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Membership Application

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1. Contact Information

Name (Mr/Ms) _____
Firm _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
E-mail Address _____
Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____
Fax Number _____
Firm Website _____

2. Are you a member of the American Bar Association?

❑ Yes ❑ No

3. Date of Birth:

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

4. Please list any languages, other than English, in which you are proficient:

_____

5. What are your substantive areas of interest in immigration law?

❑ Asylum
❑ Business
❑ Consular Practice
❑ Deportation
❑ Employer Sanctions
❑ Family
❑ General
❑ Investor
❑ Litigation
❑ Medical
❑ Naturalization
❑ Waivers

6. Law School Graduate:

Year _____
School _____

7. Date of original admission to the Bar:

Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

8. Presently licensed to practice law and an active member in good standing of the Bars of:

_____
_____

9. What is your bar number (if in NY, please give Appellate Division)?

_____

NOTE : We must have your bar number or your application will be delayed.

10. During the three years immediately preceding the date of this application, have you been suspended or disbarred by any court, bar association, administrative agency or other disciplinary authority?

❑ Yes ❑ No

11. Are you employed by or receive any compensation for services rendered to the Government of the United States, the Labor Department, Employment Service or like body of any state, territory or subdivision thereof?

❑ Yes ❑ No

(If yes, please attach a statement with complete details)

12. Are you engaged in the practice of law, and so engaged in compliance with the law applicable in every place where you maintain an office for the practice of law?

❑ Yes ❑ No

13. Please describe your practice setting: (Check only one)

❑ Solo Practitioner
❑ Small law firm (2-24 total attorneys)
❑ Medium law firm (25-74 total attorneys)
❑ Large law firm (75+ total attorneys)
❑ In-house Corporate Counsel
❑ Legal services/nonprofit organization
❑ Law school facility/academic field
❑ Other

14. Please indicate your race / ethnicity classification: (Optional)

❑ African
❑ African-American
❑ Asian/Pacific Islander
❑ Caucasian (non-Hispanic)
❑ Hispanic/Latino
❑ Indian Subcontinent
❑ Middle Eastern
❑ Multi-Racial
❑ Native American/Alaskan Native
❑ Other/No Answer

15. How did you hear about AILA Membership?

❑ Colleague
❑ InfoNet
❑ AILA Literature
❑ Former Law Professor
❑ Another Bar/Professional Association
❑ Other, Please Specify

16. Dues: (Chapter dues must be included to completely process application)

National Dues: _____
Chapter Dues: _____
Total: _____

17. Payment Type:

❑ Check, please make checks payable to AILA
(Note: all payments must be in U.S. dollars).

If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the following:

❑MasterCard ❑Visa ❑American Express ❑Discover

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ CVV Code: _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and if so elected, I will abide by its Bylaws. I have read and understand the membership provisions of the Bylaws attached hereto, and I agree that the decision of AILA on this application shall be final.I understand that AILA reserves the right to require evidence of any of the statements contained herein and that any misstatement may be grounds for expulsion or denial of this application. All of the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Submit completed application with payment to:
American Immigration Lawyers Association
Suite 300, 1331 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005-3142
fax to (202) 783-7853
or apply online at www.aila.org/join

For AILA Use Only:
Member Number Assigned _____
Chapter _____

Bar (s) Checked _____
Checked By _____
Date Checked _____

Payment Type ❑ Check # _____
❑ MC ❑ Visa ❑ Amex ❑ Discover
Amounts Received: National _____
Chapter _____

AILA Membership Requirements

To Apply

Please detach and complete the attached application. Applicants whose principal place of business falls within the geographic jurisdiction of any AILA chapter must join that area chapter and pay both national and chapter dues. Applicants whose principal place of business falls outside a chapter jurisdiction (such as Alaska and Montana) become At-Large members and pay national dues only. Please use the list on this page to determine your proper dues rate. AILA membership is non-transferable.

Membership Eligibility

According to the AILA Bylaws, any attorney, except those employed by the United States government or by the Labor Department, Employment Service or a like body in any state, territory or subdivision thereof, is eligible to be a member of this Association if such attorney:

a. at the time of application is in good standing with, and for three years immediately preceding application has not been suspended or disbarred by any court, mandatory bar association, administrative agency or other disciplinary authority;

b. is licensed to practice law and is a member of good standing of the bar of any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia or, on June 14, 2007 was an active approved Member of the Association and who thereafter has maintained membership and eligibility for it under these by-laws without interruption; or

c. is employed full-time as a law professor at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association and who is eligible for full membership in the American Bar Association but who is not admitted to practice in any State or the District of Columbia.

Burden of Proof and Waiver

Applicants must prove their eligibility to become a member of the association. The Executive Committee may waive membership requirements for certain applicants with the affirmative vote of four-sixths of the Committee Members.

Admission and Election

Once the AILA National Office receives a completed application and payment, the applicant's eligibility is determined, and his/her name will be entered onto a roster of pending members. National Office acceptance normally takes 14 days, and accepted applicants are notified by the National Office. If the application is not accepted, dues are fully refunded. Upon National Office acceptance, applicant information is forwarded to the local chapter which has 90 days to raise an objection to any applicant. If no objection is raised, after 90 days the applicant will become an approved member of AILA. If the local chapter raises an objection, applicant information will be forwarded to Committee for further review.

The National Office notifies At-Large applicants of acceptance, usually within 30 days of receipt of application. If the application is not approved, dues are fully refunded.

Dues

Applicants must include both chapter and national dues with their application, unless one resides abroad or there is no chapter in your jurisdiction. AILA dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes, although a portion of your dues may be deductible as a business expense. Due to the tax laws, you may not deduct the portion of your dues that is used for lobbying activities. Chapter dues payments are not affected by this tax law. Based on our best estimates for 2013, the nondeductible portion of your national dues is 2.8%.

Nonprofit Membership

If you are employed by a registered non-profit organization, which provides free or low cost services to immigrants, and earn less than $58,709 per year, you may be eligible for a reduced dues rate. For more information and the necessary paperwork, please contact AILA's Membership Department by phone at (202) 507-7635 or via e-mail at membership@aila.org.

AILA Consumer Protection Affirmation

The American Immigration Lawyers Association supports the ethical and highly competent practice of immigration law. The Association neither condones nor supports the splitting of legal fees with unlicensed alleged practitioners of immigration law, which includes the selection and completion of documentation to be filed with any U.S. government entity. As we all know, filing for a benefit or selecting an immigration avenue involves a thorough review of the client's history in order to make any recommendation for action. The Association has been made aware of lawyers who are basically lending their license to non-lawyers practicing immigration law when the lawyer does not review or supervise the actions or inactions of said entities or individuals. AILA considers these arrangements to be unethical and a violation of the AILA bylaws which require that members engaged in the practice of law be so engaged in compliance with the law applicable in the place that they practice.

Regular National Dues

Members 7+ years	$455.00
Members 4-7 years	$405.00
Members 2-3 years	$335.00
1st year of Membership	$320.00

Dues are determined according to original AILA join date. If your membership has lapsed for more than 5 years, your dues rate will change to date of new application. Any other lapse in membership will not be considered in determining proper membership rate.

Regular Chapter Dues

Arizona	$65
Bangkok District	$75
Includes countries under jurisdiction of the Bangkok District USCIS Office.	
California	
Northern California	$85
San Diego	$75
Santa Clara Valley	$75
Southern California	$80
Canada	$50
Carolinas	$75
Includes North Carolina and South Carolina	
Chicago	$75
Colorado	$90
Connecticut	$75
Florida	
Central Florida	$50
South Florida	$40
Georgia-Alabama	$60
Hawaii	$50
Indiana	$70
Iowa/Nebraska	$50
Mexico City District	$75
Includes countries under jurisdiction of the Mexico City District USCIS Office.	
Michigan	$70
Mid-South	$75
Includes Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee	
Minnesota/Dakotas	$65
Missouri/Kansas	$60
Nevada	$60
New England	$80
New Jersey	$60
New York	
New York City Area	$85
Upstate New York	$75
Ohio	$60
Oregon	$50
Philadelphia	$75
Includes Delaware	
Pittsburgh	$45
Includes West Virginia	
Puerto Rico	$25
Rome District	$75
Includes countries under jurisdiction of the Rome District USCIS Office.	
Texas	$75
Includes New Mexico and Oklahoma	
Utah	$50
Washington, DC	$85
Includes Maryland and Virginia	
Washington State	$50
Wisconsin	$75

For fastest service, please fax your completed application with credit card payment to (202) 783-7853 or mail your application (with credit card or a check made payable to AILA) to::

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Nonprofit Attorney Request Form

Please Note: You must turn in this form WITH your dues payment AND a letter from your Nonprofit Agency

In support of this request for reduced National dues, I hereby certify that:

A. I have attached a letter from my Nonprofit agency that certifies that I am an employee.

B. I am employed by and my sole source of income as attorney comes from a registered nonprofit organization, which provides free or low-cost services to immigrants:

Organization:_____

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____

State:_____

Zip:_____

Phone:_____

C. My annual salary paid by such agency does not exceed $61,644

Signature: _____

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

D. Dues

Annual Dues: $125

Chapter Dues: $_____

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(fill in appropriate chapter dues; applicable rates at right.)

Total: $_____

Mail form with membership application and letter from your nonprofit agency to:

American Immigration Lawyers Association
Suite 300, 1331 G Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20005-3142

OR: Fax with Membership Application and letter from your nonprofit agency to:
(202)783-7853

Nonprofit Chapter Dues

Arizona	$0 dues waived
Bangkok District	$0 dues waived
California	
Northern CA	$0 dues waived
San Diego	$75
Santa Clara Valley	$0 dues waived
Southern CA	$0 dues waived
Canada	$50
Carolinas (Includes NC and SC)	$0 dues waived
Chicago	$0 dues waived
Colorado	$0 dues waived
Connecticut	$0 dues waived
Florida	
Central FL	$0 dues waived
South FL	$0 dues waived
Georgia-Alabama	$0 dues waived
Hawaii	$0 dues waived
Indiana	$0 dues waived
Iowa/Nebraska	$0 dues waived
Mexico City District	$0 dues waived
Michigan	$70
Mid-South (Includes AK, KY, LA, MS, and TN)	$0 dues waived
Minnesota/Dakotas (Includes ND, SD, MN)	$0 dues waived
Missouri/Kansas	$60
Nevada	$0 dues waived
New England (Includes MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT)	$0 dues waived
New Jersey	$0 dues waived
New York	
New York City Area	$0 dues waived
Upstate NY	$0 dues waived
Ohio	$0 dues waived
Oregon	$0 dues waived
Philadelphia (Includes DE and Philadelphia area)	$0 dues waived
Pittsburgh (Includes WV and Pittsburgh area)	$0 dues waived
Puerto Rico	$25
Rome District	$0 dues waived
Texas (Includes NM, OK, and TX)	$0 dues waived
Utah	$50
Washington, D.C. (Includes D.C., MD, and VA)	$85
Washington State	$0 dues waived
Wisconsin	$0 dues waived