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**Immigration Attorney,  
Jinhee Wilde, Esq**

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# JINHEE WILDE

CEO & Founder



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Immigration attorney, Jinhee Wilde, Esq. has devoted her entire 36-year career to providing clients with personal, industry-leading service—all of which is evident through the tremendous amount of recognition she has received. Over the course of her career, she has been ranked among the Top 10 Immigration Lawyers by Attorney & Practice Magazine, the 10 Best Attorneys for Exceptional

and Outstanding Client Service by the American Institute of Legal Counsel, and the Top 25 Immigration Lawyers by EB5 Investors Magazine. Today, as founder and CEO of WA Law Group, LLC, Jinhee does everything within her power to put the minds of her clients at ease—charging a flat rate for her services, continually providing updates on client cases, and ensuring all calls and emails receive a response within 24 hours. “I don’t expect my staff to be perfect,” she says, “but I do expect them to strive to be perfect.”

## Sunwook “Sunny” An, Partner

She has been practicing immigration law and helping clients obtain immigrant visas for 14 years, focusing on business and investment immigration matters. Sunny received her bachelor’s degree in English literature from Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea and her Juris Doctorate from American University Washington College of Law in Washington, DC in 2007.

## The Firm:

Selected as the Top Emerging Immigration Law Firm of 2021 by Manage HR Magazine, WA Law Group has clearly been fulfilling Jinhee’s expectations. The boutique law firm is headquartered in Rockville, Maryland, and is focused on employment-based immigration cases and work visas such as H1B and L-1. “We believe that legal immigration is beneficial to our economy as it helps employers to increase their productivity by recruiting and retaining diligent workers,” Jinhee explains. “Therefore, we not only service hundreds of clients, but we also remain with them throughout the long and arduous years of the process.”

The Top 100 Magazine had the pleasure of meeting with Jinhee to hear more about her extensive legal experience, WA Law Group’s commitment to clients, and the exceptional services they offer.

## What was the inspiration behind starting your own law firm?

I became concerned about many of the larger firms, which tend to handle their cases in an assembly line fashion. For example, it’s not uncommon to see dozens of paralegals generating hundreds of H1B cases for very large tech firms. The problem with this method is that the clients never receive personal attention from the firm’s top lawyers, which is counterintuitive as they are the very reasons why the clients chose those law firms in the first place—not to be passed on to junior associates or paralegals.

## How does your client approach differ at WA Law Group?

At our firm, the client’s convenience comes before our own. I handle much of the firm’s client relationships and administrative duties while my partner, Sunwook “Sunny” An, oversees the nuts and bolts of the

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legal work. We take time to answer our clients' questions and concerns because we want to make the difficult immigration journey much easier for them. Personal assistance is important to the clients and to us.

**You charge a flat fee for your services as well. Tell us a bit more about that.**

Charging on a flat-fee basis gives us the freedom to devote our time to clients instead of worrying about billing every minute we spend working on their cases. People often say that I'm cheating myself by doing so, but even if I earn less than others, I know we are doing what is best for our clients. We feel good about providing them with confidence and assurance that they're on track within the legal immigration process.

**What are the most common issues your clients face?**

Most of our clients are extremely nervous because they're well aware that their families' livelihood, wellbeing, and stability are all contingent upon their immigration status. So, at each stage, if the process is not going smoothly or according to plan, clients will call or email. We know there's a lot of misinformation out there these days, so we work to provide clarity about what is going on as well as the appropriate process. I personally explain everything in depth whenever the client needs that peace of mind, which cannot be done via a legal assistant.

**You take pride in giving each client lots of personal attention. How do you go about this?**

Sunny and I are both very hands-on as attorneys. When new clients are going through employment-based immigration for the first time, they don't know how to deal with the Department of Labor, job sites, etc. So, we thoroughly and carefully walk each client through step-by-step process, so they understand what we're doing and why we're doing it.



**Sunny An & Jinhee Wilde**

**Sunny, tell us about your role at WA Law Group.**

I have been with Ms. Wilde for my entire 14-year legal career and solely devoted to immigration law. As a third-year law student at the American University Law School, I interned for Ms. Wilde and decided that I never wanted to work for anyone else. Ms. Wilde's expertise and temperament make her the ideal mentor. On a day-to-day, I am the principal attorney for the case management overseeing hundreds of on-going cases. While I feel that I still have a lot to learn, I am grateful that Ms. Wilde has enough confidence in me to make me her partner a few years ago and she has designated me as her successor as the managing attorney after she retires in few years.

**Jinhee, how has your previous work experience benefitted clients?**

I spent the first 10 years of my career as a government attorney, starting as a prosecutor in Chicago and then at the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a special counsel. Because of that, I still have a government attorney mentality that I employ in preparing all our immigration cases. This means we view the cases from the adjudicating officer's viewpoint, then organize and prepare our voluminous documents so that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)—or other government officers reviewing the submission—can easily find the corroborating evidence to support our case. This dramatically increases our approval, which is proven by our track record.

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