



POLITICAL ASYLUM/IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATION PROJECT
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Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project Gala Celebrates the Work of Pro Bono Attorneys Who Represent Immigrants Seeking Asylum or in Detention

Hundreds of attorneys will be attending the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project's Virtual Gala to honor ten recipients for their outstanding work in supporting non-citizens, including asylum-seekers, individuals in detention, and unaccompanied minors. The event will honor SOAR Management Consulting Group with the Business Leader in Human Rights Award; global firms, including Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP and Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP; and attorneys from Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and WilmerHale, for their unfailing commitment to justice for non-citizen immigrants. The gala will also highlight PAIR's legal work, client stories, keynote Dr. Sima Samar, and a retired partner from Ropes & Gray LLP, an Elite Sponsor of this year's event, who has provided enduring support to PAIR asylum clients for almost 30 years.

WHO: Attorneys who provide pro bono representation with PAIR for indigent non-citizens

WHAT: PAIR Annual Gala Celebration

WHEN: Monday, June 6, 2022, 6:30 p.m. EST

WHERE: <https://www.pairproject.org/2022gala>

PAIR provides free immigration services to indigent asylum-seekers and detained immigrants, assuring fairness and access to justice. PAIR has a caseload of over 1,700 active asylum and detention cases and represents its clients primarily through a large panel of over 1,500 active pro bono attorneys whom PAIR recruits, trains and mentors.

Pro bono attorneys donated over 19,000 hours last year, a value of \$11 million worth in donated legal services in the last year to represent PAIR asylum and detention clients. Law firm partners such as Foley Hoag LLP, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, P.C. and Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP are generously sponsoring the celebration. The awardees are individuals and firms who demonstrated tireless efforts to demand justice for many immigrants so that they can find a safe haven in the U.S. and rebuild their lives.

Awardees include:

Pro Bono Asylum Award: Alison Holdway - Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Pro Bono Detention Award: Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP

Pro Bono Mentor Award: Halim Moris - Moris & O'Shea, LLC

Pro Bono Interpreter Award: Marie Loudior

Pro Bono Law Firm Award: Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

Outstanding Service Award: Andy O'Laughlin, Mikayla Foster, Ambroise Decilap - WilmerHale

Business Leader in Human Rights Award: SOAR Management Consulting Group

Sarah B. Ignatius Award for Justice and Excellence in Law: Linda Piwowarczyk, MD, MPH

With the ongoing pandemic and slow reversal of immigration laws that strip the rights of asylum seekers, PAIR stands by its clients offering high quality legal services to clients by using a pro bono model. PAIR also coordinates community "Know Your Rights" presentations across the state, creating and translating materials, training immigration and connecting volunteer attorneys with community-based nonprofits, churches, health centers and schools to facilitate more presentations. More than 18,000 immigrants have attended PAIR's "Know Your Rights" presentations in the past four years.

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Founded in 1989, the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project is the leading provider of pro bono immigration services to asylum-seekers and immigrants unjustly detained by immigration authorities in Massachusetts. PAIR serves more than 1,700 clients a year and has a successful outcome in 95% of its asylum cases. For more information, go to www.pairproject.org.