

**Faith Nouri, CFLS\*** *Certified as a Specialist in Family Law by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization*

## LEGAL PROFILE:

- Licensed attorney in private practice in California, USA;
- Licensed Barrister & Solicitor in British Columbia, Canada;
- Certified as a Specialist in Family Law by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization;
- Mediator with training from Pepperdine University, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution;
- Collaborative Divorce Attorney with training from the Collaborative Divorce Institute of Phoenix, Arizona;
- Family Law Panel- Minor's Counsel, Superior Court of California, in both Orange County and Los Angeles County Superior Courts;
- Settlement Officer/Mediator, Superior Court of California, in both Orange County and Los Angeles County Superior Courts;
- Knowledge of Family Code, Immigration and Nationality Law, Evidence Code, Rules of Court, California Civil Procedure, administrative procedures, Federal rules of evidence and trial practices;
- Able to communicate clearly with people of diverse backgrounds and levels of authority while *representing nationals from 26 countries*; and
- Extensive involvement in pro-bono work over the years, including in the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children – US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, the Harriet Buhai Center, Domestic Violence Clinic, Veterans Legal Institute and in Public Outreach Programs over the years through the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Immigration Section, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Southern California Chapter, and Volunteer attorney in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Appeals Court, Mentor Program.

**Nouri Law Corporation**, Principal Attorney

April 2002 to Present

Sole practitioner focusing in the areas of Immigration and Family Law in Los Angeles County, Orange County, and throughout Southern California.

Handled numerous family law cases, including notice of motions and request for orders, default hearings, obtaining *nun pro tunc* orders, and trials ranging from breach of fiduciary duty, division of assets, annulment, paternity, international custody, interstate custody and move away requests to other states and countries. Handled independent adoptions, enforcement of judgments, domestic violence resolutions and civil harassments, and selected as Minor's Counsel for the Superior Court of Los Angeles and Orange County.

Familiar with the *Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction* and utilizing the State Department and Embassies abroad, and the FBI and Child Abduction Units in both LA and Orange counties, for international child abduction.

Handled numerous immigration and citizenship cases, including deportation hearings, bond hearings, motions to re-open and re-consider, appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals, judicial review and appeals to the Central District Court, adjustment of status, consular processing, family-based petitions, US & Canada investors/entrepreneurs visas, applications for waivers with the Department of Homeland Security and the State Department and U.S. Consular offices abroad, Canadian criminal rehabilitations, inadmissibility waivers, US & Canadian border crossings inadmissibility resolution, Habeas Corpus Petitions at the Central District Court of California, correcting and disputing Customs and Border Protection records, releases from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and National Security Entry and Exit Registration issues.

**HONORS/RECOGNITIONS:**

- Certificate of Appreciation for performing services to Veterans’ community, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Alumni, September 6, 2019;
- Certificate of Appreciation, Los Angeles Superior Court for services performed as Temporary Judge, 2017;
- Certificate of Appreciation, Los Angeles Superior Court for services performed as Temporary Judge, 2016;
- Certificate of Appreciation, Los Angeles Superior Court for services performed as Settlement Officer, 2017;
- Certificate of Appreciation, Los Angeles Superior Court for services performed as Temporary Judge, 2007-2014;
- Certificate of Specialization from the California State Bar, Board of Legal Specialization, 2012;
- Certificate of Appreciation, Los Angeles Superior Court for services performed as Alternative Dispute Resolution Neutral (ADR), 2012;
- Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of contribution to the Charter College Advisory Committee, 2011;
- Plaque in recognition of community services as Temporary Judge, 2008;
- Certificate of Tribute from the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law in recognition of assistance to low-income persons in Los Angeles County in family law matters, February 2008;
- Certificate of Appreciation from Fremont College for contribution as a guest speaker, 2008;
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Certificate of Appreciation, Immigration Section, Member, June 2007;
- Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Los Angeles from Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, March 2006;
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Immigration Section recognition for leadership, dedication and contribution to the legal community as 2005-2006 Immigration Law Section Chair;
- Award from the National Campaign for Tolerance placed on the Wall of Tolerance, May 23, 2005, by Morris Dees, National Chair and Rosa Parks, Founding Chair;

- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition assisting in pro bono workshops, Recipient of the Citizenship 2004 Countrywide Civic Participation Award, from the U.S. House of Representatives' Hilda L. Solis, Member of Congress: January 24, 2004;
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Certificate of Appreciation, June, 2004;
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Certificate of Appreciation, Immigration Section, Executive Committee Member, June, 2003;
- City of Los Angeles Certificate of Appreciation for Support and Commitment through workshops, January 26, 2003;
- Certificate of Recognition from Fabian Nunez, Speaker of the California State Assembly.

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS:**

- California State Bar, 2001;
- Law Society of British Columbia, 2000;
- Admitted to practice before the Central District of California;
- Admitted to practice before 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals;
- U.S. Supreme Court.

#### **EDUCATION:**

B.A., Political Science, California State University Northridge (CSUN) - 1992  
 L.L.B/J.D. University of Victoria, Faculty of Law (UVic) - 1999  
 Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine School of Law- 2011  
 Collaborative Divorce Education Institute- 2011  
 L.A. County Bar Association, Minor's Counsel Trainings in compliance with CRC 5.242(c)

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- *Support Under the Federal Immigration I-864 Affidavit of Support Versus California's Family Code and State Case Law: What Family Law Attorneys Should Know*, Family Law News, the magazine of the California State Bar (now California Lawyer's Association), Family Law Section, Spring 2018;
- *NSEERS: The Future*, LACBA: Ins and Outs, Spring 2003, Volume III
- *U.S. Visits & U.S. Customs & Border Protection Bureau*, LACBA: Ins & Outs, winter 2004, Volume VI
- *CBP Practice Tips and Practical Guidelines* published by American Immigration Lawyers Association for 17th Annual California Chapter Conference Handbook in 2004.
- *Application of the Res Judicata Doctrine in Canadian Refugee Cases*, 8 Imm L. R. (3d) (2000), 178

#### **PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE:**

- Spearheaded campaign for LAX Volunteer attorneys on January 28, 2017 to assist families affected by Executive Orders;
- Los Angeles, Superior Court, Community Services, Temporary Judge, 2007-Present;
- Los Angeles, Superior Court, Community Service, Settlement Officer, 2011-Present;
- Member of Legislative Standing Committee of LA County Bar, Family Law Section, 2010 to Present;
- Member of Legislative Standing Committee of CFLS, 2013-2015;
- Member of Advisory Committee of Charter College, 2009-Present;
- Member of Advisory Committee of Fremont College, 2007-Present;
- Vice Chair, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Southern California Chapter – June 2008-2009;
- Chair, Immigration Section of Los Angeles County Bar Association - June 2005-2006;
- Chair, NSEERS Standing Committee of the Immigration Section, LACBA and AILA, Southern California, June 2002-2008;
- Initiated and acted as liaison for CBP & ICE with Department of Homeland Security Committee of LACBA, Immigration Section members and American Immigration Lawyers Association, Southern California Chapter members, 2002-2009.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
- The Law Society of British Columbia
- American Immigration Lawyers Association