



# 2018 AILA ANNUAL AWARDS

## NOMINATIONS FORM

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**Nominee for Award:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please indicate Mr, Ms, Miss, Mrs, or appropriate salutation and appropriate professional designation Esq, JD, PhD, etc.)  
 Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Advocacy Award</b><br/>In recognition of outstanding efforts in support of AILA's legislative agenda</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Arthur C. Helton Memorial Human Rights Award</b><br/>In recognition of outstanding service in advancing the cause of human rights</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Edith Lowenstein Memorial Award</b><br/>For excellence in advancing the practice of immigration law</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Elmer Fried Excellence in Teaching Award</b><br/>In recognition of outstanding professors in the area of immigration law</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Jack Wasserman Memorial Award</b><br/>For excellence in litigation in the field of immigration law</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Joseph Minsky Young Lawyer Award</b><br/>For outstanding contributions made as a young lawyer in the field of immigration and nationality law</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Media Leadership Award</b><br/>Awarded annually to the member of the media whose coverage most accurately depicts immigration, immigrants, and related issues</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Michael Maggio Pro Bono Award</b><br/>In recognition of outstanding efforts in providing Pro Bono representation to deserving aliens in the immigration field</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Susan Quarles AILA Service Excellence Award</b><br/>Awarded periodically in recognition of outstanding volunteer services by an AILA member, over a period of several years, in advancing the mission, development, and value of the American Immigration Lawyers Association for its members and the public it serves</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sam Williamson Mentor Award</b><br/>For outstanding efforts and excellent counsel to immigration attorneys by providing mentoring assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>The Founders Award</b><br/>To the person or entity who has had the most substantial impact on the field of immigration law or policy in the preceding period</p> |
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 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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Submit your nomination via email and be sure to attach the completed nomination form, a supporting statement in the form of a letter and any supplemental materials that indicates why your nominee should receive the selected award to [lcampbell@aila.org](mailto:lcampbell@aila.org) **no later than Monday, March 19, 2018.**

**AILA Annual Awards Submission Checklist:**

- Nomination Form (required)  Supporting Statement (required)  Supplemental Materials (optional)

Note: Supplemental materials must be submitted as an attachment to the original nomination email in PDF format. No more than 10 pages of supplemental material may be submitted. Accompanying materials may include items such as additional letters of support, testimonials, articles and/or webpages. When preparing the submissions, please keep the number of materials to a minimum and be sure to submit items that reproduce clearly.

## Past Annual Award Recipients

### Advocacy Award

*In Recognition of outstanding efforts in support of AILA's legislative agenda (established 2001)*

Sarah Weston Hayes Owings	2017
Ruby Lichte Powers	2017
Kathleen M. Vannucci, Sandra Feist	2016
Angela D. Adams	2015
Lisa Baker Jones, Sweta Khandelwal, Tammy Lin, and Cynthia Lucas	2014
mycuéntame.org	2013
Kenneth K. Schmitt, Azadeh Shahshahani (co-recipients)	2012
Anthony Weigel, United We Dream (co-recipients)	2011
Karol Brown	2010
Mario M. Ramos	2009
Angela J. Ferguson	2008
Richard R. Rulon	2007
Peter L. Ashman	2006
Margaret D. Stock	2005
Donna L. Lipinski	2004
Gregory D. Boos	2003
Kathleen C. Walker	2002

### Arthur C. Helton Memorial Human Rights Award

*In recognition of outstanding service in advancing the cause of human rights (established 1983; renamed 2003)*

Airport Lawyers	2017
ACLU Border Litigation Project	2016
Deborah Anker and Harvard Immigration & Refugee Clinical Program	2015
Immigration Equality	2014
Mekela Goehring	2013
Meredith Linsky	2012
Ahilan Arulantham	2010
Matthew J. Wilch, Erik Camayd-Freixas	2009
Human Rights Initiative of North Texas	2008
Jodi Goodwin	2007
Abigail M. Price	2006
U.S. Committee on International Religious Freedom and the Expedited Removal Study Team	2005
Anne Pilsbury and Central American Legal Assistance	2004
The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Legal Team, Kareem Shora, Carol Khawly	2003
Karen Musalo	2002
Gail Pendleton	2001
The George Washington University Immigration Law Clinic	2000
Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children	1999
Deborah A. Sanders	1998
Anthony Lewis	1997
Jose Ignacio Pertierra	1996
Malea Kiblan, Middle East Asylum Project	1995
AILF Legal Action Center; Asian American Bar of the Delaware Valley; Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund; Asian Law Caucus; Asian Pacific American Bar Association; Immigrant Legal Resource Center; Kohn, Nast & Graf; Lawyers Committee for Human Rights; York County Bar Association	1994
Nurjehan N. Mawani	1993
Haitian Refugee Litigation Team	1992
Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee	1991
Leonard I. Boudin	1991
Hon. Nancy Pelosi, U.S. House of Representatives	1990
San Francisco Lawyers' Committee for Urban Affairs, Immigration & Refugee Rights Project	1989
Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law,	

Alien Rights Project	1989
National Coalition for Haitian Refugees	1988
Haitian Refugee Center, Inc.	1988
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Inc.	1987
Japanese American Citizens League	1986
National Coalition for Redress/Reparation	1986
Amb. Max E. Kampelman	1985

### Congressional Leadership Award

*Awarded annually to the Member(s) of Congress who most advanced the cause of immigration and immigrants during the previous year (established January 2000)*

Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)	2012
Rep. David Price (D-NC)	2010
Sen. Robert Menendez	2008
Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL)	2007
Harry Reid	2005
Lincoln Diaz-Balart	2005
Chuck Hagel	2004
Richard J. Durbin	2004
Howard L. Berman	2003
Chris Cannon	2003
Sam Brownback	2002
John Conyers	2002
Spencer Abraham	2001
Edward M. Kennedy	2001

### Edith Lowenstein Memorial Award

*For excellence in advancing the practice of immigration law (established 1980)*

Ava Benach	2017
Karen T. Grisez	2016
Mary E. Kramer	2015
Eleanor Pelta	2014
Thomas K. Ragland	2013
David W. Leopold	2012
Ronald Y. Wada	2011
Maria Baldini-Potermín	2010
Angelo A. Paparelli	2010
Stephen Manning	2009
Palma R. Yanni	2008
Naomi Schorr	2007
Robert P. Deasy	2006
Robert A. Mautino	2005
Stephen Yale-Loehr	2004
Denyse Sabagh	2003
Ira J. Kurzban	2002
C. Daniel Levy	2001
Richard D. Steel	2000
Josie Gonzalez	1999
Ted Ruthizer	1998
Jan M. Pederson	1997
R. Patrick Murphy	1996
Leon Rosen	1995
Benjamin Gim	1994
Edwin R. Rubin	1993
Charles C. Foster	1992
Deborah E. Anker	1991
Esther M. Kaufman	1990
Leon Wildes	1989
Lory D. Rosenberg	1988

Hon. Nahum Litt . . . . .	1987
Hon. William R. Robie . . . . .	1987
Robert G. Heiserman . . . . .	1986
Maurice A. Roberts . . . . .	1985
William B. Taffet . . . . .	1984
Charles Gordon . . . . .	1983
Stanley Mailman . . . . .	1982
Robert E. Juceam . . . . .	1981

**Elmer Fried Excellence in Teaching Award**

*In recognition of outstanding professors in the area of immigration law (established 1997)*

Ben Casper Sanchez . . . . .	2017
Hiroko Kusuda . . . . .	2016
Lisa Graybill . . . . .	2015
Geoffrey Hoffman . . . . .	2014
Michael S. Vastine . . . . .	2013
Vanessa Merton . . . . .	2012
Nancy Morawetz . . . . .	2011
James Austin . . . . .	2010
David C. Koelsch . . . . .	2009
Deborah Anker . . . . .	2008
Barbara Hines . . . . .	2007
Stephen H. Legomsky . . . . .	2006
Joseph A. Vail . . . . .	2005
Lee Teran . . . . .	2004
Margaret Taylor . . . . .	2003
Harvey Kaplan . . . . .	2002
Maureen O'Sullivan . . . . .	2002
Stephen Yale-Loehr . . . . .	2001
Hiroshi Motomura . . . . .	2000
Lenni B. Benson . . . . .	1999
Leon Wildes . . . . .	1998
Stanley Mailman . . . . .	1997

**Jack Wasserman Memorial Award**

*For excellence in litigation in the field of immigration law (established 1980)*

Washington State v. Trump Litigation Team . . . . .	2017
Thomas Edward Moseley . . . . .	2016
Trina Realmuto . . . . .	2015
Franco-Gonzalez Litigation Team . . . . .	2014
Robert H. Cohen . . . . .	2013
Mark Fleming . . . . .	2012
<i>Padilla v. Kentucky</i> Litigation Team . . . . .	2011
AILA 2009-2010 Amicus Committee . . . . .	2010
Stacy Eva Tolchin . . . . .	2009
Matt Adams . . . . .	2008
Manuel D. Vargas . . . . .	2007
Mark T. Kenmore . . . . .	2006
Iris Gomez . . . . .	2005
Lisa Brodyaga . . . . .	2004
Zachary M. Nightingale . . . . .	2003
Lucas Guttentag . . . . .	2002
Judy Rabinovitz . . . . .	2002
Lee Gelernt . . . . .	2002
Robert Gibbs . . . . .	2001
Linton Joaquin . . . . .	2000
Robert Pauw . . . . .	1999
Robert B. Jobe . . . . .	1998
Lucas Guttentag . . . . .	1997
Judy Rabinowitz . . . . .	1997
Lee Gelernt . . . . .	1997
Martin J. Lawler . . . . .	1996
Charles Miller . . . . .	1995

Terri Senesac Miller . . . . .	1995
David Carliner . . . . .	1994
Kenneth H. Stern . . . . .	1993
Barbara Hines . . . . .	1992
Lee J. Teran . . . . .	1992
Litigation Team for American Baptist Churches . . . . .	1991
Lucas Guttentag . . . . .	1990
Marc Van Der Hout . . . . .	1989
Dale M. Schwartz . . . . .	1988
Ira Gollobin . . . . .	1987
Peter A. Schey . . . . .	1986
Sam Williamson . . . . .	1984
Ira J. Kurzban . . . . .	1983
Benjamin Gim . . . . .	1982
Donald L. Ungar . . . . .	1981

**Joseph Minsky Young Lawyer Award**

*For outstanding contributions made as a young lawyer in the field of immigration and nationality law (established 1993)*

Ben Winograd . . . . .	2017
Elanie J. Cintron . . . . .	2016
Michelle N. Mendez . . . . .	2015
Dree Collopy . . . . .	2014
Sarah L. Moshe . . . . .	2013
Olsi Vrapı . . . . .	2012
Jason Abrams . . . . .	2011
Maurice H. Goldman . . . . .	2010
Allen Orr . . . . .	2009
Carolyn S. Lee . . . . .	2008
Gayle Oshrin . . . . .	2007
Sarah E. Buffett . . . . .	2006
Raul E. Godinez . . . . .	2005
Jeff Joseph . . . . .	2004
Sin Yen Ling . . . . .	2003
Victor D. Nieblas Pradis . . . . .	2002
Marketa Lindt . . . . .	2001
William A. Stock . . . . .	2000
Charles Kuck . . . . .	1999
Julia M. Bolz . . . . .	1998
Cyrus Mehta . . . . .	1997
Eleanor Pelta . . . . .	1996
Laura Foote Reiff . . . . .	1996
Robert L. DeMoss II . . . . .	1995
Elaine Morley . . . . .	1995
Maralyn Leaf . . . . .	1994
Lisa Seifert . . . . .	1994

**Media Leadership Award**

*Awarded annually to the member of the media whose coverage most accurately depicts immigration, immigrants, and related issues (established January 2000)*

Leslie Marshall, The Leslie Marshall Show . . . . .	2017
Paula Diaz . . . . .	2016
Francis Wilkinson . . . . .	2015
Elise Foley . . . . .	2013
José Diaz-Balart, Telemundo . . . . .	2012
Kiran Khalid, CNN . . . . .	2011
Spencer Hsu . . . . .	2010
Deborah Notkin . . . . .	2010
Vivek Wadhwa . . . . .	2009
Alma Rosa Nieto . . . . .	2008
Maribel Hastings . . . . .	2007
Hernán Rozemberg . . . . .	2006
Jason Riley . . . . .	2005

Tamara Audi	2004
Susana Barciela	2003
Alfredo Lanier	2002
Garry Trudeau	2002
Kim Christensen, Richard Reed, Julie Sullivan, Brent Walth	2001
Anthony Lewis	2000

### Michael Maggio Pro Bono Award

*In recognition of outstanding efforts in providing pro bono representation to deserving aliens in the immigration field (established 1986; renamed 2008)*

Nora Elizabeth Phillips	2017
AILA Northern California Pro Bono Project, Adam J. Rosser	2016
Artesia Pro Bono Volunteers	2015
Diane Chappell-Daly	2014
Perkins Coie LLP	2013
Sui Chung	2012
Cyrus Mehta	2011
Hon. Robert A. Katzmann	2010
Sonia Parras Konrad	2009
Margaret D. Stock	2008
Paul Soreff	2007
John F. Sullivan, III; Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP	2006
Holland + Knight	2005
Dorsey & Whitney	2004
Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton	2003
Mark Von Sternberg	2002
Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (FIAC)	2001
Parker E. Wilson	2001
Thomas Hutchins	2000
Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	2000
Political Asylum Immigration Representation Project (PAIR)	1999
Elihu S. Massel	1998
Counsel for Cuban Detainees	1997
Gloria Goldman	1996
Sharon Cook Poorak	1996
J. Wescoat Sandlin	1996
Christopher J. Brejle	1995
Jeffrey Chase	1994
Daniel M. Kowalski	1993
Cynthia R. Exner	1993
Law Firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson	1992
American Bar Association	1990
State Bar of Texas	1990
Charles C. Foster	1990
Paul Parsons	1990
Marcos G. Ronquillo	1990
Nancy-Jo Merritt	1989

### Sam Williamson Mentor Award

*For outstanding efforts and excellent counsel to immigration attorneys by providing mentoring assistance (established 1992)*

Suzanne Brown	2017
Alexandra Kennedy Garcia	2016
Liam Schwartz	2015
Raymond R. Bolourchi	2014
AILA Rome District Chapter	2013
Matthew D. Baxter (awarded posthumously)	2012
Russell Abrutyn	2011
Lee A. O'Connor	2010
David Grunblatt	2009
Leslie A. Holman	2008
Aimee Clark Todd	2007
Jackson Chaney	2006
Andrea Wisner	2006

Naomi Schorr	2005
Susan H. Colussy	2004
Dinesh Shenoy	2003
Byron Park	2002
Edwin R. Rubin	2001
Elizabeth Gervais-Gruen	2000
Robert Frank	1999
Brian K. Bates	1998
Nadine Wettstein	1997
David Stanton	1996
Richard D. Steel	1995
Maureen O'Sullivan	1994
Sam Williamson	1993
Harvey Kaplan	1992

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Crystal L. Williams	2017
Howard "Sam" Myers, III	2016
Eleanor Pelta	2015
Jennifer Minear	2014
Robert E. Juceam	2013
Linda Rose	2012
Bernard P. Wolfsdorf	2011
Kathleen Campbell Walker	2010
Jeanne Butterfield	2009
John L. Pinnix	2008
Paul L. Zulkie	2007

### The Founders Award

*To the person or entity who has had the most substantial impact on the field of immigration law or policy in the preceding period (established 1950)*

Laura Lichter	2015
Stephen W. Manning	2015
Kathleen Campbell Walker	2014
Josie Gonzalez	2008
Jeanne A. Butterfield	2003
H. Ronald Klasko	1999
Daryl R. Buffenstein	1997
National Association of Manufacturers	1996
National Immigration Forum	1996
Women's Refugee Project of the Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services and Harvard Law School	1994
Hon. Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman, House Judiciary Committee	1986
Office of Special Investigations, Department of Justice	1985
The Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund	1984
Louisa Wilson, Board of Immigration Appeals	1978
Hon. Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman, Senate Immigration Subcommittee	1977
Hon. Emmanuel Celler, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee	1976
Maurice A. Roberts, Chairman, Board of Immigration Appeals	1975
Hon. William O. Douglas, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court	1974
George H. Owen, Department of State	1973
Hon. Raymond F. Farrell, Immigration & Naturalization Service	1968
Joshua S. Koenigsberg, Founding AILA President	1967
Hon. Michael A. Feighan, Chairman, House Immigration & Naturalization Subcommittee	1966
Board of Immigration Appeals	1965
His Excellency Edward E. Swannstrom, Auxiliary Bishop of New York	1962