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Gerald LeMelle is a Partner at Dunlap Bennett & Ludwig and has more than 30 years of experience in immigration law. He helps corporations, finance professionals, investors, and startups achieve their corporate and financial goals by investing money or investing in talent here in the United States. He specializes in investor and employment-based visas such as L-1 and H1-b, E-2, and EB-5 visas.

Gerald was raised in Africa and Europe, so he fully understands the challenges facing foreign nationals in this country. Gerald began his career as an attorney for the largest international visitor program in the United States. Soon, he became a leading advocate for immigration reform and human rights while serving as Deputy Executive Director of Amnesty International from 1995-2007 and Executive Director of Africa Action, the former U.S. Committee on Africa from 2007-2010. His work has appeared in numerous newspapers, magazines, and professional journals; He was also a regular on CNN, CNN International, C-Span, Voice of America, Al-Jazeera, and the BBC, as well as scores of local television and radio broadcasts across the country.

He now brings his passion, determination, and unique insights to Dunlap Bennett & Ludwig and to our clients. Taken with the entrepreneurial spirit at Dunlap Bennett & Ludwig, he enjoys combining his advocacy for immigrants' rights, experience with immigration law, and the talent at the firm to provide a full array of corporate, financial, and family services to clients.

Gerald teaches a course on Immigration Law for the Virginia Bar's Continuing Legal Education Program. He earned his B.A. at Wesleyan University and his J.D. at the Georgetown University Law Center. He is a member of the New York Bar, the District of Columbia Bar, and the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center J.D., Washington, DC
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ADMISSIONS

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