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for AILA National Secretary

Leading AILA forward



MY PLAN FOR AILA

Remedying Adjudications and Re-Invigorating Liaison: AILA must establish accountability and responsibility in the adjudications and liaison process by:

- *Providing increased support for member **litigation** efforts* that challenge arbitrary, inconsistent and erroneous agency decisions.
- *Pushing for **individual case contact*** between attorneys Adjudicating Officers *before* a wrongful decision is made on the petition/application.
- *Promoting **Congressional oversight and/or expanded DHS Office of Inspector General function*** to provide an escalation path for redress and correction of agency misbehavior.

Improving AILA Governance and Member Services

- **Re-structuring the Board of Governors:** Board members should be required to do meaningful work on behalf of AILA members not just *at* board meetings but *between* board meetings. This would improve efficiency and lead to more fruitful, directed discussion and action at meetings.
- **Transparency:** AILA members should be polled on a routine basis and formal channels of communication should be established between members and the Executive Committee regarding association governance and management issues.
- **Cultivating New Leaders:** AILA should establish a “Leadership Committee” to identify and encourage promising AILA members ready to channel their talents into the avenues of service that would best advance the interests of the organization.

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Delivering Value for a Growing Membership of Largely Newer Practitioners

AILA must provide an affordable, diverse mix of educational materials and experiences that cater to both the more seasoned practitioner and those just beginning their careers in immigration law. This should include ways to lower the cost of the Annual Conference to make it more financially possible for a larger percentage of the membership to attend.

My Leadership Experience

Here is a summary of significant AILA experience:

Susan Quarles AILA Service Excellence Award (2014); AILA Board of Governors (2012 – present); AILA SSA/DMV/SAVE Taskforce (2014 – present, Chair); AILA Healthcare Professionals Committee (2009 – present, Chair 2011-2014); AILA Department of State Liaison Committee (2011 – 2014); AILA Annual Conference Committee (2013); AILA Nominating Committee (2013); AILA Inter-Agency Committee (2011-present); Frequent AILA Publications Author; Frequent AILA CLE and Annual Conference Speaker

My Leadership Strengths and Style

I believe strong leadership comes from being open to all points of view. I also believe strong leadership means doing what you think is right. My leadership style is collaborative, professional and organized. As AILA Secretary, I hope to motivate others to work as hard as I am prepared to do and to honor their commitment with respect and gratitude.

I Would Be Honored by your Support

Having an active and robust bar association is perhaps more essential in the field of immigration than in any other area of law. If elected, I will bring an energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the Executive Committee that is informed by my prior experiences both within and outside AILA as a dedicated advocate and bridge-builder. I appreciate your consideration and I humbly ask for your vote.

