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Velika's practice focuses on employment-based immigration for institutional clients, multinational corporations, and universities. She works with clients from a wide variety of industries, including technology, telecommunications, health care, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, engineering, and education. She assists clients in acquiring employment-based visas for key employees so they will be authorized for employment in the United States. She advises companies on employee documentation requirements and I-9 and E-Verify compliance issues.

Prior to joining Cozen O'Connor's immigration practice, Velika was a litigator, defending both local and multinational businesses in civil litigation matters, including product liability, toxic torts, construction accidents, professional liability, and insurance claims. She also practiced employment law, representing employers in workers' compensation and unemployment compensation matters. She won a favorable decision for an employer after successfully cross-examining the claimant in front of an Unemployment Compensation Board of Review Referee.

Velika obtained her Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania in 2012. She received her Juris Doctor from The George Washington University Law School in 2016. During law school, Velika was a Dean's Fellow, a Thurgood Marshall Scholar, and a merit scholarship recipient. She was a notes editor and the technology editor of the *Public Contract Law Journal*. She also received the Excellence in Oral Advocacy Award in the Dentons Government Contracts Moot Court Competition. Further, she served as a legal assistant for Professor Arthur E. Wilmarth, Jr. and was a judicial intern for The Honorable Noel L. Hillman of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Practice Areas

- Immigration Policy & Strategy
- Labor & Employment

Education

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2016
- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2012

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Middle District of Pennsylvania

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