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Amy M. Nice is a Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Immigration Initiative. She has been an immigration lawyer for over 35 years, with a broad range of experiences in the private practice of immigration law (for more than 20 years) and in the policy realm (since 2010), focused on employment-based immigration. She is a thought-leader concerning STEM immigration and considers STEM immigration policy a science and technology policy. Nice is relied upon for her creative, elegant, and practical solutions as well as deep, data-based research on all perspectives of the immigration policy problems she tackles.

Nice served as an Assistant Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, responsible for leading efforts on STEM talent policy, from June 2021 to January 2023. Her policy efforts have also encompassed: supporting high-skilled immigration coalitions of academia and industry; serving at the Office of the General Counsel at DHS headquarters where she contributed to notice and comment rulemaking on such topics as STEM Optional Practical Training; and, before that, working as the Executive Director of Immigration Policy at the US Chamber of Commerce for almost five years where she primarily pushed legislative reforms including involvement on S. 744, the bipartisan immigration reform bill that passed the U.S. Senate.

Nice is currently a Distinguished Immigration Counsel at the Institute for Progress, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington, DC focused on innovation policy. The American Immigration Lawyers Association recognized Nice's accomplishments and status as a leading immigration law and policy expert with the Edith Lowenstein Memorial Award (2023) for advancing U.S. immigration law. Nice is a Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude graduate of Tulane University, where she studied Medieval History, including one year studying abroad in England, and earned her law degree at George Washington University.