



ELECT
AMANDA KEAVENY
for
AILA Board of Governors

AILA's first priority is support of our members

AILA Members are able to provide the best legal services when we are aware of up to date Government policy changes and effective solutions. To help our members stay informed and meet the demands of practicing in an ever-changing and negative environment, AILA must continue to offer and expand timely educational programs and guidance in cost effective formats. The Administration's abusive actions will be best challenged when immigration attorneys are practicing and making good law.

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 will bring my experience to work for the Board

I am from Charleston, South Carolina and have been a sole practitioner for 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 we must advocate strongly for Immigration Courts to be converted to Article 1 Courts. My Federal and Removal Defense background provides me with the tools needed to be the voice for Immigration Court reform 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 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; Spring Conference-2019; Various Carolinas Chapter CLEs

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 honored to have your vote.

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