

Bio of Maria M. Odom

Maria Odom is an experienced and dedicated immigration attorney, skilled in removal, asylum, and deportation defense. She is well known for her work in complex asylum matters, high-profile immigration removal and criminal alien cases, and cancellation of removal litigation. She has personally represented a myriad of immigrants, from asylum seekers, religious workers, juveniles, victims of domestic violence, and corporations seeking to bring and keep talented and essential workers.

She established the Odom Immigration Law Group in 2008 where as the Principal Attorney and Owner she has represented clients in proceedings before various U.S. Immigration courts across the nation and in appellate proceedings before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Previously, she served as a Partner at Kuck Casablanca & Odom LLC, a multi-million dollar, multi-state law firm, where she oversaw immigration cases in U.S. Immigration Court, Appeals, and several District Courts and represented clients in family-based and employment-based immigration issues. She was the Lead Attorney on the firm's budget and human resources while also serving as a supervisor, financial manager, and mentor to associate attorneys and paralegal staff.

Before joining Kuck Casablanca & Odom, Ms. Odom also served as a Partner/Owner at Antonini, Odom & Sullivan, LLC in Atlanta, Georgia for about five years. The firm specialized in removal defense, complex asylum litigation and family-based immigration cases.

Ms. Odom began her career at the U.S. Department of Justice in 1997, where she served as the Assistant District Counsel for two years to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. In that capacity she represented the government in removal proceedings and served as a legal advisor to the legacy INS Investigations Unit.

Ms. Odom holds a Juris Doctorate from Mercer University and a BS in Criminology. She is an active member of her community and served as the Chair for Catholic Charities Scott's Memorial Annual 5K fundraising event. She has been a member and mentor with AILA and a Faculty Member for continued legal education seminars. She was named Georgia's 2008 Hispanic Businesswoman of the Year by the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and served as a board member with the Georgia Council for International Visitors. A native Spanish speaker who emigrated to the U.S. from Puerto Rico at the age of 16, she is an active parishioner of a Catholic church in Atlanta and possesses both a deep understanding of and an abiding commitment to the social teachings of the Catholic Church as it pertains to immigration.