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Dear AILA Members,

Over the last several months, a growing movement has arisen to oppose anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies that are grounded in stereotypes and xenophobia.

Hundreds of thousands of people have marched in support of immigrants. They have challenged policies that undermine our values, principles of fairness, and the rule of law. Thousands of lawyers and many organizations who want to help are turning to AILA and the American Immigration Council because they know we have been leading the fight for a just immigration system for more than 70 years. They want to join our struggle for a fair immigration system; they want to take individual pro bono cases; and they want to partner on litigation.

The Justice Campaign

For too long, our clients have suffered “separate, but unequal” treatment at the hands of an outdated immigration system that does not guarantee due process for all. It is imperative that AILA and the Council continue to lead the fight and to recruit new allies to our effort to reform the system. To seize this historic opportunity, we are launching a campaign for immigration justice. With new funding to the Council, and in collaboration with key partners across the nation, we will leverage the growing energy and passion in order to build a stronger, broader community of legal defenders who can vigorously advocate for the rights of immigrants in removal proceedings, and in the process, change the future of immigration reform.

Through the Justice Campaign, we will:

- Foster a culture of aggressive, zealous representation.
- Provide our membership with the tools needed to achieve positive case outcomes.
- Mobilize lawyers well beyond the immigration bar to bring their skills and their pro bono commitment to the fight.
- Leverage the transformative act of defending immigrants facing removal by providing opportunities for litigation and advocacy.
- Change the immigration system in this country.

Why Now?

The challenges are great, but the opportunities are clear. Not only will our Justice Campaign introduce the larger legal community to our passion, expertise, and aggressive legal tactics, it will elevate the profile and prestige of AILA lawyers in the legal community as a whole. The campaign will promote sensible, humane and just immigration policies that will benefit your clients and your practice.

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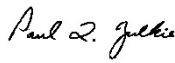
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