

Heather Poole

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U.S. Immigration Expert

Biography

Heather L. Poole is a private immigration attorney and frequent public speaker on complicated family and marriage-based immigration topics. She helps immigrants keep their green cards despite marital breakups and successfully reunites couples who would otherwise face a devastating 10-year separation due to immigration imposed unlawful presence bars or other immigration barriers. She works one on one with individuals and families across the U.S. and the world.

Heather is a frequent public speaker at conferences and events for lawyers, social service and non-profit organizations, women's organizations, churches, schools, and more. She is a nationally published author on complex family-based immigration topics for the American Immigration Lawyers Association, various State Bar association magazines, mainstream newspapers, and is an adjunct faculty at Fullerton College where she teaches Immigration Law in the paralegal studies program. For a full bio, visit humanrightsattorney.com.

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC

Industry Expertise

Legal Services, Elder Care, Women

Areas of Expertise

The Foreign Affair: Tips for Bringing Your Fiance or Spouse to the Us, Legal & Practical Options for Abused Elder Immigrants

Affiliations

American Immigration Lawyers Association, Los Angeles Bar Association - Immigration Law Section, Federal Bar Association - Immigration Section Conference Speaker

Sample Talks

The Foreign Affair: Immigration Options for the Love of Your Life

US immigration law can be complicated and screwing up a loved one's case can delay being reunited with your spouse, and worse, could result in a denial by a foreign consulate you have no right to appeal. This topic is great for the average consumer in love with a foreign fiance or spouse, family lawyers & lawyers, social service agencies that serve immigrants, wedding conventions, and more. Navigate the legal options, processing times, and reality of what's involved.

Event Appearances

Immigration 101: Family & Employment Immigration

Immigration 101: Family & Employment Immigration, Continuing Legal Education Seminar for Attorneys, LawReviewCLE.com., Riverside, CA

No More Sails Into the Sunset - Resurrecting, Converting or Ditching the Joint 751

Conditional Green Card Removal Cases

Client Representation in Immigration Practice

Updated: Representing Individuals with Mental Disabilities in Immigration Court, Business Clients in the Removal Context, Detained Clients, and Clients with former Domestic Violence Allegations

Legal Options for Survivors of Domestic Violence

Panelist representing the Los Angeles County Bar's Domestic Violence Project for City of Glendale's Film Screening of Loves Me, Loves Me Not

The Evolving World of I-601 Waivers: Tips for Preparing your Client & your case

National Conference, "Taste of Nashville" Dinner with the Experts

US CIS Interviews & Tips on Presenting Complicated I-130/I-485/I-754 & Naturalization Cases, Panel

US CIS Interviews & Tips on Presenting Complicated I-130/I-485/I-754 & Naturalization Cases, Panel", with Guest Speaker Heather L Poole

Moderator & Speaker, "VAWA Adjustment: Updates and Emerging Issues

VAWA Adjustment: Updates and Emerging Issues Panel, Federal Bar Association National Conference

My Path to Immigration Law

Women's Herstory Annual Celebration

Immigration 101 Continuing Legal Education Seminar

Continuing Legal Education Seminar" for Attorneys

Modern Marriage and Family Issues Before USCIS and on Appeal

2011 American Immigration Lawyers Association California Chapters Conference

I-751 and Waivers: Removing the Conditions on Residency

Fundamentals Panel, 2011 National Conference

US CIS Interviews & Tips on Presenting Complicated I-130/I-485/I-754 & Naturalization Cases
Federal Bar Association National Conference

VAWA Adjustment: Updates and Emergening Issues
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Making Hardship Easy: Understanding the Grounds of Inadmissibility and Preparing Successful Waivers

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VAWA Basics for the Immigration Attorney
Heather L. Poole for the American Immigration Lawyers Association Southern California Chapter

Hot Topics in Immigration Law
Annual Immigration Symposium

Immigration & Domestic Violence Law
Training for Los Angeles County Bar's Domestic Violence Project

From Birth to Marriage to Death: Handling Complex Issues in Family-Based Immigration I-751 Waivers of Joint Filing

Immigration Options for Victims of Domestic Violence
2008 National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Event

One on One with Attorney Heather
Tabling at El Monte Rosemead Adult School as part of the 2008 Community Resource Fair

Community Citizenship Clinic
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The Foreign Affair: Immigration Consequences of Marriage, Divorce & Custody
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The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Immigrant Population
Annual Conference on Domestic Violence

A Marriage to Save, Ditch or Escape? When to Opt for a Conditional Green Card Waiver
A Marriage to Save, Ditch or Escape? Knowing When to Opt for a Conditional Green Card Waiver

Human Rights Problems in Our Own Backyard: The Legal Options Available to Abused Immigrants
Training for Project Sister's, hotline advocates

Real-life Consequences: Media Coverage of Immigration
Cal Poly Pomona's Annual "Communications Day"

The I'Dos and Don'ts of Marriage-Based Immigration
Handle on the Law

Immigration Options for Abused Immigrants
Glendale Commission on the Status of Women

Understanding the Route to Permanent Residency and Legal Status
"Discovering PCC Day"

U.S. Citizenship via Naturalization: Avoiding Denials, Heartbreak and Deportation Triggers
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Working with Immigrant Victims of Crime and Abuse
Project Sister Rape Crisis Center Hotline Advocate Training

The Legal Aspects of Domestic Violence: Immigration Law & Restraining Orders
Spring Training conducted by Attorney Heather L. Poole

Education

New York Law School
Juris Doctorate Law

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy Philosophy

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Bachelors of Arts, History History

Accomplishments

Super Lawyer: Rising Star

Named by Los Angeles Magazine and Law & Politics Magazine Super Lawyer: Rising Star, considered in the top 3% of Immigration Attorneys under the Age of 40 in Southern California.

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Pasadena Top Attorney

Pasadena Magazine “Top 100 Attorneys” Designation for Excellence in Immigration Law

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Los Angeles County Volunteer of the Year

Recipient for volunteer work with the Los Angeles County Court System and LACBA’s Domestic Violence Project in the Pasadena Courthouse

Distinguished Alumna, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

Distinguished Alumna, Cal Poly Pomona College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences, presented by the Cal Poly Pomona Alumni Association to honor outstanding achievement and prominence in a profession, service to the community, and support for the University through donated time and resources.

Commendation, National Domestic Violence Hotline

For services provided to immigrant survivors of abuse

Commendation

Given by Haven House, the oldest domestic violence shelter in the US - for volunteer work with Haven House to train hotline advocates on domestic violence issues faced by abused immigrants

VAWA Experts list (2005 to present)

National Lawyers Guild – National Immigration Project

Treasurer, So Ca American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Chapter

Board member of the 2nd largest chapter of immigration lawyers in the US

Secretary, So Ca American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Chapter

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National Publications Board, American Immigration Lawyers Association

Advised and drafted article on proposed DHS changes in unlawful presence waiver processing on national board.

Chair, National New Member Division Steering Committee, American Immigration Lawyers Association
Advised national AILA Board on activities, concerns, and liaison activity on all 33 chapters of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Editor, American Immigration Lawyers Association NMD E-News

Edited and solicited articles for AILA's online magazine to attract, train, and retain new immigration lawyers to the association, organized Annual AILA national Conference "Taste of Nashville" Events with Expert Speakers

Referring Attorney

Referring Attorney (on Recommended Referral List of Private Attorneys)

- San Pedro Legal Services (2003 – present).

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Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (2009 – present);

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