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Services

Employment and Labor
Immigration

Industries

Automotive
Energy
Health Care
Higher Education
Manufacturing
Retail and Hospitality

Education

University of Detroit Mercy School
of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2013
Central Michigan University, B.S.,
2009

Bar Admissions

Michigan



Christopher M. Dutot

Senior Attorney

Chris Dutot is an immigration attorney with an extensive background working with clients across various industries, including the automotive, information technology, and energy sectors. Chris has represented businesses large and small, as well as individuals, on various immigration-related legal matters.

Chris is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Michigan Chapter, where he serves on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Liaison Committee. At the national level, Chris is a member of AILA's Governance and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Liaison committees and serves on AILA's National Board of Governors.

Honors

Chambers USA, Associate to Watch, Immigration, 2025

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Presidential Commendation for Outstanding Service, 2025

Miller Canfield, Richard J. Seryak Award for Outstanding Pro Bono and Community Service, 2024

State Bar of Michigan, Pro-Bono Honor Roll, 2024-2025

Detroit Bar Association, Pro-Bono Award, 2023-2025

Best Lawyers in America, "Ones to Watch," Immigration Law, 2022-present

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DBusiness Magazine, Top Lawyers, 2024-present:
Immigration Law

Professional Activities

State Bar of Michigan, Immigration Law Section

- Executive Board, 2024–2025
- Board of Directors, 2021–2024

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Michigan Chapter

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Liaison Committee, 2023–present
- Conference Planning Committee, 2023
- Citizenship Day Coordinator, 2022–2023
- Practice Management Committee, Chair, September 2020–September 2022
- New Members Division, Chair, September 2019–August 2020

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), National

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Liaison Committee, 2025–present
- Governance Committee, 2024–present
- New Members Division Steering Committee, 2021–2025
- Annual Conference Navigator Program Volunteer, 2023
- Annual Conference Planning Committee, 2022

Speeches

"Advanced PERM Issues," American Immigration Lawyer's Association South Florida Conference, February 20, 2026

"President Trump's Second Administration – What to Know and How to Prepare for Changes in the Immigration Landscape," Miller Canfield 2025 HR Spring Training, April 8th and May 6th, 2025

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"President Trump's Second Administration – What to Know and How to Prepare for Changes in the Immigration Landscape," 2025 MiBiz360: Talent and HR Summit, March 11, 2025

"Immigration Strategies and Updates," Miller Canfield 2024 HR Spring Training, April 9th and May 7th, 2024

"Immigration: Recruitment and Hiring an International Workforce - Are You Compliant?", Miller Canfield 2023 HR Spring Training, June 6th and 20th, 2023

"Employment-Based Immigration Fundamentals," AILA Michigan Chapter Conference 2023

"Immigration Strategies and Updates," Miller Canfield 2022 HR Fall Training Camp: Employment Law Seminar, September 20th and October 25th, 2022

"Immigration Strategies and Updates," Miller Canfield 2021 Employment Law Webinar, September 23, 2021

Publications

"Are We Removing Citizens? The Contentious Legal Issue Surrounding The Interpretation Of The Former Derivative Citizenship Statute And Why Lawful Permanent Resident Status Is Not Required," Note, University of Detroit Mercy Law Review, Fall 2013

Articles

UPDATE on the H-1B Selection System for FY 2027 Registration Season

Department of State Pauses Immigrant Visa Processing for 75 Countries Effective January 21, 2026

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Announces Shorter Validity Periods for Certain Employment Authorization Documents

DHS Finalizes Weighted H 1B Selection System for FY 2027 Registration Season Effective February 27, 2026

New Interim Final Rule Ends Automatic Extension for Employment Authorization Documents for Applications Filed On or After October 30, 2025

Update: Presidential Proclamation on H-1B Restrictions

Government Shutdown Looms: Immigration Impacts for U.S. Employers and Foreign Workers

UPDATE: Presidential Proclamation Restricting the Entry of H-1B Nonimmigrants to the United States

UPDATE on Travel Ban: State Dept. Suspends Issuing Visas to Nationals of Certain Countries

Department of State Updates Interview Waiver Policy to Restrict the Categories of Qualifying Non-Immigrant Visa Applicants

Employers: It's Time for the FY2026 H-1B Cap Registration Under the New H-1B Modernization Rule

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What You Need to Know to Prepare for an ICE Raid or Audit

UPDATED/Employers: Planning for the Fiscal Year 2025 H-1B Cap and Registration Process Begins Now – Changes in Effect

Show Me the Money! Increased USCIS Fees Effective April 1, 2024

Domestic H-1B Visa Renewals: Learn How to Apply on Jan. 29

State-Side H-1B Visa Renewal to Begin Jan. 29, 2024

USCIS Reaches Fiscal Year 2024 H-1B Cap

UPDATED: Immigration Implications of UAW Strike and Potential Government Shutdown

Form I-9 Flexibility Expiring July 31; DHS Announces Remote Inspection Option for Certain Employers

U.S. Employers: H-1B Registration Process for Fiscal Year 2024

Form I-9 Expired List B Documents Must Be Updated by July 31, 2022

UPDATED: Key Deadlines Approaching for H-1B CAP Electronic Registration Process

Department of State Temporarily Extends and Expands In-Person Interview Waivers for Certain Non-Immigrant Visa Applicants

Country-Specific International Travel Restrictions Will Be Rescinded November 8, 2021

International Travel Restrictions Will Be Rescinded In Early November 2021

Form I-9 Remote Inspection Flexibility Ends August 31, 2021