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Seattle, Washington

2017

Candidate for Director Position



I support the ideas that, to make a positive impact, we must be mindful listeners and be generous in sharing information with each other, while being resolute in our representation and rigorous in our legal analysis. These actions can promote enhanced client service and rewarding bonds among us.

Key AILA Involvement:

- Elected to Board of Governors and active since 2011 (seeking re-election to 3rd term, but will impose a three-term limit on myself); Transparency Taskforce and Strategic Planning Group, 2013 – 2014, 2016 – 2017; Nominating Committee, 2015; H-1B Focus Group
- CBP: National CBP Liaison Committee Chair, 2005 – 2007; Washington Chapter CBP Committee Chair, 2016 –2017; focused on pragmatic engagement to hold CBP accountable
- Consular Processing: Washington Chapter Consular Committee Chair, 2010 – 2011
- Fiscal Responsibility: AILA Investments Committee, 2016 – 2017
- Advocacy: Participant in several National Days of Action (convinced client to participate in 2017); author of letters to the press; speaker at community action events
- Member of Canada; Europe, Middle East and Africa (Rome); and Asia/Pacific (Bangkok) Chapters
- Gay and Lesbian Interest Group member, handling same sex marriage cases and other issues
- Promoted annual “Read Your Constitution” Day, July 28 (Washington Chapter), in honor of Khizr Khan
- Authored Bylaw amendment, 2017, for Board of Governors elected-Directors’ term limits – three 3-year terms, then 3-year break before another run (supported by Bylaw Committee; rejected by BOG)
- Frequent speaker and planning committee member: AILA national conferences, regional, international and Chapter conferences; author of publications and practice advisories

Key Community Involvement:

- Challenge to constitutional violations: From 1st weekend in January 2017 after travel ban, played key role organizing AirportLawyer.org volunteers at Seattle Airport; continuing involvement and leadership; played small role in amicus brief on Washington v. Trump travel ban litigation
- Seattle Taskforce on Immigrant Voting Rights; Seattle “Welcoming City” Strategy Taskforce
- Pro Bono Services: expanded asylum representation among corporate law firm attorneys
- Association of Washington Business, Chair of Immigration Committee

For follow-up, I invite you to call or text me at 206 499-3977 or find me on LinkedIn or Facebook or Slack.

Voting begins Friday, May 12 online, with voting booth available at Annual Conference in New Orleans in June, and concludes before Annual Membership meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Please exercise your right and vote for your preferred candidates. I hope to have your support!