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EDUCATION

Southwestern University (1978) J.D.
George Washington University (1974) B.A.

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
Maryland
California (Inactive)

SUMMARY PROFILE

William P. Cook chairs the Global Migration Law Group (GMLG) and is resident in its offices in Washington, D.C. He is the former General Counsel of the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) and has more than 25 years of experience in the practice of immigration law.

Mr. Cook advises business immigration clients and high net worth individuals on their global migration needs, and assists them with all facets of their relocation requirements. He focuses on the EB-5 and E-2 Investor Visa programs, and is an accomplished transactional lawyer as well as experienced in U.S. immigration legal matters. Mr. Cook also has an extensive Consular Visa practice and represents clients across the world on their U.S. immigration matters. He is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Active in India, Latin America, Europe, and the Middle East, Mr. Cook represents clients from those regions in matters involving U.S. immigration and visa matters. He is also experienced in the areas of M&A transactions and joint ventures, regulatory issues related to U.S. telecommunications, as well as on the national security aspects of doing business in the U.S., including the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), the Committee on Foreign Investment in the US (CFIUS), the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), the Patriot Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). Legal 500 recognizes him for his strategic practice combining technology and telecommunications.

Mr. Cook is the past chair of the Legal Services Executive Committee of the U.S.-India Business Council, and has been involved with business matters related to India for more than a dozen years.

Prior to forming GMLG, Mr. Cook was a partner in DLA Piper LLP (US), where, in addition to heading the Firm's immigration practice, he chaired its Communications, E-Commerce and Privacy practice group, advising the largest telecommunications and media companies in the U.S. on transactional and regulatory issues. Mr. Cook also represented the Firm's communications clients in the federal courts and before regulatory bodies both in the U.S. and globally. He was also Co-Chair of DLA's U.S.-India practice.

During his long tenure in U.S. government service, Mr. Cook served in both the Civil and Criminal Divisions, U.S. Department of Justice. He has extensive litigation experience with DOJ and in the United States Attorney's office in Baltimore, where he represented the U.S. in several high-profile money laundering and medical device seizure actions. He also served as Senior Counsel, Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) in DOJ, where his portfolio included immigration, intelligence and telecommunications issues. His government service also includes intelligence community assignments at the National Security Agency (NSA) and in the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review (OIPR) of the U.S. Department of Justice.

A retired commander in the US Navy, Mr. Cook is a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm, where he served on the staff of COMIDEASTFOR as the U.S. naval liaison officer to the Government of Kuwait and as naval advisor to the Kuwaiti Navy. He is also a veteran of combat contingency operations in Grenada and Lebanon and served on the Sixth Fleet Counter-Terrorism Task Force. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (X2), the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation and other service awards.

Mr. Cook also advises various nonprofits. He has been a member of the board of directors of the National Veterans Legal Services Project (NVLSP), the Atlantic Legal Foundation, and the Board of Visitors of Southwestern Law School.

His other ventures including serving as Co-Founder and Managing Director of the International Professional Education Group LLC, and as a Managing Director of Nuevos Destinos, LLC.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, Blog *Comment on ILW "EB-5 Enforcement Begins"*, Immigration Law Weekly (March 11, 2015) [LINK](#)
- Author, Marking time in place: Why US immigration reform has stalled . . . and what India can do to help get it moving again," *India, Inc.* (August 26, 2014) [LINK](#)
- Author, "Goodbye 'Sanctuary' Cities," *Wall Street Journal* (July 30, 2010) [LINK](#)

PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

- Speaker, "Update on EB-5 in India and the new USCIS EB-5 Debt Policy," AILA BDC Chapter 4th Annual Consular Processing Conference, Vietnam, March 3, 2016.
- Speaker, "Navigating the EB-5 Process," Raising EB-5 Capital for Real Estate" Seminar Series, iGlobal Communications, New York, February 24, 2016.
- Panelist, AILA Global Migration Conference, "Ethics and Practice Management: How to Stay Safe, Sane, and Avoid Disaster," June 2015, Washington, D.C.
- Panelist, IIUSA 8th Annual EB-5 Advocacy Conference, "Investor Markets: Understanding Emerging Opportunities Around the World," April 13, 2015, Washington, D.C.
- Panelist, IIUSA 4th Annual Market Exchange, "Thinking Global," October 23, 2014.
- Chairman, 6th Annual Legal Services Conference, U.S. India Business Council, "Counseling Corporates & Legal Issues Impacting Growth," November 15-15, 2014.
- Chairman, 5th Annual Legal Services Conference, "Building Prosperity Through Collaboration,: U.S.-India Business Council, November 11-13, 2013.
- Moderator, "Cross Border Transactions, An Indian General Counsel's Viewpoint" panel, 4th Annual Legal Services Conference, U.S. India Business Counsel, October 2012.
- Commentator, CNBC--TV18, on the series "The Firm" hosted by Menaka Doshi, entitled "Call and Put Options: Dead or Alive?" regarding Section 111a of the Companies Act, 18 A of the SCRA and the consolidated FDI policy announced in October 2011; aired October 6, 2011
- Moderator, "Data Privacy & Security – Rules of the Road for the Indo--US Virtual Highway" panel, 3rd Annual Legal Services Conference, U.S.-India Business Council, "Maximizing Value in the Indo--US Regulatory Thicket," Delhi, India, September 2011.
- Commentator, CNBC-TV18, on the series "The Firm" hosted by Menaka Doshi, regarding the new Indian privacy rules issued by the Government of India; aired June 2, 2011.
- Panelist, ACI's India Defense Procurement conference, "How to Structure a Joint Venture in India," Washington, DC, June 2011.

- Moderator, "International Lender" panel, Peruvian Energy and Infrastructure Finance Conference, organized by *Project Finance* magazine, Lima, Peru, September 2010.
- Commentator, *Fox Business News*, discussion regarding the federal government's State Criminal Alien Assistance Program and how it is being abused by cities that proclaim themselves sanctuary cities and then claim the cost of incarcerating criminal aliens who flood those cities, Washington, DC, aired August 2, 2010.