



Why I'm Running for BOG

"Success is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there."

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Dedicated to the Practice of Immigration Law

Constantly working to maintain the highest level of professionalism.

Encouraging and supporting the work of the youngest members of the law profession.

Advocating for Immigration Reform

Advocating nationally and locally for fair, comprehensive and humane immigration laws for our country.

Committed to Creating our AILA Community

Supporting the work of AILA through mentoring, teaching and collaborating

Campaigning in the era of COVID-19

If I had been asked to write my campaign statement 6 weeks ago, it would have been an easy task. I would have told you that my goals were to advance immigration reform and educate our politicians about the importance of comprehensive and fair immigration laws.

I would have told you that the most important thing to me was creating an AILA community where we are all working together to create a successful and powerful association of immigration practitioners from all over the world.

However, as I sit here today-- I would be lying to say that I feel well prepared to pursue those stated goals for this organization. Right now, I feel like I am fighting for survival and making it through each day is a success. My reason for wanting to be re-elected to the BOG is for the sole purpose of doing something good at a time where things are so bad for so many. I have no expertise in disaster preparedness or economic recovery, but I am a warrior and I know that I am strong and will find a way to survive. I am resilient and I started from nothing so I have no fear of having to start again. After almost 30 years of practice in immigration law, I know our community and who I am fighting for. I want to support others who may feel uncertain about what lies ahead. I want to support the work that AILA is already doing. I want to make sure we ALL get through this and that no one feels left behind. I want to call on all my experience for you. #AILAALONETOGETHER