

Kevin Miner

for

AILA Board of Governors



Why should you vote for me?

I believe that a focus on the needs of its members should be AILA's guiding principle. I have been serving AILA members for more than a decade – with a particular emphasis on agency liaison work – and throughout that time I have demonstrated my commitment to member service and responsiveness. As a member of AILA's Board of Governors, I'll work to ensure that member service remains AILA's guiding principle.

My Background of Member Service

- 2012 – Present, Vice-Chair, DOL Liaison Committee
- 2012 – Present, Member, Inter-Agency Liaison Committee.
- 2011 – 2013, Member, USCIS Transformation Liaison Committee
- 2011 – 2012, Member, TSC Liaison Committee
- 2010 – 2011, Member, USCIS Policy and Benefits Committee
- 2008 – 2010, Vice Chair, TSC Liaison Committee
- 2005 – 2008, Member, TSC Liaison Committee
- 2004-2006, Member, Georgia-Alabama Chapter District Office liaison committee
- Speaker at numerous AILA conferences & webinars
- Member of multiple AILA regulatory comment teams

Endorsed by AILA Leaders and Volunteers

Bernard Wolfsdorf, Past President
Laura Lichter, Past President
Deborah Notkin, Past President
Daryl Buffenstein, Past President
Steve Ladik, Past President

Dagmar Butte, Member, Board of Governors
Catherine Haight, Member, Board of Governors
Janet Henner, Member, Board of Governors
Elizabeth Garvish, Georgia-Alabama Chapter Chair
Rob Cohen, Vice Chair, USCIS Liaison Committee
James Pack, Vice Chair, TSC Liaison Committee
Bonnie Gibson, Chair, Verification & Documentation Liaison Committee
Pamela Partenheimer Mick, Chair, DOL Liaison Committee
Rusty DeMoss, Chair, USCIS Ombudsman Liaison Committee

David Ware, Metairie, Louisiana
Vic Goel, Reston, Virginia
Vince Lau, Boston, Massachusetts
Judy Bordeau, Overland Park, Kansas
Linda Rose, Nashville, Tennessee
Bob White, Schaumburg, Illinois
Jeanne Malitz, San Diego, California
Lisa Baker Jones, Sacramento, California

"I have known Kevin Miner for nearly 15 years. He is hardworking, extremely smart and has a decade of service to AILA. He is precisely the type of committed, hardworking person AILA's Board needs."

Bernard Wolfsdorf, Past AILA President

"I have personally known Kevin and worked with him on some of the most difficult legal issues for over 8 years. He possesses a keen intellect and analytical abilities that will be of great value to the AILA Board of Governors. I heartily endorse Kevin as a candidate for the AILA Board."

Steve Ladik, Past AILA President

My Four Areas of Focus on the AILA Board of Governors

1. Member Service and Accessibility – My decade-long commitment to agency liaison work has been highlighted by a focus on responsiveness and addressing specific concerns of individual AILA members. This will continue to be my approach on the AILA Board of Governors. The Board needs to be committed to member service, and I have shown that commitment for more than a decade.
2. Advocacy – We are at a critical point regarding the potential for changes to our core immigration laws. From business, to family, to laws relating to undocumented immigrants, we could see a massive revision of the law. This could be a very good thing, or it could be a very bad thing – not just for us and our clients, but for the American economy. AILA leadership needs to be made up of people who have specific and direct experience in effective policy advocacy, which is something I have been doing for 15 years. I'll bring this expertise to the Board to help AILA continue to be the leading voice in this debate.
3. Ensuring Coordinated Efforts - AILA members have diverse interests, but they are not mutually exclusive. AILA is the glue that holds these diverse interests together, and AILA must continue to be a strong advocate for business immigration reforms while also being a strong advocate for human rights and justice for those who are the most vulnerable. To do so, it is critical that the Board evaluate the dynamics of the current political environment, and that its leaders consider all aspects of advocacy strategy to best advance all of the interests of its members. Ensuring these coordinated efforts will be one area in which I will focus on the Board.
4. Resources - AILA is the single most important source of legal resources for most immigration practitioners. When I began practicing immigration law, I was at a small firm and was the only lawyer at the firm who had an immigration practice. AILA was critical for me as a resource. We need to ensure that all AILA members continue to have access to these resources. Webinars, practice advisories and alerts, and similar activities are critical in all areas of the law. Substantive, in-depth chapter conferences – like the ones held by a number of chapters each year – are something AILA needs to promote and encourage. We need to ensure that AILA is bringing resources to its members, rather than asking members to seek them out.