

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, Huntington Beach, California, USA;
- Licensed Barrister & Solicitor in British Columbia, Canada;
- Certified Family Law Specialist by the State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization;
- Certified Mediator, Pepperdine University, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution;
- Collaborative Divorce Attorney, Collaborative Divorce Institute of Phoenix, Arizona;
- Family Law Panel - Minor's Counsel, Superior Courts of California, in both Los Angeles and Orange Counties;
- Settlement Officer/Mediator, Superior Courts of California, in both Los Angeles and Orange Counties;
- Multinational practice *representing nationals from 26 countries*; and
- Pro-bono Legal Service Provider for the National Center for Refugee and Immigrant Children – U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, the Harriett Buhai Center, Domestic Violence Clinic, Department of State's Hague Convention Attorney Network, Veterans Legal Institute, and Public Outreach Programs through the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Immigration and Nationality Law Section, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Southern California Chapter.

Nouri Law Corporation, Principal Attorney

April 2002 to Present

Sole practitioner practicing Immigration Law (domestic and international) and Family Law in Los Angeles County, Orange County and greater Southern California;

Family Law Practice

I have handled numerous family law cases, including notice of motions and request for orders, default hearings, nunc pro tunc orders, and trials involving breach of fiduciary duty, division of assets, annulment, paternity, international custody, interstate custody requests, move-away requests (to other states and countries), independent adoptions, enforcement of judgments, domestic violence resolutions and civil harassments. I have extensive experience as Minor's Counsel via court appointment, party request, and stipulation by the Superior Courts of Los Angeles and Orange County.

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

Mediation Practice

I am a private family law mediator covering Southern California.

Immigration Law Practice

I have 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, adjustments of status, consular processing, family-based petitions, U.S. & Canada investor/entrepreneur visas, applications for waivers with the Department of Homeland Security, the State Department and U.S. Consular offices abroad, Canadian criminal rehabilitations, inadmissibility waivers, resolutions to U.S. & Canada border crossing inadmissibility issues, habeas corpus petitions at the Central District Court of California, correction and disputation of Customs and Border Protection records, releases from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and issues related to National Security Entry and Exit Registration.

HONORS/RECOGNITIONS FOR VOLUNTEER/PRO BONO SERVICES:

- Certificate of Recognition for service to the Veterans of Orange County, from Katrina Foley, Orange County Supervisor, Orange County Board of Supervisors, August 10, 2022.
- Certificate of Appreciation, Los Angeles Superior Court for services performed as Temporary Judge, 2019 & 2022;
- Certificate of Appreciation for performing services to Veterans community, 2nd Ranger Alumni, September 6, 2019;
- Certificate of Appreciation, Los Angeles Superior Court for services performed as Temporary Judge, 2016-2017;
- 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 in Family Law 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, Immigration and Nationality Law Section, Certificate of Appreciation, June 2007;
- Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Los Angeles, from Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, March 2006;
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Section, recognition for leadership, dedication, and contribution to the legal community as 2005-2006 Immigration and Nationality 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 for 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, Immigration and Nationality Law Section, Certificate of Appreciation, 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:

- Supreme Court of the United States of America on November 14, 2005;
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on December 24, 2003;
- United States District Court, Central District of California on July 9, 2001;
- Supreme Court of the State of California on June 5, 2001;
- Supreme Court of British Columbia, Canada on August 31, 2000; and
- Supreme Court of Canada on August 31, 2000.

EDUCATION:

Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine School of Law - 2012

Collaborative Divorce Education Institute - 2012

Los Angeles County Bar Association, Minor's Counsel Training in compliance with CRC 5.242(c)

L.L.B./J.D. University of Victoria, Faculty of Law (UVic) – 1999

B.A., Political Science, International Law and Comparative Governments, California State University Northridge (CSUN) - 1992

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 Lawyers 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.

PODCASTS

- What is Collaborative Divorce? June 24, 2021;
- Apple Podcasts: Immigration & Divorce (Sponsored Immigrant Spouse), Divorce & Separation - What You Need to Know, February 19, 2019;
- Immigration & Divorce (Sponsored Immigrant Spouse), February 15, 2019;
- How to be Conscientious with Your Thoughts/Actions During Your Divorce Proceedings & Post-Separation, February 14, 2019;
- Whether Everything in Divorce Court Ends After Death, February 7, 2019;
- Map to Better Communication When in Dispute, February 1, 2019;
- What You Need to Know About Mediation, February 1, 2019.

UPCOMING MCLE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Lawline.com with attorney Ruben Espinoza on Workers' Compensation Claims and Immigration Exposures and Consequences for their 160,000+ members (August 16, 2024).
- Association of Certified Family Law Specialists on Family Law and its Interplay with Immigration Law (September 18, 2024).

MCLE PRESENTATIONS 2022-PRESENT

- Continuing Education of the Bar of the University of California (CEB), Navigating the Civil Claims of Non-Citizens with Judge Jackson Lucky (September 19, 2023);
- California Lawyers Association 2023 Spring Education Conference at the Renaissance Newport Beach Hotel with Attorney Ruben Espinoza on Navigating the Workers' Compensation Claims of Noncitizens (May 20, 2023);
- Orange County Paralegal Association, Family Law: How to Compile Records (May 4, 2023);
- Orange County Paralegal Association, Discovery Do's and Don'ts for Non-Citizen Clients (April 6, 2023);

- International Law and Immigration Section of California Lawyers Association, on Introduction to the Hague Convention on Child Abduction, with Attorney Melissa A. Kucinski, Washington D.C. and Tammy Jacobs, Senior Deputy District Attorney, Child Abduction Unit, Orange County (January 10, 2023);
- Continuing Education of the Bar of the University of California (CEB), Immigration Law and its Interplay with Family Law (November 29, 2022);
- Continuing Education of the Bar of the University of California (CEB), Permanent and Temporary Spousal Support, Gavron Warning and Use of Vocational Evaluation in Family Law Cases (September 30, 2022);
- Continuing Education of the Bar of the University of California (CEB), Interplay of Criminal and Family Law in International Child Abduction with Domestic Violence (June 30, 2022);
- California Lawyers Association, Solo and Small Firm Virtual Summit 2022, on Family Law and its Interplay with Corporate, Immigration, Criminal, Bankruptcy and Probate Law with Attorney Peter M. Walzer of Walzer Melcher & Yoda LLP (June 16, 2022).

PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE:

- Member of Legislative Committee of LA County Bar, delegate to the Conference of California Bar Associations (CCBA), 2021-Present;
- Member of California Lawyers Association, Program Committee Member, 2021-Present;
- Member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Lawyer Referral Service, Advisory Committee, 2023-2024;
- Volunteer Member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Section, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Subcommittee, 2023-2024;
- Member of Legislative Standing Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Section, 2010 to 2021;
- Member of Legislative Standing Committee of CFLS, 2013-2015;
- Member of Advisory Committee of Charter College, 2009-2016;
- Member of Advisory Committee of Fremont College, 2007-2019;
- Vice Chair, American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), (Southern California Chapter), June 2008-2009;
- Chair, of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Section, June 2005-2006;
- Chair, National Security Entry-Exit Registration System (NSEERS) Standing Committee for the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Immigration and Nationality Law Section and American Immigration Lawyers Association (Southern California Chapter), June 2002-2008;
- Initiated and served as liaison between U.S. Customer and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with Department of Homeland Security Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Immigration and

Nationality Law Section and American Immigration Lawyers Association (Southern California Chapter), 2002-2009.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

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