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A Firm Concentrating in Immigration and Nationality Law

For more than 30 years Minsky, McCormick & Hallagan, P.C. has been dedicated to the practice of U.S. immigration and nationality law. Our philosophy is to combine superior legal services with an intense commitment to fair immigration laws and policies. Founding partner Joseph Minsky (1925–1992), a champion in the field of civil rights law, was drawn to the emerging field of immigration law in the early 1970s. The firm has been long recognized by the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers for high professional legal standards and ethics in the field of Immigration and Nationality Law.

Over the years, the firm has attracted many talented women, often recruited and trained by partner **Margaret H. McCormick**. A nationally recognized leader in the field, Ms. McCormick was the 1997 president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), a national bar association with 10,000 members. Ms. McCormick was AILA's first Chicago president and, when elected, one of very few women presidents in its 50 year history. She later became the first woman president of the American Immigration Law Foundation, from 1999 to 2003, where she established the well-respected Immigration Policy Center in Washington D.C. Ms. McCormick has been listed in *Woodward/White's Best Lawyers in America* since immigration law was a category, and this year, she has been recognized by the Leading Lawyers Network as one of the top 50 women business lawyers in Illinois. Since 1986, she has been an adjunct professor of immigration law for the Loyola Law School and she is a member of the board of the Federal Bar Association, Chicago chapter.

Patricia Luna joined the firm in 2006 and has nearly eight years of experience in the field of U.S. immigration law. Ms. Luna has considerable expertise in employment-based immigration as well as family-based immigration and naturalization. She represents a number of multi-national companies seeking international personnel, and handles their non-immigrant and immigrant petitions, as well as PERM applications. She has presented extensively and advised on workplace enforcement actions. Ms. Luna is a 2001 graduate of De Paul University College of Law, with undergraduate degrees in political science and criminal justice from Indiana University. Ms. Luna is a native Spanish speaker.

Beata Leja practices in both employment-based and family-based immigration law. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), where she serves on the Illinois Department of Employment Security/Department of Labor (IDES/DOL) Committee. She was awarded the Pro Bono Guardian award by AILA for her pro bono service and has conducted seminars about immigration law for students, employers, employees and attorneys. Ms. Leja is a 2007 graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Prior to law school, she was a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools through Teach for America. She has a Master of Education from National-Louis University and Bachelor degrees in Spanish and international relations from the University of Southern California. Ms. Leja is a native Polish speaker.



On June 19, 2008, Minsky, McCormick & Hallagan received the NAVISTAR Law Department Diversity Recognition Award, presented by Steven K. Covey, senior VP, general counsel, and chief ethics officer, because of the percentage of women active on Navistar immigration cases handled by the firm.