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EDUCATION

Howard University School of Law

J.D., Full Academic Scholarship

University of Toronto

B.A., cum laude

Dean's Honour List

Academic All-Canadian

JURISDICTIONS

Admitted to practice in the

United States and Canada

PROFILE

Simone Williams is the Founder and Managing Partner of **Williams Global Law**, where she advises companies, entrepreneurs, investors, and executives on U.S. immigration, international business expansion, corporate structuring, and regulatory compliance. She works with clients across a wide range of industries, helping them establish, expand, and invest in the United States.

Prior to founding Williams Global Law, Ms. Williams practiced at one of the world's leading international law firms and later served as General Counsel for a U.S. investment enterprise, providing her with a unique understanding of both the legal and commercial aspects of cross-border business. She is known for delivering practical, business-focused legal solutions that help clients successfully navigate the U.S. market.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

General Counsel — EB-5 Regional Center

Formerly served as General Counsel of a USCIS-designated EB-5 Regional Center, overseeing regional center operations, regulatory compliance, project development, and more than 200 immigrant investor matters.

Associate Attorney — Baker & McKenzie

Previously practiced as an Associate Attorney at Baker & McKenzie in the firm's Toronto and Washington, D.C. offices, where she advised multinational corporations on cross-border business immigration and global mobility matters for eight (8) years.

PERSONAL JOURNEY

Originally from Canada, Ms. Williams immigrated to the United States, as an F-1 student and brings firsthand understanding of the immigration journey to every client engagement, pairing legal precision with genuine empathy and cultural insight.

LEADERSHIP & BOARDS

DC Chamber of Commerce • Birchwood University Board of Trustees • IIUSA (Invest in the USA) • National Bar Association • DC Mayor's Advisory Commission

AWARDS & HONORS

Immigration Lawyer of the Year (Minority Chamber of Commerce) • Top Ten Corporate Counsel (Association of Corporate Counsel) • International Pioneer Award (National Bar Association) • Outstanding Women in Law (She Rises International)

COMMUNITY & INTERESTS

A former University of Toronto track and field athlete, Ms. Williams was a member of the Canadian university championship gold medal-winning 4x200m relay team and ranked among Canada's all-time top ten triple jumpers. Outside the firm, she enjoys mentoring future professionals, volunteering in the community, spending time with her family, and traveling.

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advises multinational companies, entrepreneurs, investors, and executives on U.S. business immigration matters, including L-1, EB-1C, EB-5, E-2, H-1B, PERM, and employment-based permanent residence.
- Advises clients on U.S. market entry, business structuring in support of immigration objectives, and long-term immigration strategy.
- Former General Counsel to a USCIS-designated EB-5 Regional Center, overseeing legal strategy, regulatory compliance, investor matters, and project development.
- Represents EB-5 Regional Centers, developers, and investors in connection with Regional Center compliance, Form I-956 amendments, Form I-956F project applications, direct EB-5 offerings, and investment immigration strategy.
- Represents employers in complex immigration compliance matters, including I-9 compliance, workforce planning, and cross-border employee mobility.

SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Expert Panelist**, EB-5 in a Shifting Immigration Landscape, IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum, Washington, D.C. (2026)
- **Expert Panelist**, U.S. Expansion Workshop, SelectUSA Investment Summit (2026)
- **Expert Panelist**, SelectUSA Investment Summit Spin-Off Program, Washington, D.C. (2026)
- **Featured Speaker**, Gold Card and Other U.S. Immigration Pathways, Lianhong Livestream, China (2026)
- **Featured Panelist**, Pathways from Student Visa to Green Card, EB-5 Investors Magazine (2025)
- **Expert Panelist**, IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum, Houston, Texas (2025)
- **Featured Speaker**, U.S. Expansion Workshop, SelectUSA Investment Summit (2025)
- **Moderator**, U.S. Immigration Pathways, BLS Global Annual Summit, London, United Kingdom (2025)
- **Featured Speaker**, African Business Leadership Summit, London, United Kingdom (2025)
- **Speaker**, SelectUSA Investment Breakfast Briefing, U.S. Embassy in Ghana (2025)
- **Speaker**, U.S. Immigration Options for Foreign Investors, TIGER 21, Washington, D.C. (2023)

LEADERSHIP

Co-Chair, International Business Development Committee, DC Chamber of Commerce

Editorial Committee Member, IIUSA

Advisory Board Member, SEDI-CASE

Board of Trustees, Birchwood University

Former Commissioner, Mayor's Advisory Commission on Caribbean Community Affairs (MACCCA), Washington DC

Former Chair, International Law Section, National Bar Association

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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Ms. Williams is committed to mentoring future leaders and supporting organizations that promote education, entrepreneurship, and economic opportunity. She has volunteered with organizations including AWANA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Dress for Success, Project Northstar, and The Posse Foundation.