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Application

INFORMATION

AILA offers a wide array of information both printed and electronic to keep you up-to-date on the latest changes in the law and regulations so you can safeguard your clients' interests and your practice.

NETWORKING

Problem solve, build referral business and share practice tips with an extensive network of seasoned professionals who are experts in the field of immigration law through 35 local chapters, national and local committees, conferences and online forums.

EDUCATION

AILA provides the most comprehensive CLE programs available in the field of immigration law that are designed to keep you abreast of emerging trends and provide you with valuable insights into practice management.

ADVOCACY

AILA provides sophisticated and persuasive congressional advocacy, media advocacy and liaison with government agencies that produce concrete results during the formulation of affirmative proposals for legislative and regulatory reform.

MEMBER SERVICES

AILA membership is your key to networking opportunities and significant discounts on law publications and conferences. You'll have access to over 8,000 immigration professionals via our Membership Directory. Member programs include professional liability insurance, a credit card processing service, document translation services, and an AILA credit card program.



Application Information

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 who live abroad or whose principal place of business falls outside a chapter jurisdiction (such as Alaska and Montana) become At-Large members and pay national dues only. Chapter membership for At-Large members is optional. Please use the list on this page to determine your proper dues rate.

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:

- 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;
- is licensed to practice law and is a member in good standing of the bar of any state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia or, if not a member of the bar of any state or territory of the United States, (i) is licensed to practice law and is in good standing in a court of the country in which one resides and is engaged in such practice of law; or (ii) 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; and
- if engaged in the practice of law, is so engaged in compliance with the law applicable in every place where the attorney maintains an office for the practice of law.

Burden of Proof and Waiver

Applicants must prove their eligibility to become a member of the association. The Board of Governors may waive membership requirements for certain applicants with the affirmative vote of three fourths of the 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 approval normally takes 30 days, and accepted applicants are notified by the National Office. If the application is not approved, dues are fully refunded. Upon receipt of National Office approval, 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 a full member of AILA. If the local chapter raises an objection, applicant information will be forwarded to Committee for further review.

At-Large applicants must include with their application a current Certificate of Good Standing from their home country's bar association or court. 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. *At-Large members must include their national dues with their application as well as a current Certificate of Good Standing issued by a bar association, court, of like body, in the country where the attorney practices law.* Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes, although a portion of dues payments may be deducted as a business expense. Please consult a tax advisor for information on your specific situation.

Nonprofit Membership

If you are solely employed by a *registered 501C3 and earn less than \$35,000 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 202/216-2400 or via e-mail at membership@aila.org.

National Dues (All dues rates effective through December 2003)

Attorneys admitted to practice for less than 3 years:	\$295
Attorneys admitted to practice for 3 years or more:	\$395

Chapter Dues

Arizona	\$50
Atlanta	\$60
<i>Includes Alabama and Georgia</i>	
California	
Northern California	\$60
San Diego	\$75
Santa Clara Valley	\$75
Southern California	\$75
Canada	\$50
Carolinas	\$50
<i>Includes North Carolina and South Carolina</i>	
Chicago	\$75
Colorado	\$75
Connecticut	\$50
Florida	
Central Florida	\$100
Southern Florida	\$80
Hawaii	\$50
Indiana	\$50
Iowa/Nebraska	\$50
Michigan	\$60
Mid-South	\$65
<i>Includes Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee</i>	
Minnesota/Dakotas	\$50
Missouri/Kansas	\$60
Nevada	\$50
New England	\$70
New Jersey	\$60
New York	
New York City Area	\$75
Upstate New York	\$75
Ohio	\$60
Oregon	\$50
Philadelphia	\$75
<i>Includes Delaware</i>	
Pittsburgh	\$45
<i>Includes West Virginia</i>	
Puerto Rico	\$25
Texas	\$75
<i>Includes New Mexico and Oklahoma</i>	
Utah	\$50
Washington, DC	\$75
<i>Includes Maryland and Virginia</i>	
Washington State	\$50
Wisconsin	\$50

Second Year Dues Credit

Annual dues cover the period January 1 through December 31. New Members whose *nunc pro tunc* admission date is after February 28 will receive a national dues credit for the second year of membership equal to a percentage of the annual national dues paid when joining, as follows:

March 1 to April 30	10% Credit
May 1 to June 30	30% Credit
July 1 to August 31	50% Credit
September 1 to October 31	70% Credit
November 1 to December 31	100% Credit

AILA National Office Address

Send completed application and dues payment to:

American Immigration Lawyers Association
918 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004-1400

Ph: 202/216-2400 Fax: 202/783-7853 Web site: <http://www.aila.org>
or fax with credit card payment to 202/783-7853

Membership Application

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

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

6. Law School Graduate: Year _____
School _____

7. Date of original admission to the Bar:
Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

For AILA Use Only:
Member Number Assigned _____
Chapter _____
Bar (s) Checked _____
Checked By _____ Date Checked _____
Payment Type Check # _____ MC Visa Amex
Amounts Received: National _____ Chapter _____

8. Presently licensed to practice law and a 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 not be processed.

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. Dues: Please review the dues information on the facing page and attach the appropriate payment for total annual dues.
National Dues: _____
Chapter Dues: _____
Total: _____

13. Payment Type: Please make checks payable to AILA. If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the following:
 MasterCard Visa American Express
Card Number _____
Exp. Date _____
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 _____

American Immigration Lawyers Association Programs

Information

AILA's Immigration Law Today – Our flagship publication keeps you abreast of the latest developments in the fast-paced field of immigration law with in-depth coverage of issues that affect your practice.

Publications – As the only legal publisher dedicated solely to immigration issues, AILA has over 25 books, handbooks, and brochures to guide you and your clients through this ever-changing field of law.

AILALink – Our electronic law library on CD-ROM is designed to make legal research faster and more efficient with interactive updates available from our web site.

AILA InfoNet – Our interactive and dynamic web site provides you with up-to-the-minute developments in the field of immigration law. Available exclusively to AILA members, InfoNet allows access to our most valuable resources, and the ability to network with members around the world without having to leave your office. The site also includes an Advocacy Center where you can learn about AILA's legislative efforts and e-mail members of Congress.

Advocacy

Congressional Advocacy – Through experienced staff at the National Office in Washington, DC, we work in support of positive legislative and regulatory initiatives and to defeat restrictive efforts by working with Congress, the Administration and federal agencies. Because the most persuasive and effective advocates are AILA members who are located in the Representative's or Senator's district or state, our advocacy staff is also available to help you to become an effective grassroots advocate.

Media Advocacy – Media Advocacy is essential to promote AILA's agenda with Congress, the Administration, and federal agencies as well as the general public. AILA thus advocates in support of immigration with the media, and develops and disseminates pro-immigration messages. Our advocacy staff is also available to help you become an effective media advocate.

Government Liaison Advocacy – AILA holds regular meetings with agencies, including the INS, the Visa Office of the State Department, the Executive Office of Immigration Review, the Department of Labor, and other regional and local bodies, to obtain information and to advocate to produce concrete results for your clients and their families.

Member Services

Membership Directory – A valuable resource and networking tool, the AILA Membership Directory and Resource Guide provides contact information for over 8,000 immigration law practitioners across the country. In addition, this complete desk reference includes a section on **Federal Office Information**, for your use in communicating with a host of federal agencies.

Legal Translation Services – We offer discounted services to meet your legal translation needs through The Legal Translation Center (LTC). The LTC features fast turnaround and low prices; it supports over 115 languages with 4,000 translators and interpreters on retainer. The LTC can handle any job, including Web sites, birth certificates, on-site interpretation at depositions and hearings, and patent translations.

Credit Card Processing Services – We provide access to credit card processing services through the Discover/Novus Network, which offers competitive processing rates and discounted equipment pricing exclusively to AILA members. You can start accepting major credit cards from your clients right away; it's easy and affordable!

Professional Liability Insurance – We offer the only professional liability insurance plan that is specifically designed for the exposure faced by immigration attorneys. Protect yourself and your practice by taking advantage of this comprehensive, low-cost plan offered to AILA members.

Credit Services – You can carry the nation's premiere Platinum MasterCard featuring some of the most extensive benefits and services available. Enjoy the convenience of MBNA credit services through a low-interest credit card with no annual fee, offered exclusively to AILA members.

AILA's Immigration Lawyer Referral Service (ILRS) – The ILRS is a wonderful opportunity for you to provide a much-needed public service while enhancing your law practice. You can begin receiving client referrals while improving the availability of legal services to those who most need them. Membership in the ILRS is open to attorneys who have been a member of AILA for a minimum of one year.

Continuing Legal Education

Conferences – In addition to providing you information on the law, AILA's conferences are designed with a cutting edge "how to do it" approach to immigration law. Our conferences provide you with unique opportunities to hear from representatives from the various government agencies that regulate immigration.

CLE Credit – You can earn up to 50 hours of CLE credit by attending AILA's conferences.

Special Handling – You will receive up-to-date information on upcoming educational opportunities and have priority registration for all conferences. You can save hundreds of dollars on registration fees for conferences.

Networking – Our conferences not only provide valuable continuing legal education but also excellent networking opportunities with the scores of experienced practitioners who attend.



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