

Tobias Achterberg

Partner. Family immigration and naturalization: marriage and family green cards, adjustment of status, citizenship

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Biography

Tobias Achterberg leads the firm's family immigration practice. He represents U.S. citizens and permanent residents bringing a spouse, parent or child to the United States, and people applying to become citizens.

Most of his cases are family petitions and the green card that follows, either through adjustment of status in the United States or an immigrant visa at a consulate abroad. He also prepares naturalization applications and certificates of citizenship for people who may already be citizens through a parent.

He prepares clients for their USCIS interviews and attends with them. When an application has a complication, such as a past overstay, an earlier marriage or a gap in records, he deals with it in the filing rather than waiting for the officer to ask.

He joined the firm in 2008 and became a partner in 2015. He grew up in Hamburg and New Jersey, and consults in English and German.

Bar admissions

New York, 2007

New Jersey, 2007

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

Education

Rutgers Law School, J.D., 2006 (Immigrant Rights Clinic, student attorney)

Rutgers University, B.A. in German and History, 2003

Writing

"Your naturalization interview: a plain guide to the day" (Carrow Lindqvist client guide, 2026)

"Marriage-based green cards: the evidence officers look for" (Carrow Lindqvist client guide, 2024)

Speaking

"Citizenship through a parent: who already has it" (Community information session at the firm, April 2026)

"Adjustment of status or consular processing" (Continuing legal education panel for family law attorneys, October 2025)

Professional associations

American Immigration Lawyers Association, New York Chapter (Member)

New York State Bar Association

New Jersey State Bar Association

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