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Elena is the leader of our immigration law group. She practices exclusively in the area of immigration law. Elena offers a full range of business and personal immigration services, including permanent residence, work permits, study permits, visitor visas and immigration waivers applications.

Education

University of Ottawa, J.D., 2017

Humber College, Immigration Consulting, 2010

Western University, M.A. (Arts), 2010

Moscow International University, B.A. & M.A. (Law), 2008

Called to the Bar in 2018

About

Elena is the leader of our immigration law group. She practices exclusively in the area of immigration law. Being an immigrant herself, Elena understands the importance of providing meaningful support to businesses and individuals with their immigration and border-crossing needs. Elena offers a full range of Canadian business and personal immigration services, including permanent residence, citizenship, work permits, criminal rehabilitation and Record Suspension ('Pardon') applications. Elena is often retained to provide legal opinion letters on immigration consequences to foreign nationals who are charged with criminal offences in Canada.

Elena provides border-crossing advice to foreign nationals on a daily basis and helps family members reunite in Canada. She assists Canadian businesses to expand by advising on immigration regulations relating to hiring and retaining temporary foreign workers.

With assistance of our U.S. licensed agents, our Immigration Law Group offers a limited scope of U.S. immigration services, which includes spousal sponsorships, intra-company transfer work permits, U.S. Waiver applications and advice on Canada-U.S. border-crossing.

Elena moved to Canada in 2008 from Moscow, Russia where she obtained a Russian law degree with a Specialist in International Law designation. She received a Master of Arts in History from Western University, Immigration Consultant Certificate from Humber College and Juris Doctor from University of Ottawa.

Prior to joining Siskinds LLP, Elena held a Review Counsel position at a legal clinic at Western University, Faculty of Law, supervising law students in criminal defence cases and aiding international students and postdoctoral fellows to immigrate to Canada. She also worked in affiliation with several



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law practitioners assisting in complex criminal and immigration matters.

Elena is a proud Londoner who believes in a culturally diverse community. She maintains strong ties to a number of local organizations, such as Community Legal Services at Western University and Cross Cultural Learner Centre.

Elena is fluent in Russian language.

Community Involvement

- Cross Cultural Learner Centre, Board of Directors Vice Chair and Policy Committee Chair
- Pro Bono Students Canada, Western Law, Project Supervising Lawyer 2022-2021

Awards and Recognition

In Spring of 2023, Elena was named to the Mondaq Thought Leadership Awards in Immigration for her authorship of the blog post “Parent and Grandparent Sponsorship Program”

Other Languages

Russian