This month the Locke Lord Diversity & Inclusion Committee has chosen to recognize and honor the diversity surrounding us all. Individuals and families have immigrated to the United States for many years and for many reasons. The United States was founded long after it first became a destination for those seeking rich opportunities or freedom from oppression. Following are just a few of the noteworthy immigrants who have left their homelands to make the U.S. their home.

Felix Frankfurter, born in Austria, was nominated as an associate justice to the supreme court in 1935 and served until 1962.

Madeleine Albright, born in Czechoslovakia, the first female Secretary of State and the highest-ranking woman in the U.S. government.

César Pelli, born in Argentina, founder of Pelli Clarke Pelli, is an architect known for designing some of the world’s tallest buildings and other major urban landmarks.

Elon Reeve Musk, born in South Africa, a business magnate, investor, engineer and inventor. He is the founder of SpaceX and co-founder of Tesla and SolarCity.

James David Wolfensohn, born in Australia, is a lawyer, investment banker and economist who served as the ninth president of the World Bank Group.

The heart of Locke Lord lies within our people and the many different experiences and perspectives we share. We recognize, embrace and celebrate our differences and believe we can only provide our clients with the best possible representation if we reflect the diversity of the clients and communities we serve.