

→ Immigration Investigations and Compliance

In these unprecedented times, Sheppard Mullin's Immigration Investigations and Compliance Team marshals a robust breadth of expertise and unrivalled horsepower to help defend companies facing government immigration investigations involving the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Labor (DOL), the State Department (DOS), the Justice Department (DOJ) and other federal agencies.

Types of matters we handle include:

- Investigations and Debarment Proceedings by DHS, DOJ and DOS.
- USCIS Fraud Detection & National Security (FDNS) Investigations alleging fraud and misrepresentations
- U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) secondary inspection issues, redress difficulties, Global Entry denial and similar challenges
- H-1B Visa Fraud Allegations
- L-1 Visa Fraud Allegations
- I-9 Investigations and Audits from Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- E-Verify Investigations
- DOJ Immigrant & Employee Rights (IER) Discrimination Investigations
- Compliance with B-1 Visitor Visas and ESTA Travel
- TSA and CBP denial of boarding issues
- SEVIS investigations of universities, including I-17 and I-20 issues, Curricular Practical Training etc.
- Administrative Procedure Act, mandamus, and other litigation relief from agency actions.
- Immigration-related compliance monitoring – agency- or court-appointed, or voluntary compliance
- Congressional and Senate subpoenas and testimony involving immigration matters

The team is led by former Department of Homeland Security General Counsel Jonathan Meyer and Greg Berk, author of the American Bar Association desk reference on immigration. The team draws talent from a broad array of practice areas to provide clients with unparalleled breadth, depth and horsepower, including:

- National Security
- Immigration
- Labor and Employment
- Corporate
- White Collar Criminal Defense
- Tax
- Antitrust

- International

Experience

- Represented major international staffing company in DOJ and DHS investigation of alleged B-1 and H-1B visa fraud.
- Serve as independent monitor for company facing DHS debarment related to allegations of visa fraud.
- Advise large multinational corporation on repeated border crossings by senior officers.
- Represented university in ICE investigation of its student visa practices.
- Assisted a large employer with an investigation by the Justice Department's Immigrant and Employee Rights Section, alleging discriminatory hiring.
- Represent major international non-profit in DHS investigation of its use of federal grant funds for immigrant assistance.
- Advise multiple corporations in DHS audits of their I-9 practices; help strategize options and reach resolution.
- Assist high net worth individuals facing difficulties entering the United States.