

William J. Kovatch, Jr.

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EDUCATION

LL.M., Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA
Graduated: January 2000 GPA: 3.6/40
Program: Transnational Law
Activities: Jessup International Moot Court Competition Coach

J.D., Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA
Graduated: May 1998, cum laude GPA: 3.5/4.0
Special Academic Programs:

- Study Abroad through the Moscow State University/Touro Law Center (June 1997): Attended classes on the Russian Legal System and International Business Transactions. Acted as an intern with the Fund for Democracy and Development in Moscow, providing analysis of Russian business laws.
- Integrated Trial Advocacy Program (August 1996 – May 1997): In a two semester course integrated with Evidence and Professional Responsibility, practiced basic trial advocacy skills under the guidance of practicing trial lawyers.

Activities: Law Review; Jessup International Moot Court Competition; International Law Society; Japan-American Law Students' Alliance; Federalist Society

M.A., The American University, Washington, DC
Graduated: August 1994, with distinction GPA: 3.6/4.0
Program: Comparative Politics
Honors: Graduate Assistantship

B.A., University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL
Graduated: May 1992, with honors GPA: 3.8/4.0
Majors: Political Science, History
Honors: Graduated top Political Science student; Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Henry King Stanford Scholarship
Activities: Pre-Legal Society; Master Tutor; Intramural Sports

WORK EXPERIENCE

William J. Kovatch, Jr., Alexandria, VA (July 2008 – Present)

Sole Practitioner

- Represented clients with immigration issues.
- Provided legal support services to small law firms, including the drafting legal briefs, court appearances and legal research.
- Provided training in U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty law.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC (August 2000 – July 2008)

Senior Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel for Import Administration

- Defended antidumping and countervailing duty determinations before U.S. courts, WTO dispute settlement panels, the WTO Appellate Body, and NAFTA binational panels.

- Advised administrative decision-makers on U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty law, and U.S. obligations under the WTO agreements.
- Participated in negotiations with foreign officials on various trade related agreements.

William J. Kovatch, Jr., Collingswood, NJ (February 2000 – August 2000)

Small Business Operator

- Provided litigation support services to small law firms in New Jersey, including the drafting legal briefs, the taking of depositions and legal research.
- Legal research involved a wide array of topics, including workers' compensation, medical malpractice, zoning and land use, Federal procedure, and probate.

Frederick L. Ikenson, P.C., Washington, DC (August 1999 – February 2000)

Associate Attorney

- Provided legal services relating to international trade and customs law, including research of customs marking requirements, research of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, modifying a manual aimed at exporters on compliance with export laws and regulations, drafting a manual aimed at importers on NAFTA compliance, and retrieving and processing international trade data.

District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Washington, DC (August 1998 – August 1999)

Judicial Clerk

- Advised Senior Judges on cases pending before the D.C. Court of Appeals.
- Analyzed parties' arguments as presented both in legal briefs and at oral argument.
- Drafted bench memoranda outlining the facts of the case, the issues involved, the arguments of the parties, and my recommendation.
- Drafted legal opinions.

Weinstein, Goss, Philadelphia, PA (August 1997 – August 1998)

Brief Writer

- Drafted claimant's briefs in workers' compensation cases.
- Assisted partner in preparing for a symposium on workers' compensation law.

SPECIAL TRAINING

Forty Hour Basic Immigration Training

Presented by the Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, PA (September 2006)

Studied the grounds of inadmissibility and deportation, the removal process, relief from removal, family visas, asylum, and naturalization.

Immigration Training for Pro Bono Attorneys

Presented by the Whitman-Walker Clinic (January 2007)

Addressed common immigration issues raised by clients of the clinic, who are typically seeking treatment for HIV/AIDS.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, U.S. Court of International Trade, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, New Jersey, Third Judicial Department of New York, Pennsylvania

OTHER HONORS

Published author (list of publications available upon requested), Eagle Scout