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Immigrant & Nonimmigrant Visas for Golf Professionals

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Becki L. Young, Co-Managing Partner and co-founder of Grossman Young & Hammond, is a seasoned business immigration attorney three decades of experience. She is known for her ability to craft creative solutions to complex legal problems. She successfully facilitated the sponsorship of countless foreign professionals, trainees, interns and individuals of "extraordinary ability" and regularly provides immigration law advice to clients in a broad range of industries. For years, Becki has been recognized as a top immigration attorney in the DC area by *Washingtonian*, *Best Lawyers*, *Who's Who Legal*, and more.



Meg Hobbins is a Partner at Grossman Young & Hammond with over 16 years of experience handling complex U.S. immigration and international human rights matters. Meg has successfully represented clients before numerous U.S. immigration courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals. She has assisted clients with complicated backgrounds obtain all types of inadmissibility waivers, paving the way for visa and green card issuance. She is well-versed in the intricacies of U.S. citizenship law, including acquisition abroad, derivation through parents, and naturalization. Meg is recognized as a top immigration attorney in the DC area by *Washingtonian* and *Best Lawyers*.



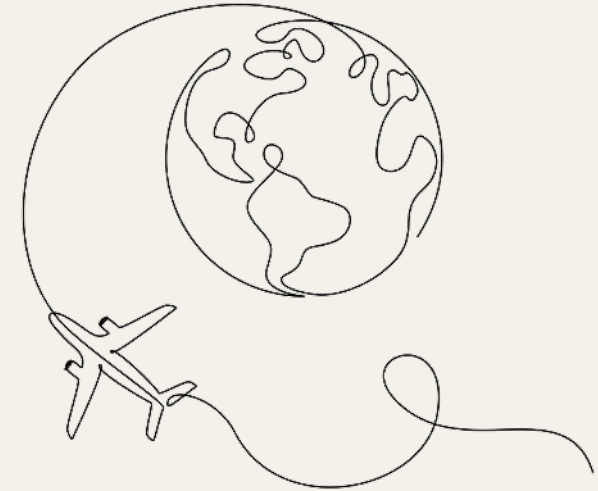
Sofia Hassander is an Attorney in the Firm's business immigration practice group, handling a wide variety of employment-based immigrant and non-immigrant visa petitions, including "extraordinary ability" visas, temporary work visas, green cards and more. Sofia also has experience handling matters of international immigration and global mobility. Sofia has worked with the global mobility teams at some of the largest companies in Silicon Valley, assisting with their migration needs world-wide. Sofia is recognized as "One to Watch" by *Best Lawyers*.



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U.S. Immigration Framework

- Nonimmigrant Visas
- Immigrant Visas (green cards)
- Inadmissibility
- Activities that require work authorization



Nonimmigrant Visas for Athletes and Supporting Staff

- **B visas for visitors:** For professional athletes, such as golfers and auto racers who receive no salary or payment other than prize money for their participation in a tournament or sporting event.
- **E2 visas for investors:** For foreign investors i.e someone who establishes or sets up a golf school or line of golf clothing in the US.
- **F1 visas for students:** For students in golf-related programs (i.e. golf management, exercise science, athletic training, physical education) who may be eligible for work authorization both during and upon completion of studies (Curricular Practical Training/ Optional Practical Training).
- **H1B/ H1B1/ E3 professional worker visas:** For professionals with golf-related university degrees, i.e. a Golf Course Manager.
- **O1 extraordinary ability visas:** For the “handful of those who have risen to the top of the field worldwide.”
- **P1 athlete visas:** For professional golf athletes, their families and essential support staff.



Immigrant Visas / Green Cards

- **EB11 Extraordinary Ability:** For the “handful of those who have risen to the top of the field worldwide.”
- **EB2 National Interest Waiver:** For those performing work in the US national interest.
- **EB2/ EB3 PERM:** For any other sponsored foreign worker.



Other Considerations



- **Inadmissibility** – What can prevent you from getting a US visa or extending your stay in the US?
- **Name, Image, Likeness (NIL)** – What activities are, and are not, allowed without work authorization?





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