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Anita M. Sorensen, special counsel with Foley & Lardner LLP, counsels clients on employment and immigration law and represents their interests in court litigation, administrative hearings, and in other forums. She is a member of the firm's Labor & Employment and Immigration, Nationality & Consular Law Practices.

In addition to her employment counseling and litigation work, Anita handles complex business, family, and citizenship immigration cases before the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Labor, Department of State, other administrative bodies, and the courts. She regularly counsels employers on compliance issues and has successfully defended employers during government investigations on employment and immigration matters.

After law school, Anita accepted a judicial clerkship with Chief Justice W. Ward Reynoldson of the Iowa Supreme Court, and later with the Hon. George G. Fagg, U.S. Circuit Court, Eighth Circuit.

Awards and Recognition

Anita was recognized in *Chambers USA* for Labor & Employment: Immigration from 2017-2019, as well as for Immigration (2020-2023). She has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2007 in the field of Immigration Law, and was named 2021 and 2014 Immigration Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Madison. She is listed in the *International Who's Who of Corporate Immigration Lawyers* 2012 (10th edition) and the *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* 2013.

Affiliations

Anita is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and has been elected to various leadership positions within the immigration bar, including as chair of the Wisconsin Chapter of AILA. She also has served as a member of AILA's national board of governors and on AILA committees at the national level. Currently, she serves as an American Immigration Council Ambassador, as chair of the

Wisconsin AILA Chapter's pro bono committee, and as a pro bono liaison to AILA at the national level. Anita is a frequent speaker on immigration and employment topics at national and regional conferences. She is a contributor to the annual employment law treatise, *The Law Guide – Employee Relations Law for Wisconsin Employers*, published by MRA – The Management Association, Inc.

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Education

- University of Iowa College of Law (with high distinction)
 - Executive Editor, *The Journal of Corporation Law*
- Graceland College (B.A., with highest honors)

Admissions

- Iowa
- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Courts
 - Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin
 - Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa
 - Northern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits
- United States Supreme Court