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Dana R. Bucin is a partner and chair of Murtha Cullina's Immigration practice.

She represents businesses and individual clients on a wide range of immigration matters, including green card applications, work visas, student visas, foreign investor visas, asylum, naturalization, religious work visas, as well as various other employment and family-based immigration matters.

As an immigration attorney with a business/corporate legal background, Dana's experience includes counseling foreign investors and entrepreneurs on setting up businesses in the U.S. or investing in existing U.S. ventures and obtaining a visa or green card based on such investment or entrepreneurship pursuant to the E-2, L-1 "new office", H-1B "entrepreneur" and EB-5 visa options.

Dana regularly provides multilingual legal representation in English, Spanish, French and Romanian. She also has a basic knowledge of Italian, German, Hungarian and Latin. She is often quoted as an expert by publications such as Bloomberg/BusinessWeek and the Hartford Business Journal on immigration law topics.

Dana serves as Murtha Cullina's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee chair, where she is responsible for the oversight of the firm's diversity and inclusion strategy and initiatives, ensuring that the firm's core principles of inclusiveness and diversity are reflected across its internal and external policies, work and practices.

In addition, Dana handles a variety of cases to assist immigrants and refugees with humanitarian legal needs. Examples of humanitarian cases she assisted with include:

- Representing Muslim refugee and her three children at JFK airport during the promulgation of the Muslim Ban in January 2017
- Representing Cuban nationals with habeas corpus release from ICE custody in 2018 and 2019
- Representing 70 Afghan nationals with applying for Humanitarian Parole after the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan
- Representing several immigrants from various countries with applying for asylum based on political, religious and ethnic persecution
- Traveling to the Tijuana – San Diego border checkpoint to assist 2,000+ Ukrainian refugees enter the US on humanitarian parole
- Setting up the "Connecticut for Ukraine" Matching Program which matches Ukrainian refugees to CT sponsors
- Honorary Consul of Romania to CT, running diplomatic programs that assisted the reunification of families separated at the border (Roma populations) and coordinates assistance for vulnerable

- Romanian citizens in CT, as well as assists the transfer of Ukrainian refugees from Romania to CT
- Advocating for pro-immigrant bills at the state and federal level and offering testimony in support of state bills protecting the rights of CT immigrants

Bar & Court Admissions

- Connecticut
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- New York
- District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Education

- Boston University School of Law (J.D.)
- Université Jean Moulin Lyon III, Institut de Droit Comparé Lyon, France (Semester Abroad, Spring 2004)
- Ohio Wesleyan University (B.A., *summa cum laude*)

Recognitions

- Holds an AV Preeminent® Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Immigration Law (2023-2024)
- 40 Under 40, *Connecticut Magazine* (2020)
- United Action Connecticut Honoree (2019)
- "Attorney of the Year," *Connecticut Law Tribune* Professional Excellence Awards (2019)
- Appointed to serve as Honorary Consul of Romania to Connecticut (2018)
- Annual Immigrant Day Honoree, CT Immigrant and Refugee Coalition (2016)
- Listed in *Connecticut Super Lawyers*® in the area of Immigration Law (2013, 2016-2019)
- Listed as a *Super Lawyers Connecticut Rising Star*® for Immigration Law (2010-2012)
- New Leaders in the Law, *Connecticut Law Tribune* (2012)
- Women in the Law High Achievers, *Connecticut Law Tribune* (2010)
- 40 Under Forty, *Hartford Business Journal* (2009)

Memberships

- MetroHartford Alliance, Global Business Council Executive Committee
- Central and Eastern European Network (CEENET), Founding Member
- World Affairs Council of CT, Young Professionals Committee Chair
- Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition, Board of Directors
- CrossRoads Venture Group, Board of Directors, Hartford Chapter

- Connecticut Bar Association, YLS Section of International Law Chair
- Connecticut Hispanic Bar Association, Board of Directors (2007-2009)
- Hartford Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (HYPE), Entrepreneurs Task Force
- American Immigration Lawyers Association

Languages

- Spanish
- French
- Romanian

Services

- Health Care
- Immigration
- Labor & Employment

Industries

- Education
- Emerging Companies