



2006 Joint Conference

Advancing Justice & Empowering the Community

Washington, D.C.

Friday, March 31, 2006

5:00 pm	Registration
6:30 pm	Salatul Maghrib
6:50 pm	Opening Reception

Saturday, April 1, 2006

8:00 am	Registration
9:00 am	Welcoming Remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Farhana Khera, Executive Director, NAML ★ Susan Karamanian, Associate Dean for International and Comparative Legal Studies, George Washington University Law School ★ Kay Hodge, Chair, American Bar Assn. Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession
9:15 am	Plenary Session I: Racial and Religious Profiling: Its Definition & Legality in a Post-September 11th World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ David Harris, Professor of Law, University of Toledo College of the Law ★ Daniel Sutherland, Officer for Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security ★ Robert Wilkins, Partner, Venable, LLP, Washington, D.C. ★ Angela Arboleda, Associate Director for Criminal Justice Policy, National Council of La Raza
10:45 am	Networking Break
11:00 am	Plenary Session II: Domestic Surveillance: The Law and Its Impact on American Muslims and Muslim Institutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Kate Martin, Director, Center for National Security Studies ★ Khurram Wahid, Partner, Wahid, Vizcaino & Maher, LLP ★ Jameel Jaffer, National Litigation Department, American Civil Liberties Union
12:30 pm	Break and Salatul Dhuhr
1:00 pm	Working Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Table #1: Islamic Law, A Special Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Dr. Umar Farooq Abd-Allah, Chairman and Scholar in Residence, Nawawi Foundation ★ Intisar Rabb, PhD Candidate, Islamic Jurisprudence, Princeton University Discussion Table #2: Making it to Partner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ LaDale George, Partner, Foley and Lardner, Chicago, Illinois ★ Shahzad Malik, Partner, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, Los Angeles, California Discussion Table #3: How to Build a Local Muslim Bar Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Mazen Asbahi, Senior Associate, Goldberg Kohn, Chicago, Illinois ★ Shirin Sinnar, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area

Discussion Table #4: Basic Training: Practical Advice in Making The Right Impression as a Summer/First Year Associate

- ★ **Umbreen Bhatti**, Associate, Latham & Watkins, Washington, D.C.
- ★ **Sobia Haque**, Associate, Crowell and Morning, Washington, D.C.
- ★ **Faiyaz Hussain**, Associate, Grant Thornton, Chicago, IL

Discussion Table #5: Charity Without Fear

- ★ **Chip Poncy**, Director of the Office of Strategic Policy for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes at the U.S. Department of the Treasury
- ★ **Aimen Mir**, Associate, Wilmer Hale, Washington, D.C.
- ★ **Amit Sharma**, Senior Advisor in the Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crime in the U.S. Department of the Treasury

2:00 pm

Parallel Session I

Topic A: From NSEERS to Being Ensnared at the Border: Immigration and Border Security Issues Facing the Muslim American Community

- ★ **Moushumi Khan**, Khan Law Offices, New York, New York
- ★ **Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia**, Senior Policy Associate/Counsel, National Immigration Forum
- ★ **Rebekah Tosado**, Director for Internal Audit, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Topic B: Upholding Religious Freedom, Ensuring the Right Remains

- ★ **Kevin Seamus Hasson**, Founder & Chairman, The Becket Fund for Religious Freedom
- ★ **Jeremy Gunn**, Director of Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief, American Civil Liberties Union
- ★ **Eric Treene**, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division

Topic C: Using the Degree to be Heard, to Bring Peace

- ★ **Jolynn Shoemaker**, Director, Women in International Security, Georgetown University
- ★ **Aminah Assilmi**, Director, International Union of Muslim Women
- ★ **Mariam Nawabi**, Alliance for Justice

Topic D: Overcoming the Big Whisper: How Your Deen Works for You, Not Against You, in the Workplace

- ★ **Merve Kavakci**, Former Member of Turkish Parliament; Lecturer, Elliott School of International Affairs
- ★ **Arsalan Iftikhar**, National Legal Director, Council on American Islamic Relations

3:15 pm

3:30 pm

Networking Break

Parallel Session II

Topic A: When the FBI Knocks: How to Represent Your Client in Federal Law Encounters and Educate the Community About Its Rights

- ★ **Nina Ginsberg**, Partner, DiMuro & Ginsberg, Washington, D.C.
- ★ **Sean Maher**, Partner, Wahid, Vizcaino & Maher, New York, New York
- ★ **Marwa Elzankaly**, Associate, McManis, Faulkner & Morgan, San Jose, California

Topic B: Good Corporate Governance & Anti-Terror Financing Enforcement: How to Navigate the Post-9/11 Environment & Advise Muslim Nonprofit Organizations

- ★ **Danish Hamid**, Associate, Winston & Strawn, Washington, D.C.
- ★ **Abby Levine**, Counsel, Alliance for Justice
- ★ **Chip Poncy**, Director of Strategic Policy, Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- ★ **Amit Sharma**, Senior Advisor in the Office of Terrorist Financing and Financial Crime in the U.S. Department of the Treasury
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4:30 pm
6:30 pm

Topic C: Identifying and Litigating Religion Based Employment Discrimination Cases

- ★ **Harsimran Kaur Dang**, Of Counsel, The Sikh Coalition; Associate, Wiggins, Childs, Quinn & Pantazis
- ★ **Omar Mohammedi**, The Law Firm of Omar T. Mohammedi
- ★ **Peggy R. Mastroianni**, Associate Legal Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Topic D: "Your Honor, May It Please The Court....": Working in the Area That Best Suits Your Interests

- ★ **Asad Ba-Yunus**, Associate, Fertig & Gramling, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- ★ **Ayesha Najam**, First Year Associate, Gibbs & Bruns, Houston, Texas

Networking Break and Salat ul Asr

Salatul Maghrib and Banquet at Marriott at Metro Center

- ★ **Keynote Speaker:** Hauwa Ibrahim, joint winner of the 2005 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, the European Parliament's top human rights award. Ms. Ibrahim is a Nigerian human rights lawyer who is currently at Yale as a World Fellow.

Sunday, April 2, 2006

ALERT: Daylight Savings Time, please advance your watches by one hour!

9:00 am

Parallel Session III

Topic A: Understanding the Tools of the Trade: Successful Legal & Policy Advocacy Models

- ★ **Wendy Patten**, Director, Research & Program Development, American Bar Association CEELI
- ★ **Jameel Jaffer**, National Litigation Department, American Civil Liberties Union
- ★ **Patty First**, Principal, The Raben Group
- ★ **Shirin Sinnar**, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area

Topic B: From the Law Office to Public Office: Crossing the Threshold

- ★ **His Excellency, Ambassador Feisal Al-Istrabadi**, Iraqi Ambassador to the UN
- ★ **Siobhan Murphy**, Judicial Candidate for Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois; Partner, Mora, Baugh, Waitzman & Unger, Chicago, Illinois

Topic C: Islamic Law: Understanding the Universal Maxims of Islamic Law as a Bridge to Modernity and the Role of Usul a-Fiqh

- ★ **Dr. Umar Farooq Abd-Allah**, Chairman and Scholar in Residence, Nawawi Foundation
- ★ **Dr. Yusuf Kavakci**, Resident Scholar, Islamic Assn. of North Texas and Scholar in Islamic Jurisprudence

Topic D: The Law, Ethics and Islam

- ★ **Engy Abdelkader**, Immigration & Human Rights Lawyer, New Jersey
- ★ **Ferah Shea, Esq.**, Paloma Systems, Inc.

10:30 am

Networking Break

10:45 am

Final Plenary Session: Empowering the American Muslim Voice

- ★ **Chaumtoli Huq**, Senior Staff Attorney, MFY Legal Services, New York, New York
- ★ **Arsalan Iftikhar**, National Legal Director, Council on American Islamic Relations
- ★ **Edina Lekovic**, National Communications Director, Muslim Political Action Committee

12:00 pm

Closing Remarks

- ★ **Hosted by** George Washington University Law School Muslim Law Students Association
- ★ **Co-sponsored by** Muslim Advocates and the Capital Area Muslim Bar Association