



It is an honor to have been nominated to run for a Director's position and to bring my experience to the Board of Governors.

I am from Charleston, South Carolina and have been a sole practitioner for more than 30 years. Prior to starting my immigration practice, I practiced in State and Federal Courts for many years. A large part of my current practice is Removal Defense. The disparity between Federal Court and Immigration Court is reflective of the current Administration's attitude toward immigrants. I firmly believe that, under the current Administration, our best friends are the Federal District Court and Appellate Court Judges. This is where good policy will come from until the administration changes. My Federal and Removal Defense background provides me with the tools needed to be the voice for Federal Litigation on the Board.

I also am experienced in problem solving and finding resolutions in the most impossible of environments, the Southeast – where I have served as the ICE Liaison for the Carolinas Chapter for almost 10 years. My long-standing position as ICE liaison is the result of my ability to build consensus and maintain relationships with ICE officers and agents. These skills in working with ICE in NC and SC led to my being appointed to the National ICE Liaison Committee. *I know how to find solutions that benefit clients and will bring that ability to the Board and members at large.*

Active AILA Member and Volunteer for more than 15 Years

AILA ICE Liaison Committee 2016–present
American Immigration Council Ambassador 2017–present
Fall Conference Planning Committee 2017
Midyear Conference Planning Committees 2017 and 2019
Annual Conference Planning Committee 2016
Carolinas Chapter Chair 2014–2016
Carolinas Chapter Executive Committee 2010–2018

Carolinas Chapter, ICE Liaison 2009–2012 and 2016 to present
Speaker: Annual Conference–2014–2016, 2018; Fall Conference–2017;
Midyear Conference–2017, 2019–2020; Spring Conference–2019–2020; Various Carolinas
Chapter CLE

Endorsed By

Past AILA Presidents

Leslie Holman

Chuck Kuck

Sam Myers

Jack Pinnix

AILA Stars

Peter Ashman, NV, Past Chapter Chair & Past AILF Board of Trustees

Clayton Cartwright, Past Chair, Global Migration Section

Lynn Calder, NC, Past Chapter Chair & Past AILF Board of Trustees

Sui Chung, FL, Past Chapter Chair & Chair, ICE Liaison Committee

Kathy Moccio, MN, Past AILA Board of Governors & Past Chair AILF Board of Trustees

Gayle Oshrin, NY, Past AILA Board of Governors

Paul Parsons, TX, Past AILA Board of Governors

Amy Peck, NE, Past AILA Board of Governors

Helen Tarokic, NC, 2018 Sam Williamson Mentor Award winner

AILA's first priority is support of our members

Many AILA members are struggling now and will likely continue to struggle for some time with keeping their practices afloat as a result of the pandemic. This catastrophe on top of the mental stress of finding winning solutions for our clients in an ever increasingly hostile environment will be fiscally and mentally challenging for attorneys who are also business owners. AILA should continue to support its members by providing timely educational programs and guidance in cost effective formats. I have run a successful small practice for over 30 years. I understand the challenges of running a business during downturns in the economy and stressful times and hope to bring that voice of experience to the Board.

We must remain diligent advocates for the fair and humane treatment of non-citizens

Our members depend on AILA – through liaison efforts and strategic litigation – to challenge the Administration's aggressive and racially motivated policy changes, violations of due process, and sweeping changes of the law by politically based Attorney General decisions. At the same time, AILA must continue to be the leading advocate for Immigration Court reform, the protection of access to counsel and humane treatment of all non-citizens, and the restoration of USCIS's mandate as an immigration benefits service rather than DHS enforcement arm. *AILA is only as strong as each member.* We all must continue to advocate for these goals fortified with the necessary information that AILA provides.

I am humbled to have been nominated to run for a Director position on the Board of Governors and look forward to serving the membership. I would be further honored to have your vote.

**Thank you for your consideration,
Amanda B. Keaveny**



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WILL REPRESENT REMOVAL DEFENSE ON THE BOARD

Federal Court & Removal Defense Experience: Has practiced before the toughest courts in the country in the Southeastern U.S. and knows, first-hand, the critical changes that must be advanced by AILA, chief among them: an independent judiciary. I support an independent Article One immigration courts. Under this administration, our wins will be found in the Federal Courts. Within AILA I am dedicated to strengthening litigation.

WILL BRING CONSENSUS BUILDING SKILLS TO THE BOARD

Experience in Finding Resolutions in Difficult Environments: Forged valuable working relationships with ICE through long-time Liaison positions on both the local and national level, benefitting members even in this difficult climate. I am dedicated to strengthening liaison with the agencies.

WILL PROMOTE SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS

Will continue to advance providing cost effective education and up to date technology advances to provide support for members. I will advocate for AILA to continue to provide effective solutions during these most challenging of times.

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