

KATHRYN VIEGAS



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EXTREMELY GOOD AT

- Listening to and understanding what my clients want
- Speaking in plain English
- Helping small and medium-sized business manage their employer sponsorship obligations and secure work visas for their foreign employees
- Managing and mentoring a team
- Handling the challenging stuff – appeals, health, character, visa cancellation, overstayers, international adoption, refugee and humanitarian visa applications
- Working with not-for-profit organisations
- Strategic planning in line with changing immigration laws and policies
- Liaising between a range of stakeholders

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Working on a range of complex matters that most legal practitioners don't see
- Training young lawyers and fostering the development of their skills
- Maintaining my commitment to pro bono work and social justice causes
- Whenever a client thanks me for helping them

WORK / BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

- Senior Associate – Brett Slater Solicitors, Sydney
- Solicitor Director – Advocate Immigration Lawyers & Agents, Sydney
- Acting Principal Solicitor – HIV/AIDS Legal Centre, Sydney
- Junior Legal Officer – HIV/AIDS Legal Centre, Sydney

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (admitted to practice in July 2003)
- Member – Law Society of New South Wales, Law Council of Australia, Women Lawyers Association of NSW, Women on Boards
- Registered Migration Agent (MARN 0532285 – registered since 2003)

PRO BONO / COMMUNITY SERVICE

- President – Management Committee of the Immigration Advice and Rights Centre
- Founding Director – The TLR Foundation
- Mentor – Sydney University Law Society Social Justice Mentoring Program, Law Society of NSW Women's Mentoring Program
- Member – Arrow Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation
- Member – Minoru Hokari Memorial Scholarship Committee, University of New South Wales

- Former Board Director, current Company Member – International House Ltd, University of New South Wales
- Volunteer Solicitor – Refugee Advice and Casework Service, Immigration Advice and Rights Centre, HIV/AIDS Legal Centre

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of Laws, University of Sydney
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Australian National University
- Bachelor of Laws, University of New South Wales
- Bachelor of Science (Psychology), University of New South Wales