2011, respectively, at the University of Oklahoma. In 2007, he studied abroad at the Universidad de Belgrano in Buenos Aires, Argentina, achieving Spanish fluency. Ryan is trilingual, speaking English, Portuguese, and Spanish. Bringing a distinctive blend of cultural understanding and legal acumen to his work, Ryan splits his time between Miami and Sao Paulo. He is currently licensed to practice law in Oklahoma.

#### **Industries Served:**

- Financial services
- Fintech
- Banking
- Medical
- Science and Research
- Advanced aerial mobility
- Hospitality
- Universities
- Nonprofits and tax-exempt organizations

#### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

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*Immigration for Startups: H-1B Lottery/Latest Updates & Visa Alternatives*, KILP Webinar, February 2024

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