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Message from the AILA National Office

For most of you, by the time you read this you will have wrapped up another year. Whether you just made it through your first year of law school or you have completed your degree, your future awaits. I urge you to utilize your AILA law student membership even when you are not in school. Your membership affords you an affiliation with the premier organization for those who are practicing immigration law. If you are considering a career in immigration, your membership proves to be even more invaluable.

Through your membership you are able to connect to a wealth of information and resources through active AILA members and our web site, InfoNet. I hope by now you have been able to take advantage of both of these networks.

As I am sure you have been told - networking is everything! And your AILA law student membership enables you to do just that. As you read through this issue of our law student newsletter, take a moment and think about how you can take advantage of everything at your fingertips!

Jennifer English Lynch, CAE
Director of Membership



Member Profile: Allen Orr

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AILA: Tell us about how you got into the field of immigration law. Did you choose it or did it choose you?

Allen Orr: In 1995 I decided to take Immigration Law as an elective course at Howard Law. My main area of focus at the time was Environment Law. However, immigration chose me in 1996 during the last major Immigration Act Reformation. I was able to learn immigration along with lawyers that had been practicing for years. Because I performed well in my immigration work, I was selected for an in-house immigration job with an investor visa company.

AILA: What words of advice would you give to someone who is looking to begin their law career in the area of immigration?

AO: I would advise anyone looking to begin a career in immigration to read the INA act and regulations; do not rely on secondary information for an understanding of Immigration Law. The second most important thing to do is to network. A new professional should meet as many lawyers in the immigration field as possible. Lastly a professional should get involved in the immigration debate and movement.

AILA: As a law student, what would you have done differently to prepare yourself for a career as an immigration lawyer?

AO: As a law student I wish I would have spent more time volunteering with an immigration organization so that I could have exposed myself to more family-based immigration.

AILA: What is your present practice setting, and what types of immigration cases do you find the most rewarding?

AO: In my current practice I enjoy finding solutions for immigrants with problematic backgrounds and complex immigration histories. I have practiced global business immigration exclusively for twelve years at a larger firm, and I can honestly say there is a warm feeling with every approval of an application whether it is a simple employment authorization document or a complex investor visa.

AILA's 2010 Annual Conference

National Harbor, MD

June 30 – July 3, 2010

Fundamentals Track

This comprehensive program-within-a-program is geared toward the needs of newer attorneys or those who are new to the specialty practice of immigration law. Covering all areas of immigration law, these sessions will include procedures and processes, and the “how to” and “hands-on” instruction for putting all the information into practice. Start off the conference on Wednesday night by attending the New Attendees Orientation. This session will provide a road map to the conference and help you get the most out of your conference experience. Follow this track each day or jump out into other tracks for more intermediate level training. Either way you will receive the most up-to-date information available from seasoned practitioners. From a three part session on PERM to How to Launch Your Own Immigration Practice, there is something for everyone. Be sure to attend the Interactive Workshop track on Friday for even more in-depth training on specific issues. Each session will offer time for questions and answers (Q&A) with the expert faculty. And don't miss a great opportunity to gain insights into your toughest case challenges over coffee and pastries during “Breakfast with the Experts” on Saturday morning.



Registration

Registration for the 2010 AILA Annual Conference is now open. Secure [online registration](#) is available with a Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover card. You can also [download and complete the registration form](#) and fax or mail in the completed form with payment information to the AILA National Office.

The following registration rates apply for the **Early-bird deadline of May 28, 2010:**

AILA Law Student Members:
\$545

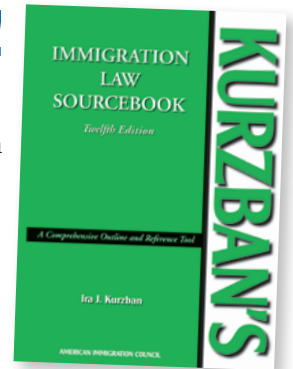
Nonmember Law Students:
\$645

Full Registration for the 2010 Conference includes admission to all CLE sessions; the conference materials on a flash drive (AILA's Immigration Practice Resource Guide and Navigating the Fundamentals of Immigration Law, 2010 – 11 editions; print copies available for purchase at the Publications booth); continental breakfast Thursday–Saturday in the exhibit hall (while supplies last); Conference Opening on Wednesday evening; Thursday Presidents Reception; Saturday Awards Ceremony, Saturday Night Event; admission to the Exhibit Hall; Refreshment Breaks (while supplies last); and the Conference Program booklet.

AILA Publications: Special Discounts for Student Members:

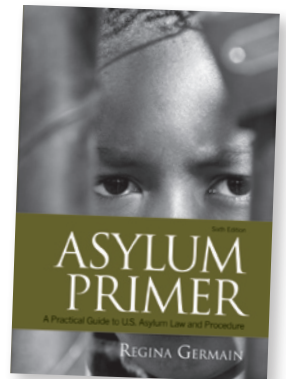
\$150!

Kurzban's
Immigration
Law
Sourcebook
June 2010



\$55!

AILA's
Asylum
Primer,
Sixth
Edition
December
2009



\$55!

Immigration
Consequences
of Criminal
Activity,
Fourth
Edition
December
2009



...and more!

Contact us at pubs@aila.org or call 1-800-982-2839 for pricing information on other AILA publications. To receive student pricing, you must call 1-800-982-2839.

Law Student Member Activities

Through the support of AILA's Santa Clara Valley Chapter, particularly former Chapter President Randall Caudle, a group of law students hosted its first lecturer series on "U.S. Immigration Detention from a Constitutional Perspective" during the months of March and April 2010. AILA law student member Christina Fialho, a student at the Santa Clara University School of Law, said the group "wanted to underscore the importance of enhancing procedural safeguards within our immigration detention system to ensure that everyone's due process rights and human dignity are respected in America."

Speakers included AILA member Daniel Shanfield, Director of Human Rights Watch's U.S. Program Alison Parker, and AILA member Professor Raha Jorjani. The event drew a diverse audience, including AILA attorneys and law students, as well as representatives from the Office of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, the Chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration.

The law student group will be honored at the 20th anniversary of Santa Clara University School of Law's pro bono award program for providing students with opportunities to get involved and learn about pressing public interest issues.

Have you been organizing or participating in law student member events? Do you have information to share with other law student members? Let us know! Email us at membership@aila.org.

Connect with AILA Online!

Visit the AILA Facebook page and keep up-to-date with AILA events, conferences, and news releases. Post photos, comments, and events to help enrich the AILA community!

► www.facebook.com/AILANational



Follow AILA on Twitter to get instant updates on subjects that AILA is talking about. We have set up Twitters on business immigration, removal and relief, and conferences. You also can see AILA's Twitter updates on InfoNet.

► <http://twitter.com/ailabusiness>

► <http://twitter.com/ailaremoval>

The AILA Career Center



Use the AILA Career Center—so many job seekers and employers have discovered a great way to find one another and make that perfect career fit. See for yourself the advantages of searching online for firm opportunities, government jobs and nonprofit organization positions.

Job Seekers: Whether you're looking for a new job, or ready to take the next step in your career, we'll help you find the opportunity that you've been looking for. Post your resume at no charge!

**Visit <http://careers.aila.org>
today to search job listings in the immigration law field and to
post your résumé at no charge.**

The Best Immigration Practice Advice I Ever Got ... in Three Words or Less ...

The Idea Gallery is a comfortable discussion area at the AILA annual conference for new AILA members to network, learn, and share ideas with one another and with more experienced immigration attorneys. Visitors were asked to post answers to various questions posed on large paper tablets along one wall. When asked about the best advice they ever received from other immigration lawyers, they shared the following:

- Know your clients
- Say "No" more
- Ask questions
- Buy Kurzban's (Immigration Sourcebook)
- Return client calls
- Define payment clearly
- Read the regulations!
- Document case activity
- Cash Up Front
- Find a niche
- Get paid first
- Elvis Lives!

Well, I'm not so sure about the last one, but the rest are valuable pieces of advice for any new—or soon-to-be-new lawyer!

Arizona Update: Understanding S.B. 1070

From
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On Friday, April 23, 2010, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed S.B. 1070, legislation that its supporters call the toughest state anti-immigration law in the country but sadly runs afoul of both the United States Constitution and the tenets of basic human decency. Among its unconscionable provisions, S.B. 1070 does the following:

- ▶ Authorizes an official or agency of the state, county, city, town or political subdivision to stop and determine the immigration status of any person if reasonable suspicion exists to believe that person is an alien unlawfully present in the United States;
- ▶ Permits any law enforcement officer to arrest, without warrant, any person if the officer has probable cause to believe that the person is an alien and has committed an offense that would make him or her removable from the United States;
- ▶ Prohibits officials or agencies of the state or any political subdivision from adopting or implementing policies that limit immigration law enforcement;

- ▶ Expands the definition of a criminal trespass to include any person on public or private land in Arizona who is not in possession of documentation establishing his or her lawful status in the United States;

- ▶ Permits the State of Arizona to make a “final determination” of an alien’s immigration status if required to enforce S.B. 1070;

- ▶ Prohibits any motor vehicle from stopping to hire or hire and pick up any person who will work at a different location;

- ▶ Creates a Class 3 Felony for failing to verify employment through E-Verify and/or maintaining records of such verifications; and

- ▶ Permits the State of Arizona to maintain information about the immigration status of any person.

It goes without saying that the AILA membership is outraged and appalled by the passage of this offensive law in Arizona. As the New Members’ Division representative on the AILA Board of Governors, I am proud to tell you that the Board was called together within minutes of the signing of this bill to support the AILA Executive Committee’s decision to move the AILA Fall Conference out of Scottsdale, Arizona. This move to boycott Arizona, as called



for by Arizona Congressman Raul Grijalva, sends a strong message to the state that laws which violate not only the United States Constitution, but basic human rights, will not be tolerated.

Thankfully, not only does AILA have strong leadership in combating this legislative affront to the humanity and decency of our clients, it also has allies in the fight to strike down this law as quickly and thoroughly as possible, showing Arizona that they are out of step with the citizens of this great nation as well as its Constitution. By supporting and encouraging boycotts from clients and partner organizations to providing material and financial support to those organizations already mounting legal challenges, AILA members can and will make a difference in this fight.

If you have questions or comments, or wish to find out how you can help, please feel free to contact me at coryc@bsis.com.