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*Navigating the Immigration Law Maze  
for Companies and Individuals*

Post 9/11, many Americans have lost sight of something that has been critical to the nation's success from its earliest days, says Baltimore attorney Sheela Murthy. "The United States is a nation of immigrants," she says. "We have always attracted the world's best and brightest to our shores, and immigration is essential to a thriving, healthy America. Of course, we have to be cautious, but not at the cost of ignoring the economic and cultural engine that has made this country great."

An immigrant herself – she left India in 1986 to attend Harvard Law School – Murthy specializes in all aspects of U.S. immigration law. The Murthy Law Firm, which she founded in 1994, helps *Fortune* 500 companies; mid-size employers; small, entrepreneurial firms; and individuals navigate the complex and continually changing U.S. immigration system. With a professional staff of approximately 60, the Murthy Law Firm represents clients worldwide.

A major focus of the firm is helping employers import computer engineers, software engineers and programmers, and other high-tech professionals from India, China, Europe, Singapore, Australia and other countries.

"American universities are not generating a sufficient number of these highly skilled professionals to meet the needs of our information technology companies, biotech companies, universities and other employers," Murthy explains. But obtaining temporary work permits and, eventually, green cards for foreign nationals can be extremely difficult.

"Thanks to our ridiculously complex immigration rules, it can take forever and a day, not to mention thousands of dollars," Murthy says. As a result, many U.S. companies are struggling, and some have had to scale back their research and development activities. "Not only is this a problem for the companies and their prospective employees from other countries, but it also threatens America's ability to remain competitive in a global economy."



Sheela Murthy

*In 2006, the Murthy Law Firm was recognized as one of the world's leading U.S. immigration law firms by Chambers Global (www.murthy.com).*

### The American Dream

For Sheela Murthy, immigration law is far more than a profession. It is a calling, a passion, a chance to help others realize the American dream as she herself has done.

### IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY PAR EXCELLENCE

Recognized by her peers for professional excellence, skill and integrity, Sheela Murthy has received Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer review rating, an AV rating.

She is regularly invited to present papers and speak on immigration issues before the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and other national and international organizations. She has been regularly featured in *Newsweek*, *The Baltimore Sun* and other publications and on television.

Murthy remains involved with her alma mater, Harvard Law School, where she recently spoke at a seminar on immigration policy and has also addressed a class on law practice management. In addition, she has established two scholarship funds at the school to help deserving and needy graduate students pursuing an LLM obtain scholarships and to increase training for those teaching U.S. immigration law and policy at Harvard Law School.

"This is the only country where, if you work hard, you can do well," she says. "That's what makes this such a great country. People who complain about a lack of opportunity in the U.S. don't know how good they have it."



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