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# Join AILA's Immigration Works! Campaign

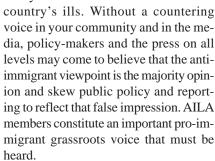
By Judith Golub

ILA's Immigration Works! It's Who We Are campaign was officially launched during our March 27 Lobby Day. The campaign is designed to create positive attitudes toward immigration in the post-9/11 environment by educating the American people and our elected leaders on the many benefits that immigration and immigrants bring to our society and economy. The campaign incorporates elements of grassroots and media advocacy involving, among many other activities, public relations, coalition building, and community organizing with leaders from diverse sectors. The campaign also will serve to underscore the unintended but harmful effects of certain existing misguided policies.

Why this campaign now? The current post-9/11 climate and uncertain economy, exacerbated by well-funded anti-immigration and anti-immigrant groups, have created a challenging atmosphere for pro-immigration advocates. Restrictionists are trying to use this environment to make the public and our elected officials mistrustful of immigrants and fearful about their impact on our country. Their goal is to affect public opinion, public policy, and, ultimately, the very rights of our clients. Yet Americans are not antiimmigrant. Americans eagerly embrace the fact that we are a nation of immigrants. By promoting positive messages around the country about immigrants and immigration, the Immigration Works! It's Who We Are campaign will build public support for our issues by taking advantage of America's traditional reserves of goodwill and the indisputable evidence that immigration is a plus for our nation.

But AILA National staff cannot alone change public opinion. Your advocacy in your communities is essential to producing an improved public climate that can lead to better immigration laws. Your participation in our campaign also will demonstrate the continued recognition of your leadership as an immigration advocate. We believe your active involvement in the *Immigration Works! It's Who We Are* campaign is vital. Here's why:

Others will speak out, even if you do not. Anti-immigrant groups have spread grassroots tentacles across the country and are extremely effective at blaming immigration for many of this



Local leaders depend on you for accurate information. You and your clients provide essential information that local policy-makers, neighborhood activists, and the media can't get anywhere else. Taking the time to recount your clients' stories to your congressional representatives and their staffs, state assemblymen and women, county and city council members, business associations, and activists with influence in your community will put a human face on complicated laws and can create an important network of political allies. Putting the human face on current laws is essential for the media to accurately convey the impact of these laws.



Immigration Works! kick-off on Capitol Hill: (1.-r.) Representative Howard Berman (D-CA), Angela Kelly of the National Immigration Forum, John Gay of the American Hotel and Lodging Association, and Judy Golub, AILA's Senior Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs

You are a leader in your community. When you reach out to other influential members of your community, such as business leaders affiliated with your local Chamber of Commerce or Rotary Club, church and school officials, and

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community activists, you create a strong voice for the protection of your clients while simultaneously building your presence in your area.

- The court of public opinion is often more sympathetic than a court of law. As we all know, the overly harsh 1996 laws and many of the Administration's post-9/11 actions are having tragic consequences. Often, a sympathetic story in the local and national news often has more power to move your case forward than any legal tactic. As you prepare your clients' cases, please alert AILA National Advocacy staff to those cases where the media spotlight may come to your aid.
- active involvement. No matter how hard AILA National works on Capitol Hill or at your state assembly, your representatives want to hear from their constituents most of all. A well-placed op-ed with local examples or a letter to the editor of a local newspaper can make a difference and grant you and your coalition of community leaders valuable face time with your elected officials or the editorial board of your local newspaper.

As a respected member of your community, your outreach to state and local leaders and press is essential if we are to successfully combat efforts that scapegoat and malign immigrants. Your work will help to build the foundation for crafting pro-immigration policies and laws, and will directly impact your clients and your practice.

To help you deliver the message, AILA has created the *Immigration Works! It's Who We Are* campaign tool kit. This tool kit is available on InfoNet and offers information designed to help AILA members be-

come part of this effort, regardless of level of resources or time constraints. "How To" guides are provided on media and grassroots advocacy, including messaging and step-by-step instructions on how to best use your resources to positively impact public and policy-makers' opinions. You also will find helpful information about how to build a grassroots coalition with the institutions and activists in your community to produce a united effort that demands attention. Finally, the tool kit also includes model materials (including a sample resolution) and press materials designed to highlight the campaign.

Also, AILA has developed several different kinds of promotional materials for the campaign that are designed to help you spread the word throughout your community. The T-shirts, buttons, bumper stickers, stationery stickers, coffee mugs, and other items highlight the campaign using the attractive red, white, and blue *Immigration Works! It's Who We Are* logo.

Every little bit helps. If you can only distribute t-shirts and buttons at a local community fair, you will still be working as an advocate for your clients. Remember, AILA's Advocacy staff is always available to provide help. Please contact the AILA Advocacy staff for assistance: Judith Golub, *jgolub@aila.org*, (202) 216-2403; Marshall Fitz, *mfitz@aila.org*, (202) 216-2437; Joanna Carson, *jcarson@aila.org*, (202) 216-2408; John Estrella, *jestrella@aila.org*, (202) 216-2407; Kris Benjamin, *kbenjamin@aila.org*, (202) 216-2417.

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Matt Pedroso, Systems Administrator

Employee of the Month

March 2003



# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN IMMIGRATION

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BALCA	Doc. No.
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—Defunct Employer Leads to Fraud Investigation	
—Employers Are Entitled to Due Process	

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Department of Homeland Security
Interim Rule on Production or Disclosure of Official Info in Connection with Litigation (68 FR 4070) 03032423
Interim Rule Implements EO 12958 (68 FR 4073) 03032422
Transfer of Authority to Administer and Enforce Immigration Laws (68 FR 10922)03030643
Department of Justice
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Announcement of H-2A Adverse Effect Wage	
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Regulation on Admission of B Status Individuals .... 03030440

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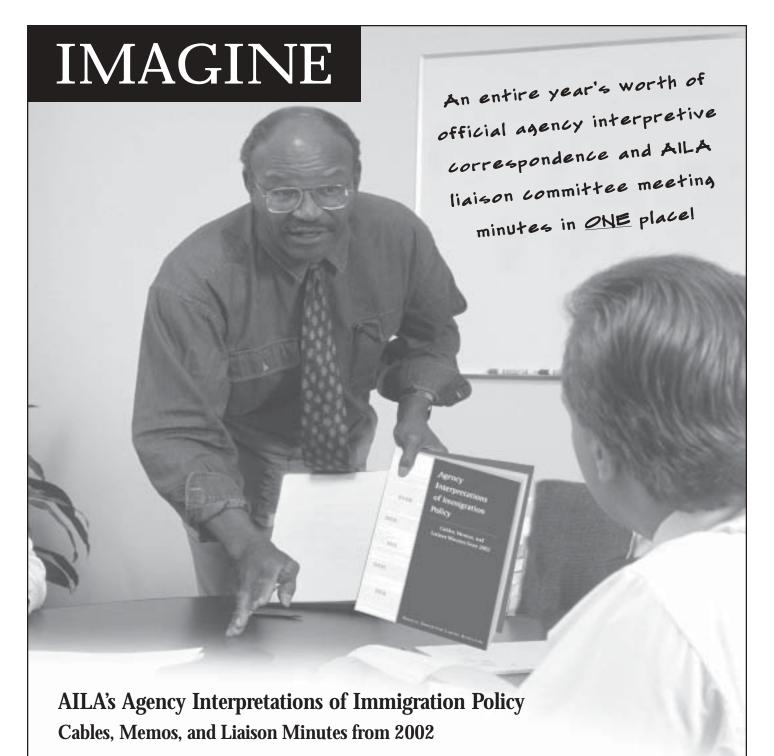
Elimination of Extended Visa Validity Benefits Under Expired IMMACT Provision (68 FR 13727)	
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Final Rule Updating Regulations on Issuance of Replacement Visas (68 FR 13627)	03032029
Waiver of Visa Application and Issuance Fees for B-1 U.N. Observers (68 FR 13627)	03032027

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Notice of Class Action Judgment in	
Barahona-Gomez v. Ashcroft (68 FR 13727)	03032028

Immigration and Naturalization Service Doc. No.
Uruguay Terminated from VWP, Belgium Continued on Provisional Basis (68 FR 10954) 03030740
Enrollment Period of AIS Programs Extended from 1 to 2 Years (68 FR 10143)
INS Will Only Accept Versions of the Form N-400 Dated 5/31/01 or Later (68 FR 9723)
Social Security Administration
Proposed Rule on Restrictions to Issuance of SSNs for Non-Work Purposes (68 FR 14563) 03032641
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EO 13292 Addressing Classified National Security Information (68 FR 15315)
Amended EO 12958 Addresses Classified National Security Information
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BCIS Will Not Waive I-90 Photo Requirements for Religious Objections
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Officers to Deny Concurrently Filed I-485s When Underlying Visa Petition is Denied
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Elimination of Visa Waiver for Certain Permanent Residents of Canada and Bermuda	Department of Justice
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HHS Poverty Guidelines Concerning IVs that Govern IV Affidavits of Support	Former Employees at Consulate in Nuevo Laredo Plead Guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Visa Fraud
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L-2 EAD Applications Misdirected to MSC 03032740	Termination of TPS for of Angolans as of 3/29/03 03030470
NSC Re-Entry Permit Receipts Giving Wrong	BIA Reported to Cut Five Judges
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Premium Processing Program Found to Adversely Impact Processing Time	DOS Inspector General Announces Sentencing of Attorney in Immigration Fraud Case
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Whitley Named General Counsel for DHS	Presidential Letter Accompanying Report on Screening Requirements
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Appointments for BCBP Announced	Immigration Sweeps on Iraqis in U.S
Appointments for BICE Announced	CGFNS to Accept TOEIC and IELTS English Language Exams for Visa Screen
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BICE Announces Removal of 103 Pakistani Nationals to Pakistan	AILF Q&A on "Call-In" Special Registration 02121741



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# Success on the Hill!

ILA's March 27 Lobby Day was the biggest and best yet. More than 130 AILA members visited more than 200 offices to spread the word about the importance of immigration and immigrants. This year, AILA members focused on the following priority issues:

- Immigration and Homeland Security;
- Needed immigration reforms—an earned adjustment, a future flows program for needed workers, and family backlog reduction;
- Due process and civil liberties; and
- the Student Adjustment/DREAM Act.

Because AILA members themselves best convey the importance of Lobby Day to immigration policy and their practices, let's hear from them directly.

66 Why is lobby day important? Since 9/11, the Bush administration has targeted the rights of all citizens but no group has suffered more than immigrants. Since Congress is vested with tremendous power over immigration, it is critical that our voices are heard loud and clear on Capitol Hill. Lobby Day gives AILA lawyers and clients alike the opportunity to make our case, face to face, to those who make the laws.

# David Leopold, Ohio

**66** This year's Lobby Day really showed the importance of keeping our agenda before Congress especially during these difficult times and in a non-election year. I was surprised by how "tuned in" staffers were on issues of INS reorganization into the new Department of Homeland Security and local matters such as special registration (NSEERS). Offices were hungry to hear about our clients and their stories. It was obvious to me that if we aren't there addressing our issues, the restrictionists' voices would be the only ones heard. It was gratifying to meet with Senator Mark Dayton of Minnesota to thank him for his efforts. Our visits with our senator have helped foster his ongoing interest in how national policies affect people in our state. ??

Steve Thal, Minnesota

66 I am a Lobby Day regular because I am convinced that taking my clients' issues to the Hill really makes a difference. My congressional representatives need to know what's happening on the home front and they can best hear it from me, in person. Giving them this information helps them to do their jobs, and how they do their jobs impacts directly on my clients and my practice.

# Greg Boos, Washington State

66 I have participated in Lobby Day for the past four or five years, and it has continued to have special meaning to me. I see it as a partnership with AILA Advocacy when I meet with my representatives and advocate specific issues through case examples. I derive an intense energy from the AILA Advocacy team, as well as an inherent energy from the process.

#### Gloria Goldman, Arizona

**L** My participation in Lobby Day made me realize that I really do have a voice in our government. My meetings with my senators and representatives demonstrated to me the importance of every correspondence and communication they receive from constituents. I never thought that any of my letters to them had any impact or were even read. Well, now I know that they do indeed get read and are considered. I also know now the importance of being both proactive and defensive in putting forth our message. I would encourage any person to visit Capitol Hill and do exactly what I had the opportunity to do. I am really glad I made the trip. During Lobby Day, I felt like a soldier for AILA and for the rights of immigrants. **9** 

# Lucy Lee, Northern California

66 Lobby Day was a truly motivating experience for me. I expected congressional staffers to have little interest in what we had to say with so much going on in the world, but quite the opposite was the case. In all the offices we visited, we engaged in real and substantive dialogue with staffers who shared with us their on-going concerns

and issues about how our immigration system has been working, and will be affected by the new DHS. It was a powerful feeling to be heard in office after office, along with so many other AILA members. I'm definitely going again next year. Even though this was the biggest turnout since AILA Lobby Day began, I hope that next year we'll have twice the number of chapter members participating.

# Cora Tekach, Washington, DC

**L** Traveling each year from Hawaii and participating in Lobby Day allows me to demonstrate my commitment in support of an efficient, balanced, and fair immigration policy for the United States. Our clients often are adversely impacted by well-intended (but flawed or overly burdensome) or restrictive legislation. It is up to us, as an association with professional expertise in how immigration laws are actually implemented, to use legislative advocacy as a means to shape positive change for the good of our clients and our nation's interests, year round, not merely on Lobby Day. Our islands' vibrant racial and cultural diversity, our historical record for respecting civil rights, and our future interests in advancing international educational pursuits, business competitiveness, and prosperity as a special vacation destination and place to live are vivid reminders that the benefits to a positive immigration policy are immeasurable and that 'Immigration Works! It's who we are.' **99** 

# Ruth Oh, Hawaii

The AILA Advocacy staff applauds AILA members who participated in Lobby Day and looks forward to even more members participating in our next Lobby Day.

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# This Year! This Annual Conference!

ou may be asking yourself, "Why should I attend this year's Annual Conference in New Orleans?" Whether you are new to immigration law and are considering attending for the first time, have been practicing for a while but haven't yet been able to attend, or have attended for the past few years, but are undecided on AC 2003, this information is for you. Read on!

Why attend this year? Agencies are changing and laws are forever evolving. The establishment of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has brought about wholesale changes in both the structure of the benefits and enforcement functions of the old INS, and of the visa issuance function of the Department of State (DOS). These changes will significantly impact immigration policy, as well as practice. The Annual Conference will be the first large gathering of key, high-level government representatives from Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS), Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE), and Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (BCBP) who will be prepared to advise on the current state of immigration law. In addition, we expect to have other key government officials at the conference from DOS, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), and Department of Labor (DOL) who will report on the current state of affairs. Furthermore, over 250 immigration law experts—your colleagues—have been invited to serve as faculty members to help you sort through these myriad changes.

# Programs—Something for Everyone! An up-and-coming attorney in the immigration law field can concentrate on the two-day Core Curriculum, which will teach the fundamentals of immigration law. An experienced attorney can chose from among four substantive tracks; many experienced practitioners even attend a session or two from the Core Curriculum as a refresher. A seasoned practitioner can participate in a high level discussion with other veteran practi-

tioners in a new "Masters Track," which is offered on Saturday, June 21.

In addition to the various experience tracks offered, there are different types of classes. As you plan your schedule, we encourage you to try to attend at least one of each of the following—a roundtable discussion, a government open forum, an occupational workshop, an AILA *Link* training session, an AILA InfoNet training session, and an AILA Advocacy session.

See the Latest Products on the Market for Immigration Law Offices and take Advantage of Discounts! If you feel absolutely saturated with information and need to take a break, walk over to the Exhibit Hall. Browse the new products and services available. The Cyber Café will be available for you to check your e-mail back at the office. At the AILA Publications Center, you can peruse our latest releases; at AILA Central you can take a minute to meet AILA staff who can provide membership information, as well as general information. Many vendors offer conference discounts on their products and there are many "giveaways" in the Exhibit Hall throughout the conference. In addition to all the great products and services, AILA is offering, for the first time, extended hours. This year, the Exhibit Hall will remain open until 12:30 pm on Sunday.

**Networking!** One of the hallmarks of the Annual Conference is its numerous networking opportunities. If vendors and emails are of no interest to you, meet with a new friend, or reconnect with longtime colleagues, mentors, or mentees at one of the social events.

For the best networking experience, arrange your travel so that you can attend the Grand Opening Gala on Wednesday. If you are attending for the first time, a New Attendee Orientation is also planned on Wednesday.

If you are unable to arrive in time for the Grand Opening Gala, hopefully you can arrive in time for the President's Reception on

Thursday. The host chapter has organized a Pub Crawl following the President's Reception for those with a desire to experience more of the Big Easy's culture. Tours of New



Orleans are also being offered, and can be reserved by using the Conference Registration Form. Join the American Immigration Law Foundation on Friday evening for its Annual Reception and Dinner, this year honoring Mexican Americans. Cap off a very productive conference with the Saturday Night Party.

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Carol Hobson is AILA's Associate Director of Continuing Legal Education

# Foundation Prepares for A Salute to Mexican Americans!

ave you decided to join us on Friday, June 20, in New Orleans for the American Immigration Law Foundation's gala event? It's not too late, but we have only a limited amount of available seats, so act now to guarantee availability!

# **Honoring Mexican Americans**

Each year, the Foundation selects a different immigrant group to salute at its Annual Benefit. The AILF Board of Trustees has selected Mexican Americans as the fo-

cus of our 2003 event in New Orleans. The subject of much attention, inspired by recent talks between U.S. President George Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox, Mexican American immigrants represent the largest group of new immigrants to our nation. Their contributions to our economy are significant, and their accomplishments are noteworthy. By showcasing the many ben-

efits America receives from Mexican Americans, AILF hopes to demonstrate to decision-makers throughout the nation that we must address the many immigration policy questions affecting this immigrant group.

The gala evening will begin with a reception, which will be followed by a lively dinner and awards ceremony. Honorees include acclaimed writer Sandra Cisneros (author of *The House on Mango Street*, recently interviewed on NBC's Today Show); businessman Enrique Javier Loya, who serves as CEO of Choice Energy in

Texas; and bilingual educator and performer Jose-Luis Orozco (recently identified by the Sun Sentinel as one of the nation's most acclaimed bilingual educators).

Throughout the evening there will be musical and dance performances by the New Orleans based Julio and Cesar Mariachi Band, including a traditional Mexican hat dance.

# **Supporting AILF's Programs**

It is important to remember that AILF is your Foundation! Established in 1987, the



Foundation is a nonprofit, educational, and charitable organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of immigration law and policy, and the value of immigration to American society. AILF prides itself on continuing with its ongoing mission to promote public service and excellence in the practice of immigration law, and to advance fundamental fairness and due process under the law for immigrants.

By purchasing a ticket to the Foundation's 15th Annual Benefit, you will be making a tax-deductible donation that

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lic Education Program, we conduct our teacher curriculum project and manage our immigration history exhibit hall in Washington, D.C.

All these projects are funded through voluntary donations from AILA members like you. These are important initiatives, but not funded through your member dues to AILA. Won't you buy a ticket (or purchase an event sponsor-

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You may purchase individual tickets, available for \$150 each, by completing and returning the AILF Benefit flyer that has been inserted into this month's *Dispatch* mailing. For more information, please contact the Foundation at (202) 742-5600 or via e-mail at *info@ailf.org*.

**Rhiannon C. Jacobsen** is AILF's Program Development Associate.

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Honoree Cornelius "Dick" Scully and Master of Ceremonies Sue Palka



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# YLD Spotlight—Julie Dinnerstein, Public Interest Immigration Attorney

Julie Dinnerstein, an AILA member, is the Director of the Immigration Intervention Project at the Center for Battered Women's Legal Services at Sanctuary for Families in New York City. Sanctuary for Families is an organization that provides crisis intervention, emergency and transitional housing, individual and group counseling, and job readiness and mentoring programs. Its legal center offers legal advice and direct representation, mentors volunteer attorneys, and advocates for legal reform.

The Immigration Intervention Project provides immigration legal assistance to approximately 300 families. Julie mainly handles Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self petitions, battered spouse waiver cases, and asylum cases. In addition to working directly with immigrant families, Julie speaks at trainings and conferences about assisting and protecting immigrants who are victims of domestic violence. She also is responsible for supervising pro bono attorneys, interns, and law students who work with the Immigration Intervention Project. Many of you may be familiar with the generous advice that Julie provides to colleagues on the YLD listserv.

After graduating from Columbia University Law School in 1996, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, Julie clerked at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York for the Honorable Jack B. Weinstein. Following her tenure as a clerk, Julie joined Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York where she practiced securities law as an associate. Julie chose this path after graduation because, like many recent law school graduates, she was uncertain about the exact kind of work she wanted to do and what work would best match her skills.

Securities law, however, was not Julie's true calling. Rather, public interest law—specifically in the areas of immigration and welfare—had always appealed to Julie. In law school, she had developed a strong desire to help disadvantaged individuals.



Julie Dinnerstein

While working at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, Julie had the opportunity to attend a lunch at which attorneys from Sanctuary for Families spoke about pro bono opportunities. When the attorney who held the position that Julie now holds spoke about what she did, Julie realized that the attorney was doing exactly what Julie wanted to do. She took on a few pro bono cases for Sanctuary for Families, and when the opportunity arose, accepted a full time position with the organization.

Julie now has what she considers to be a dream job, with an organization that she believes in. She considers herself fortunate to be able "to do meaningful work every single day."

According to Julie, there are added challenges to working with victims of domestic violence that do not exist in other areas of immigration law. These clients tend to be extremely vulnerable, are generally poor, and speak little English. In addition, victims of domestic violence are often afraid to seek help for fear of being rejected by their community.

One challenging case that Julie is now working on involves a Pakistani mother—a victim of domestic violence—and her four sons, each subject to special registration, who could face removal. The mother has two U.S. citizen parents. Julie is trying to revive an I-130 family-based immigrant petition that was filed by the mother's parents on her behalf in the 1980s. The two younger sons may be able to adjust based on this I-130, but the older of the two turns 21 in May 2003. The oldest son is married to a U.S. citizen, however, there is an issue of whether he committed a crime involving moral turpitude. The fourth son has no clear avenue of relief.

Julie believes that the entire family might qualify for asylum and/or withholding of removal. "This case involves five family members all of whom are differently situated legally and all whom might eventually require different kinds of immigration solutions." Julie continues by saying, "It's a tough case but I am determined to figure out ways to save each and every family member from deportation."

Julie offers the following advice for any young lawyer who wants to begin a career in public interest immigration law. "Intern, volunteer, take on a pro bono case! If you are still in school, intern at immigration nonprofits. If you are not currently employed, volunteer in a nonprofit immigration office. And if you are currently employed in private practice, take on as many pro bono cases as you can (but not more than you can—NOT completing work is much worse than never volunteering to do it). People have to know you and know your work in order to make a decision to hire you."

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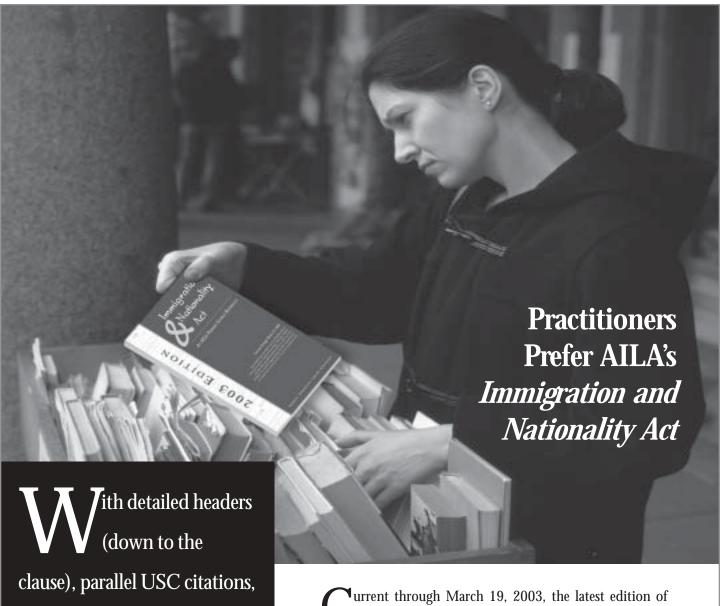
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