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PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate
Immigration

INDUSTRIES

Professional Services

LICENSED IN

Georgia

EDUCATION

Georgia State University College of Law:
J.D., 2018

University of Georgia: B.A., Political
Science, 2015

AFFILIATIONS

Leadership Savannah: Class of 2023

Georgia Association for Women Lawyers,
Savannah Chapter: Board of Directors,
2019-2023; Communications Chair, 2019-
2020; President, 2020-2022

American Bar Association

State Bar of Georgia

EXPERIENCE

Mary Bostwick Russell is an associate in HunterMaclean's Savannah office, where she focuses her practice on immigration law, specifically family-based and employment-based immigration issues.

As part of her immigration practice, Mary assists clients in obtaining various temporary work visas, such as H-1Bs, E-2s, O-1s, L-1As and L-1Bs. Her work often includes temporary visas for dependents, as well. Mary also facilitates the process of clients sponsoring their employees for immigrant visas, such as EB-1s, National Interest Waivers and PERMs. In addition to employment-based visas, Mary frequently assists clients in obtaining family-based permanent residency. This includes K-1 fiancé visas and permanent residency based on marriage to a U.S. citizen. Immigration law is very fact specific. Mary enjoys working with clients, both individuals and companies, to evaluate their particular circumstances and determine a visa plan that works for everyone involved.

Mary earned her B.A., cum laude, in Political Science from the University of Georgia in 2015 and her J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law in 2018. During law school, Mary completed internships with the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Legal Services Clinic, the Atlanta Legal Aid Society-Senior Citizens Law Project, and the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman in Atlanta, Georgia. She also served as a graduate research assistant for the Atlanta Center for International Arbitration and Mediation and a summer research assistant in the office of Judge Chris McFadden of the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Mary is a native of Savannah. While in undergraduate and law school, she volunteered with the American Red Cross.

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Represented hospitals and physicians in "Interested Government Agency/ Conrad State 30" and Appalachian Regional Commission J-1 visa waiver requests, which require the review and approval of (1) the Georgia Department of Community Health/State Office of Rural Health, (2) the U.S. State Department, and (3) the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- Represented a South Africa-based employer in obtaining an L-1A visa for its executive employee to allow him to work at its U.S. location; ultimately transitioned the temporary L-1A visa into permanent residency.
- Served as immigration counsel for international music festival.

Savannah Bar Association
American Immigration Lawyers
Association

RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch:
Immigration, 2025-2026

Georgia Trend Magazine Legal Elite:
2025-2026

Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star:
Immigration, 2025-2026

COMMUNITY WORK

University of Georgia: Alumni Mentor
Program

American Red Cross

Daughters of Ireland: Board of Directors,
2020-2022

- Represented the sellers and founders in the sale of a cold chain logistics business (storage of human tissue, test samples, and vaccines) to a public company headquartered in the Northwest.
- Assisted in representation of sellers and founders in the sale of a technology development company with offices in the United States and multiple countries abroad.

PRESENTATIONS

Legal Considerations in the Early Stages of Forming a Business

Presented at the Creative Coast's Idea Accelerator Bootcamp in March 2020, March 2021, and March 2022.