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Nareeneh Sohbatian is the firm's Pro Bono Counsel – Immigration. She identifies needs and creates and implements procedures to address these needs in over 200 active immigration cases nationwide. She oversees Pro Bono efforts in the Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Silicon Valley, California offices and previously oversaw Pro Bono efforts in the Houston, Texas office. She provides training, substantive supervision, and in-house mentorship to the firm's attorneys in their pro bono immigration matters. She provides representation to clients in affirmative and defensive immigration cases, *amici* briefs, federal litigation, research, and special projects.

Before joining the firm, Nareeneh was the managing attorney at Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project, a non-profit law office that serves vulnerable immigrants, particularly those in immigration removal proceedings and detention in the Los Angeles metropolitan region who cannot afford private counsel. There, she developed a streamlining process to improve the management of hundreds of cases, trained and supervised attorneys and paralegals, and represented unaccompanied minors in immigration removal defense cases in Spanish, including in immigration, family, and probate court proceedings and the asylum process.

From 2012 to 2020, Nareeneh was an adjunct at Loyola Law School, where she worked with the school's Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court team. Nareeneh was also a pro bono attorney with the school's International Human Rights Clinic. Following law school, she was the second Dickran Tevrizian Fellow and subsequently a staff attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA), where she managed health, public benefits, expungement, and employment cases.

Recent Experience

Recognitions

In 2019, Nareeneh was recognized as an Immigration Law Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal*.

Activities

American Immigration Lawyers Associations (AILA) National Pro Bono Committee (2022-Present)

Southern California AILA Pro Bono Liaison (2017-Present)

Association of Pro Bono Counsel (APBCO), Member

Credentials

EDUCATION

Nareeneh received a B.A., *cum laude*, from University of California, Los Angeles in September 2006, and a J.D. from Loyola Law School in May 2011.

ADMISSIONS

- California

LANGUAGES

- Spanish
- Armenian

Related Insights & News

Publications & Speaking Engagements:

- APBCO Academy Presenter (2023)
- American Bar Association Commission on Immigration Pro Bono Best Practice, Presenter (2023)
- Equal Justice Conference, Hot Topics in Immigration, Presenter (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019)
- APBCO Managing Pro Bono Immigration Matters, Presenter (2021)

- One Justice Conference, Presenter (2022, 2021, 2019)
 - Orange County Bar Association Immigration Law Section Presentation, U Visa: Backlog Frustrations and Litigation (2020)
 - Loyola Law School, Asylum Training (2019)
 - Daily Journal Publication, “Immigration Judges Must Advise Children of Relief Options” (May 2019)
 - Daily Journal Publication, “Ruling Denying Immigration Minor Right to Counsel Conflicts with Precedent” (February 2018)
 - Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Training to Pro Bono Practitioners (2016)
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RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Among the Top 15 Pro Bono Firms on *The American Lawyer’s* Pro Bono Scorecard
JULY 12, 2023

NEWS

2022 Pro Bono Impact Report
MAY 1, 2023

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Ranks No. 14 on *The American Lawyer’s* National Pro Bono Scorecard
JULY 20, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn Releases *2022 Pro Bono Racial Justice & Equity CEASE Initiative Report*
MAY 25, 2022

RECOGNITIONS

Winston Receives NYSBA President’s Pro Bono Large Law Firm Award
MAY 2, 2022

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston Helps Human Trafficking Victim Expunge Record and Rebuild Life
DECEMBER 14, 2021

NEWS

2020-2021 Pro Bono Impact Report
2020-2021

BLOG

Winston Supports Afghan Journalist Who Fled the Taliban

NOVEMBER 12, 2021

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston Secures Asylum for Guatemalan Domestic Abuse Victim and Her Child

JANUARY 7, 2021

PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn Announces Formation of Pro Bono Racial Justice and Equity Council

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

NEWS

Winston & Strawn's Pro Bono Racial Justice & Equity Council

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston Hosts Virtual Pro Bono Week for 2020 Summer Associates

JULY 27-JULY 31, 2020