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Celebrate our 45th
Anniversary Year!
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and join the club.

May 5, 2016

Dear friend,

Each year at the annual AILA (American Immigration Lawyers Association) convention, the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG) honors a member of our community who has made outstanding contributions to the cause of immigrant justice.

Marking its 45th Anniversary year in 2016, NIPNLG is proud to announce this years' honoree:

Debbie Smith

"Debbie is a much-loved attorney, advocate, and former NIPNLG board chair. She has been a principled advocate, mentor, and litigator for decades. We couldn't be happier to honor her on the occasion of NIPNLG's 45th Anniversary Year."

- Dan Kesselbrenner, Executive Director

Please help us honor this tireless member of our community by placing a congratulatory message in the commemorative Program Book being produced in her honor for the occasion – **DEADLINE is June 3, 2015**:

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| • Outside Back Cover (5" x 8") | \$3,000 |
| • Inside Back Cover (5" x 8") | \$2,500 |
| • Full-page (5" x 8") | \$1,200 |
| • Half page (5" x 3¾") | \$600 |
| • 1/4-page (3¾" x 2½" or 5" x 2") | \$400 |
| • 1/8-page (2½" x 2") | \$250 |
| • Name listed (no message): | \$150 |

All proceeds benefit the [National Immigration Project](#), a tax-deductible non-profit organization that links savvy litigation in the courts to grassroots immigrant community organizing on the ground. The result is a vibrant community of advocates who care passionately about immigrant rights.

A reception in Debbie's honor will take place at the annual convention of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) on:

Friday, June 24, 2016
5:00pm - 6:30pm
Condesa 5-6, Level 2
Conference Center at Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas
Las Vegas, NV

There is no fee to attend the reception. Even if you are unable to attend, however, please join us in congratulating Debbie on her important work by taking out an ad in the commemorative Program Book.

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Additional information about Debbie Smith:



Debbie Smith is an Associate General Counsel at the headquarters of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) where she is the immigration counsel for the International Union. She works on immigration issues impacting SEIU's 400,000 immigrant members. Debbie has specialized in immigration law during her more than 30 years of practice in the non-profit, private, and public sectors. Prior to working at SEIU, Debbie was a senior attorney at Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), a staff attorney at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco, a partner at the immigration law firm Simmons & Ungar, the national coordinator of the landmark *American Baptist Churches v. Thornburgh* ("ABC") class action settlement, which made it possible for hundreds of thousands of Central Americans fleeing violence to obtain permanent residency in the U.S.; and a staff attorney at the International Institute of the East Bay. She is also a former board member and co-chair of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild.

To place your congratulatory message in honor of Debbie Smith, please contact:

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(617) 227-9727 x5

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Kesselbrenner', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Kesselbrenner
Executive Director

p.s. Your support helps organizations like NIPNLG press for needed changes in immigration law and policy. Your program ad in honor of Debbie Smith helps recognize an outstanding member of our community, while making a valuable tax-deductible contribution to further the work of NIPNLG.

p.p.s. [Please feel free to use the attached fillable \[PDF\]](#) for your Ad. Reminder, deadline is **June 3rd**. Thank you.