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Melanie Gurley Keeney practices in Immigration, Employment and Education law representing corporations, institutions of higher education, and individuals in immigration matters, including obtaining temporary and permanent visas, employer sanctions issues, I-9 compliance, E-Verify, consular processing and naturalization. She was named St. Louis Best Lawyers "Immigration Law-Lawyer of the Year" for 2019, 2015 and 2012, and "Education Law Lawyer of the Year" for 2017. Since 1997, she has been listed in *St. Louis Magazine's* "St. Louis' Best Lawyers" and in "The Best Lawyers in America." She is listed in the areas of Employment Law – Management, Immigration Law, and in Education Law. She has been named to "Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers," as a "Top 50" Woman Lawyer in Missouri and Kansas. In 2016, Missouri Lawyers Weekly awarded Melanie the Women's Justice Litigation Practitioner Award. In 2014, Washington University School of Law honored Melanie with the International Women's Day Award for Employment Law. Melanie also represents public and private employers in the full gamut of employment issues, including state and federal litigation. She is a featured speaker and provides preventive employment law services, including supervisor training and compliance audits. Melanie is a founding Shareholder of the Firm and serves as Chairperson. She graduated from Baylor University, *phi beta kappa*, and from Washington University School of Law.

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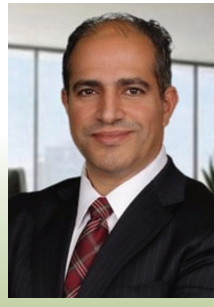
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Mr. Rami Fakhoury is the founder and Managing Director of Fakhoury Global Immigration, USA PC (FGI). FGI specializes in U.S. and global business-based immigration. The firm's clients represent many of the world's innovative brands in the automotive, IT, engineering, architecture, and health care industries. For over twenty years, Mr. Fakhoury's emphasis on thought leadership and service excellence has enabled FGI to become one of the largest independently-owned immigration law firms in the U.S. FGI distinguishes itself from traditional immigration law firms through the application of technology-driven solutions and Six Sigma processes.

Mr. Fakhoury has received multiple recognitions such as being named as a Fellow of the American Bar Association, a 2018 Leading Lawyer and Equity Member of the Alliance Business Immigration Lawyers, a Global Immigration Thought Leader by Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers 2017, and a Global Detroit Champion Award in 2016. FGI has been honored as an AV ranked firm with Martindale-Hubbard, a U.S. News and World Report Best Law Firm for 2016 and 2017, and Corporate NTL's Global Immigration Law Firm of the Year for Excellence. These awards attest to Mr. Fakhoury's outstanding legal thinking, his high ethical standards, and the excellent results his firm produces for its clients. His thought leadership is further demonstrated by his authoring and editing of five immigration law books, his regular contributions to news sources, and his sought-after advice on immigration policy reform.



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Mr. Leon Versfeld serves as the United States Managing Partner of the Global Immigration Law Firm of Versfeld & Hugo, LLC. He represents a variety of clients from startup businesses to Fortune Companies, both nationally and internationally, on the hiring of Foreign National Workers, Executives and Specialized Workers in the L1, H1B, TN, E3, O and H2B visa categories; and advises clients on strategies to obtain permanent residency. Additionally, he provides counsel on all issues related to Immigration Employment Compliance and HR best hiring practices, including Form I-9 and ICE audits.

Mr. Versfeld represents entrepreneurs with the EB-5 green card investment process as well as treaty investment visas.

He serves as the immigration counsel to the Major League Soccer team, Sporting Kansas City, and has assisted similar athletic organizations with visas for coaches, players and staff, as well as individual athletes and artists seeking to obtain green cards through their extra-ordinary accomplishments.

Mr. Versfeld often speaks at national and international Continuing Legal Education events where he educates other lawyers on the topic of U.S. Immigration and has testified before the Missouri Legislator on proposed Employment-based Immigration legislation. He has served in numerous criminal and civil cases as an immigration expert witness and authored the Missouri Bar's Administrative Law Book on Immigration and published numerous articles on U.S. Immigration Law.

Mr. Versfeld has been recognized by his peers as one of the "Best of the Bar" (featured in the Kansas City Business Journal), featured in Thomson Reuters' "Super Lawyers", and he has the highest professional rating with Martindale Hubble and AVVO.

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