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## 2016-2017 Member Benefits Information Sheet

### Summary of Benefits

Thank you for your participation and membership in the National Immigration Project. Our membership year runs from **July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017**, and does not pro-rate. As a member, you are entitled to:

1. **Technical assistance** from our nationally recognized legal experts
2. **Subscription to dynamic listservs** on a wide range of immigration-related issues
3. **Discounts on Seminars and Publications**, including *Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook*, NIPNLG publications, and our CLE seminars
4. **Complimentary access to the [Immigration Advocates Network \(IAN\)](#)**, an online network of resource libraries, podcasts, and webinars
5. An opportunity to list your practice on our [Find Attorney web-pages](#), for an additional contribution -- a high-traffic directory on our public website
6. An opportunity to join the **Accountability Litigation Mentoring Program**, and be matched with experienced accountability litigation attorneys from NIPNLG and the National Police Accountability Project (NPAP) of the National Lawyers Guild
7. **Listing in the National Immigration Project's Membership Directory**, a resource for networking with other progressive immigration law practitioners
8. Special discounted rates on [National Lawyers Guild](#) membership

Please consider [becoming a Sponsor](#) of the National Immigration Project. Sponsors are valuable friends who play a leadership role in sustaining NIPNLG's immigrant rights work. In addition to the above benefits, Sponsors (@ \$400, \$600, \$1200+/year) receive:

- **A complimentary listing** on the National Immigration Project's [Find Attorney webpage](#) of our public website
- **Extension of your member benefits (including Technical Assistance and Listserv privileges), to up to 2-5 additional individuals** of your choosing (for \$600 and \$1,200 Sponsors only, respectively).

**If you would like to create a tailored Sponsorship package** for you or your firm, or to make a tax-deductible donation to the National Immigration Project, please contact [Pamela Goldstein](#), Director of Development and Communications: **617-227-9727 x5**, [pamela@nipnlg.org](mailto:pamela@nipnlg.org).

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

- ***Membership Dues are deductible as a business expense.***
- ***Contributions to the National Immigration Project are tax-deductible.***

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## Detailed Description of Benefits

### 1. Technical Assistance:

As a member, you are entitled to receive technical assistance from one of our legal experts. Below each practitioner's name is a list of their areas of expertise about which to address your questions. Technical assistance requests are answered as expediently as possible, although during busy periods, a longer period of time may be required to respond.

The preferred method for requesting Technical Assistance from NIPNLG's legal staff is [via email](#). **Please state "Member Question" in the Subject Line** of your email. If you contact us by telephone, please identify yourself as a current member.

- **[Dan Kesselbrenner](#), Executive Director: [dan@nipnlg.org](mailto:dan@nipnlg.org) 617-227-9727 x2**
  - Immigration consequences of criminal convictions
  - Post-conviction relief
  - Deportation and removal defense
  - Enforcement issues
  - Deferred Action Programs
- **[Paromita Shah](#), Associate Director: [paromita@nipnlg.org](mailto:paromita@nipnlg.org) 617-227-9727 x1**
  - Deferred Action Programs
  - Enforcement issues
  - Bond and detention
  - Gang-related issues
  - Immigrant rights and response to enforcement
- **[Trina Realmuto](#), Litigation Director: [trina@nipnlg.org](mailto:trina@nipnlg.org) 617-227-9727 x8**
  - Federal court litigation
  - Government accountability
  - Deportation and removal defense
  - Political rights of noncitizens
- **[Sejal Zota](#), Legal Director: [sejal@nipnlg.org](mailto:sejal@nipnlg.org) 617-227-9727 x108**
  - Immigration consequences of criminal convictions
  - *Padilla* issues and post-conviction relief
  - Deportation and removal defense
  - Deferred Action Programs re: crimes
- **[Kristin Mcleod-Ball](#), Litigation Attorney: [kristin@nipnlg.org](mailto:kristin@nipnlg.org) 617-227-9727 x101**
  - Motions to reopen
  - Equitable tolling
  - Access to counsel
  - Due process issues in removal proceedings
- **["Julie" Yihong Mao](#), Enforcement Fellow: [julie@nipnlg.org](mailto:julie@nipnlg.org) 617-227-9727 x6**
  - Civil Rights
  - Enforcement
  - Deportation Defense
  - Grassroots Campaign Support

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## National Immigration Project Listservs

**WHAT:** As a member, you are entitled to join any of the National Immigration Project's immigration-related listservs, which provide a forum for our members to discuss legal questions, receive up-to-date information on legal developments, circulate briefs and advisories, celebrate victories, discuss challenges, exchange support, announce seminars, and more.

**HOW:** To subscribe, please [email Ana Manigat for listserv subscription](#).

Due to enhanced security at yahoogroups, our listserv host, we are no longer able to add members directly. Instead you will receive an **invitation link** from yahoogroups, to which you **MUST** respond, in order to complete your subscription.

### LISTSERVS facilitated, moderated, or supported by NIPNLG:

1. **National Immigration Project Membership Listserv:** An interactive discussion space for questions and issues pertaining to all aspects of immigration law casework. This listserv is exclusive to National Immigration Project Members. To post messages to this listserv, use [Nationalimmigrationproject@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Nationalimmigrationproject@yahoogroups.com).
2. **Criminal and Immigration Listserv:** A vibrant discussion of all issues pertaining to the intersection of immigration and criminal law. This listserv is exclusive to National Immigration Project Members. To post messages to this listserv, use [Crimimm@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Crimimm@yahoogroups.com).
3. **Battered Immigrants Listserv ("VAWA Updates"):** Co-administered by the National Immigration Project and ASISTA, this is a non-interactive list that distributes timely updates on VAWA and other relief for immigrant survivors of domestic violence.
4. **Mental Competency in Immigration Proceedings Listserv:** Co-administered by NIPNLG members/NIPNLG, this is a collaborative discussion space for issues pertaining to noncitizens with mental competency issues, including litigation, rights protection, emerging legal developments, and country conditions resources. This list is exclusive to those who represent noncitizens including attorneys, accredited representatives, and legal workers. To join this listserv please [use this link](#).

## 2. Discounts on Publications and Seminars

Members are eligible for discounts on all NIPNLG [Continuing Legal Education \(CLE\) seminars](#) offered nationwide, on [Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook](#) and on other NIPNLG publications, including Dan Kesselbrenner and Lory Rosenberg's treatise, [Immigration Law and Crimes](#). To request your Kurzban discount, please [email Pamela Goldstein with the subject line: "Seeking Kurzban Discount."](#)

## 3. Complimentary access to the Immigration Advocates Network (IAN).

[Immigration Advocates Network/IAN](#) is an online network of resource libraries, podcasts, and webinars that supports advocates working on behalf of immigrant rights. This valuable resource is only available to non-profit attorneys and advocates, and to NIPNLG members. [CLICK HERE to register](#) and indicate that you are a current NIPNLG member.

## 5. Online Referral/Find Attorney page

For an additional contribution of \$120, NIPNLG members may publicize their legal practice on the National Immigration Project's [Find Attorney](#) webpages, a high-traffic area of our public website, organized by state, and including your areas of specialization.

## 6. Accountability Litigation Mentoring Program

The Accountability Litigation Mentoring Program supports members seeking to litigate damages actions to redress immigration-related law enforcement misconduct. Under this program, experienced accountability litigation attorneys from NIPNLG and the National Police Accountability Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NPAP) are matched, based on whether they wish to refer the case entirely, co-counsel the case, or simply have an attorney mentor. To enroll, please contact [Trina Realmuto](#) at [trina@nipnl.org](mailto:trina@nipnl.org).

## 7. Listing in the National Immigration Project's Membership Directory

Available online to members only, this compendium of NIPNLG members is a great way to network with other progressive immigration law practitioners in your area, and contact those with special expertise relevant to your practice. Information includes contact information for all members, areas of specialization, years in practice, and more.

## 8. National Lawyers Guild membership

NIPNLG members are eligible to become NEW/first time members of the [National Lawyers Guild \(NLG\)](#) at a discounted rate of \$50.00, thereafter paying only the NLG sliding scale or local chapter rate. To join NLG, please [click here](#), indicate that you are a current NIPNLG member, and include your member record number in your correspondence.

*Membership dues provide essential fuel for NIPNLG's work for immigrant rights.  
If we may be of further assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.  
Marking our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year in 2016, we look forward to continuing to  
work together with you for fairness and justice under the law for all.*

