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Amanda Bahena's practice is focused on immigration law and estate planning. She is also experienced in corporate law, real estate, and family law matters. Amanda works together with the other firm attorneys to address her clients' related employment, taxation, corporate, litigation, and compliance questions.

Amanda assists employers throughout the U.S. grow their workforce by hiring or retaining talented foreign-born employees. She also trains employers on Form I-9 compliance and represents employers in I-9 audits.

Amanda assists individual clients around the world in almost every U.S.-immigration area, including petitioning family members and fiancés for permanent residency, employment visas, deferred action, student visas, visa compliance, waivers, and adjustment of status. Amanda also represents individuals in immigration court proceedings in Omaha, Nebraska, and Ft. Snelling, Minnesota. She welcomes invitations to speak about immigration issues, from I-9 compliance and hiring foreign employees to know-your-rights presentations.

Amanda is also an experienced estate planner, and assists families and individuals in Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska with their planning needs.

Her clients appreciate her accessibility and responsiveness, attention to detail, clear fees, creative solutions, and ability to break down complex issues into understandable steps.

Amanda serves on the State Bar of South Dakota Immigration Law Committee and is the treasurer of the Iowa-Nebraska chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Fluent in English and Spanish, Amanda studied and lived in Canada, Mexico, and England prior to receiving her law degree. She now enjoys life in her hometown of Sioux Center, Iowa, with her husband and three young children.

Professional & Community

- ◆ American Immigration Lawyers Association
- ◆ American Immigration Council, Iowa-Nebraska Liaison
- ◆ Iowa State Bar Association
- ◆ Sioux County Bar Association President
- ◆ Vi Bella Serves, Inc., Non-Profit Board President
- ◆ Sioux Center Arts and Recreation Board
- ◆ CASA of Sioux County

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Areas of Practice:

Business and Corporate Transactions / Estate Planning and Trust Law / Immigration Law

Education:

Iowa State University, BA, National Merit Scholar, with Distinction

University of Warwick, England, MA, with Distinction

University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., with High Distinction and Order of the Coif

Licensed in: Iowa