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Partner in Greenspoon Marder's Immigration and Naturalization practice group. Ms. Bermudez focuses her practice on business immigration. She represents multinational companies, as well as individual clients, in connection with a variety of employment-based immigration, non-immigrant matters, I-9 issues, and family-based benefits. Ms. Bermudez also represents foreign investors seeking visa status based on start-up companies and investments, as well as individuals seeking classification for extraordinary ability or national interest waiver.

Ms. Bermudez also focuses her practice on global business immigration with a concentration in Latin America. She works with multinational corporations throughout the world to strategize and facilitate the transfer of its employees and their dependents for temporary assignments abroad, including obtaining the necessary residence and work permits, visa and post-entry registration.

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

Education

- J.D., Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 2000
- B.A., Rutgers University, Rutgers College, 1997
- University of Valencia, 1994-1995

Other Languages

- Spanish

Practice Areas

- Immigration & Naturalization
- Entertainment & Sports
- Latin America
- Fashion, Luxury, and Beauty

Professional and Community Involvement

- International Talent Mobility Team, Leadership Team
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Member

- New York Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- National Diversity Council
 - Tri-State Diversity Council, New York Advisory Board Representative, 2019-2020

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Immigration and our Borders: New Initiatives" GM Webinar, April 13, 2021
- Speaker, "Travel Bans and Border Restrictions: What Next Under President-Elect Biden," New York State Bar Association, January 22, 2021
- Speaker, "Medical and Recreational Marijuana in the Workplace or as a Business," New York State Bar Association: Labor & Employment Law Section's Fall Meeting, September 20, 2019
- Featured Judge, 2019 National Immigration Law Competition, New York University Law Moot Court Board, February 1-2, 2019
- Speaker, "Employment-Based Immigration: Preference Categories," AILA Annual Conference on Immigration Law, June 14, 2018
- Speaker, "Expats and Secondees into the US: Clearing the Employment and Immigration Hurdles," New York State Bar Association, Labor and Employment Section, Annual Meeting, January 25, 2013
- Speaker, "Managing Global Workforce Mobility," August 5, 2008

Recognitions

- *Lawdragon* "100 Leading Immigration Lawyers" guide, 2023
- *The National Law Journal*, "Immigration Law Trailblazer," 2020, 2023
- *Crain's New York Business*, "Notable Hispanic Leaders," 2022
- *Who's Who Legal: Corporate Immigration*, "Future Leader" 2021-2022
- *Latino Leaders Magazine*, "Top Latino Lawyers," 2021
- *Insider*, "Top Immigration Lawyers for Startups," 2021

Publications

- Co-Author, "Visa Backlog at State Department Hinders Biden's Immigration Goals" *Bloomberg News*, July 1, 2021
- Co-Author, "Border Patrol: Risks of the U.S. Commercial Cannabis Industry for Non-U.S. Citizens," *Cannabis Business Times*, October 9, 2018
- Co-Author, "Immigration Policy and Employment Law in the Era of Trump," Labor & Employment Law Section Fall Meeting, New York State Bar Association, October 2017
- Author, "Immigration Basics for Expats and Secondees," New York State Bar Association, Labor and Employment Section, Annual Meeting, January 25, 2013
- Co-Author, "New IRS Audit Policies May Focus on HR Departments," *SHRM Magazine*, September 4, 2009
- Co-Author, "IRS to Audit Employers Sponsoring H-1B Visa Holders," *Bloomberg News*, June 15, 2009
- Co-Author, "Termination of Foreign Nationals: Refresher on Due Diligence from an Immigration Perspective," October 17, 2009

In The News

- Quoted, "Biden Seeks H-1B Work Visa Changes as 2024 Politics Heat Up," *TechTarget*, November 2, 2023
- Featured, "18 immigration lawyers who help tech startups land top talent from abroad," *Insider*, August 23, 2021
- Quoted, "Top 5 Immigration Policies Of 2020: Midyear Report," *Law360*, July 15, 2020
- Quoted, "Top 6 Immigration Cases To Watch In 2020: Midyear Report," *Law360*, July 10, 2020
- Featured, "Best Full-Service Immigration & Naturalization Law Firm - USA," *Corporate Immigration & Relocation Awards*, June 2019
- Quoted, "Court's Restoration of DACA Creates More Uncertainty," *Bloomberg Law Daily Labor Report*, January 10, 2018

- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: Travel & Other Updates for 2024 - December 29, 2023
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: Possible Government Shutdown and How It Could Affect Immigration - September 19, 2023
- Florida's New Immigration Law is a Big Change for Florida Employers
- How NIL Affects Foreign National Students
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments – April 24, 2023
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments - March 31, 2023
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: USCIS Opens H-1B CAP
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments – April 4, 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments - February 1, 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert – Breaking News: FY 2023 H-1B Cap Initial Registration Period Opens on March 1, 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: It Is That Time of the Year Again: H-1B Cap Season for FY 2023 Has Begun
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments January 11, 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: Breaking News - New USCIS Policy Guidance Allows Expedited Processing of EAD Applications for Healthcare Workers, Effective Immediately
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments December 17, 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: Breaking News – New USCIS Policy Guidance Allows a Smoother Employment Authorization Process for Certain L, E and H-4 Visa Spouses, Effective Immediately
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: Breaking News – Starting at the beginning of November, the White House is set to replace COVID-19 Travel Bans with Vaccine and Negative Test Requirement
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: Breaking News – Biden Administration Plans to Lift Travel Restrictions for Fully Vaccinated International Travelers
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments September 3, 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: Breaking News – USCIS Conducts Second Lottery for FY 2022 H-1B Cap
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: Breaking News: H-1B Initial Electronic Registration Selection Process Completed for (FY) 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: National Interest Exceptions
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments February 17, 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments January 19, 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments January 8, 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments December 4, 2020
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments December 2, 2020
- Day Two Recap: Greenspoon Marder Innovation Summit
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: COVID-19 Related Delays in FY 2021 H-1B Cap and Extension/Change of Status Filing
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: H-1 Cap Selection Completed
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: US-Canada and US-Mexico Travel Restrictions and April 2020 Visa Bulletin
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: Travel and Immigration Advisories Due to Coronavirus Pandemic - Update 3/18/2020
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments - February 20, 2020
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments - January 23, 2020
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments - December 9, 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments - December 5, 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments - November 13, 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments - August 27, 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments August 19, 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments - July 18, 2019

- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Social Media Question on DS-160 and DS-260 Applications
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments - May 9, 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: Israeli Investors Update; H-1B Cap for FY 2020 Reached; Changes to Form I-94; USCIS Issues Policy Guidance; May 2019 Visa Bulletin Updates; and Canadian L-1 Applicants Seeking to Extend/Renew L-1 Status Refused at Port of Entry
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: USCIS Resumes Premium Processing for All H-1B Petitions (Beginning on March 12, 2019)
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: USCIS Extends Last Day to Submit Current Version of Form I-539; OMB Reviewing DHS Proposal to Terminate H-4 EAD Program; USCIS Publishes H-1B RFE Report; DHS Extends TPS for Sudan, Nicaragua, Haiti, and El Salvador
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: Biometrics Mandatory for Form I-539 Applicants, Congress Prepares to Avoid Government Shutdown, March 2019 Visa Bulletin and Southern Border Declared A National Emergency
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: USCIS Resumes Premium Processing for H-1B Petitions Filed on or before Dec. 21, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: USCIS to Publish Revised Form I-539 and New Form I-539A; New Fee and Processing Procedure for Form I-539 Applications
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: Proposed Rule To Rescind H-4 EAD Expected Before March 18, 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New H-1B Cap Registration Regulation, USCIS Resumes Premium Processing for FY2019 Cap Cases, Government Shutdown Ends, DACA Renewals Still being Accepted, and Migrant Protection Protocols for Mexico Entrants
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: It's That Time of the Year Again: H-1B Cap FY 2020
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Client Alert: The Partial Federal Government Shutdown Continues, USCIS Announces Updates, USCIS Discontinues Case-Specific Assistance Via Service Center Email and Mission India Confirms Plans to Increase Capacity
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Client Alert: USCIS May End Practice of Denying Pending Forms I-131 for Abandonment; Newly Proposed H-1B Cap Selection Process; USCIS Adjudication Trends; New Policy Memo on N-648; Visa Bulletin for January 2019
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Client Alert: Revised Labor Condition Application In Effect; USCIS To Continue to Expand Implementation of New Policy Memorandum of Notices to Appear; Federal Court Blocks Trump Administration's Asylum Ban; and Visa Bulletin for December 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Client Alert: Breaking News Regarding Asylum Procedures At Non-Designated Port of Entry and the Ninth Circuit Upholds Injunction Requiring Department of Homeland Security to Accept DACA Renewals
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Client Alert: New LCA and Third-party Placements, DHS Compliance with TPS Preliminary Injunction, I-751 Receipt Notices, H-4 EADs, and InfoPass Phase-Out
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter: USCIS Policy Alert, November 2018 Visa Bulletin, CBP Statement of Canada's Legalization of Marijuana and Crossing the Border
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter: F-1 Cap-Gap Alert, NTA Policy to be Implemented, Public Charge Ground for Inadmissibility, Fee Waiver Form Revision, H-4 EAD Status Update, EB-5 Program Has Been Extended and Reminder on Premium Processing Filing Fee Increase
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter: Immigration Officers Will Have More Discretion In Issuing Request For Evidence
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter: Premium Processing Fee Increase, H-4 EAD Status Update, CIS Workload Transfer and DACA Update
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: Temporary Suspension of Premium Processing for H-1B Petitions Has Been Extended till February 19, 2019 and Will Include Cap-Exempt Petitions
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter: STEM OPT, September Visa Bulletin and Continuances in Immigration Court
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, August 15, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, August 8, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, July 24, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, July 11, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, June 13, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, May 15, 2018

- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, May 1, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: USCIS Provides Clarification on Third-Party Placement of STEM OPT Workers
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, April 17, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: USCIS Has Completed Selection Process for Fiscal Year 2019 H-1B Cap Petitions
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: USCIS Reaches FY 2019 H-1B Cap
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, April 4, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, March 21, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Client Alert: USCIS Will Temporarily Suspend Premium Processing for Fiscal Year 2019 H-1B Cap Petitions
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, March 7, 2018
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Newsletter, February 21, 2018

News

- Greenspoon Marder Cannabis and Immigration Practice Groups Rank in the Legal 500 U.S. For 2023
- Greenspoon Marder Partners Patricia Gannon and Marcela Bermudez Named 2023 Lawdragon 100 Leading Immigration Lawyers
- Greenspoon Marder Partners Patricia L. Gannon and Marcela Bermudez Named Among National Law Journal's 2023 Immigration Law Trailblazers
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: USCIS Opens H-1B CAP
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marcela Bermudez Selected to Crain's New York Business' 2022 Notable Hispanic Leaders
- Greenspoon Marder Launches Latin America Practice Group
- Greenspoon Marder lanza su área de práctica de América Latina
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marcela Bermudez Recognized As Future Leader In Who's Who Legal: Corporate Immigration 2022
- Greenspoon Marder Attorneys Selected to Latino Leaders Magazine's "2021 Top Latino Lawyers"
- Greenspoon Marder Immigration Alert: New Developments September 3, 2021
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marcela Bermudez Recognized As Future Leader In Who's Who Legal: Corporate Immigration 2021
- Immigration Coffee Talk - WHAT THE U.S. ELECTION MEANS FOR IMMIGRATION POLICIES
- Greenspoon Marder Innovation Summit Webinar Recordings
- Day Two Recap: Greenspoon Marder Innovation Summit
- Greenspoon Marder Partners Patricia Gannon And Marcela Bermudez Host "Immigration Coffee Talk" Webinar
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Marcela Bermudez Guest Judge At New York University Moot Court
- Greenspoon Marder Promotes Six Attorneys To Partner In 2020
- Greenspoon Marder Expands New York Office with the Addition of Three New Attorneys

Videos

- Immigration Coffee Talk: H-1B Cap...Now What? Is Canada the Solution
- Immigration Coffee Talk: When Immigration, Criminal and Cannabis Law Collide
- Immigration Coffee Talk: Crisis in Ukraine
- Immigration, Tax and the Economy: What to Expect in 2022
- How Immigrants Boost American Innovation and Economic Growth
- Webinar: Immigration Coffee Talk - Immigration and our Borders: New Initiatives
- Webinar: Immigration Coffee Talk: Biden Administration's New Initiatives and How It Affects DHS
- Webinar: What the U.S. Election Means for Immigration Policies
- Webinar: Immigration Coffee Talk: European Travel Bans
- Webinar: Immigration Coffee Talk: USA, Canada and Mexico: COVID-19 and Travel Bans
- Webinar: Immigration Coffee Talk: COVID-19 Impact on Employment and Immigration



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