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False Claims

White Collar Criminal Defense & Fraud Prevention

Whistleblower Team

Securities Litigation Whistleblower Team

Workplace Whistleblower

Immigration Compliance and Enforcement Team

Blockchain Technologies

Biography

Mr. Paparelli is a partner in the Business Immigration Practice Group of Seyfarth Shaw LLP. A Certified Immigration Law Specialist (CA), he is known among clients and peers for providing creative solutions to complex immigration law problems, especially those involving mergers and acquisitions. He also serves as an expert witness and consultant on immigration issues arising in litigation.

Mr. Paparelli's immigration practice areas include compliance audits; counsel and due diligence in mergers, acquisitions and corporate restructuring; immigration-related corporate policy formulation; permanent residence and citizenship; visas for executives, managers, scientists, scholars, investigators, professionals, students and visitors; PERM labor certifications; employment-based immigrant visa petitions; global visas and consular practice; legislative advocacy and immigration messaging; federal court litigation under the Administrative Procedures Act; waivers, white-collar immigration and asylum.

Mr. Paparelli is also active in legal and regulatory issues involved in the deployment of blockchain technologies. His focus is on providing counsel and representation for businesses concerned with blockchain-related legislation and agency rulemaking, the use of distributed ledger technology in government-mandated record creation and retention, and blockchain-driven efficiencies in immigration benefits requests and worksite compliance. He also advises and represents established blockchain-focused businesses, entrepreneurs, investors, and technology professionals on best practices and strategies to secure employment-based immigration benefits, while maintaining compliance with immigration legal requirements.

Education

- B.A., University of Michigan (1971)
- J.D., Wayne State University Law School (1976)

Admissions

- California
- New York
- Michigan

Courts

- California
- Michigan
- New York

Affiliations

- Alliance of Business Immigration Lawyer (Founder/Past President)
- American Bar Association
- American Immigration Lawyers Association
- State Bar of California
- State Bar of Michigan
- State Bar of New York
- National Speakers Association
- American Immigration Council (Emeritus Member, Board of Trustees)

Publications

- "The Known and Unknown Future of the EB-5 Immigrant Investment Program at USCIS and the USCIS Ombudsman," *Regional Center Business Journal*, IIUSA (June 2017)
- Co-Author, "Without Greater Investor Protection, EB-5 Is Unsustainable," *Law360* (October 28, 2016)
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- Co-Author, "Intubation and Incubation: Two Remedies for an Ailing Immigration Agency," *New York Law Journal* (October, 2011)
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Presentations

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- [Panelist, "EB-5 Project & Investment Redeployment Due Diligence," 2018 Las Vegas EB-5 & Global Investment Immigration Convention, presented by *EB5 Investors Magazine*, Las Vegas, NV \(January 26, 2018\)](#)
- ["Session 2: A Tale of Two Migraines: The I-9 and E-Verify," The Immigration Compliance Life Cycle Series, presented by Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Webinar and In-Person Event, San Francisco, CA \(November 30, 2017\)](#)
- ["Session 1: To Ask or Not To Ask - How Far Can You Go Pre-Hire?," The Immigration Compliance Life Cycle Series, Webinar, presented by Seyfarth Shaw LLP \(October 18, 2017\)](#)
- ["H-1B Trends, Troubles, and the Look Ahead," Webinar, presented by the Council for Global Immigration \(September 7, 2017\)](#)
- ["Project Failure: Pre- and Post-Filing of the EB-5 Investor Petition with USCIS," 2017 EB-5 & Investment Immigration Convention, San Francisco, CA \(July 27, 2017\)](#)

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Accolades

- Named one of *EB5 Investors Magazine's* "Top 25 Attorneys 2017: Top EB-5 Attorneys in Specialized Fields"
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for Immigration Law (2017)
- External Advisory Committee to the Wayne Program for International Legal Studies
- Named one of *EB5 Investors Magazine's* "Top 25 Attorneys 2016: Top 10 EB-5 Attorneys in Specialized Fields: Compliance and Special Cases."
- Named one of *EB5 Investors Magazine's* "Top 25 EB-5 Attorneys of 2015."
- The 2010 recipient of Edith Lowenstein Award conferred by the 10,000-member American

Immigration Lawyers Association, for advancing the practice of immigration law.

- Given *Chambers and Partners* highest rating (above Band 1), a “Star” business immigration lawyer in California (2011-2017), and *The Legal 500* Band 1 (2011-2018).
- Named 3 times as the world’s leading corporate immigration lawyer (2009, 2006 & 2005, *International Who’s Who of Business Lawyers*)
- Prolific Writer: [Blogger](#), Lead Editor, “Forming and Operating an EB-5 Regional Center: A Guide for Developers and Business Innovators” (*ILW*, 2014), co-editor, The “Immigration Compliance Book” (*ILW*, 2009), co-author, American Bar Association “International Lawyer’s Deskbook,” Chapter on Immigration, 2nd Ed. (2004)
- Social Media Evangelist: [Twitter](#), [Blog](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Google+](#) & [Facebook](#).
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