Honoring
DEBBIE
SMITH

A Reception and Benefit hosted by the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild

June 24, 2016 - Las Vegas, NV
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Annual AILA Convention
Las Vegas, NV
5:00 - 6:30 pm

PROGRAM
5:00 pm  Reception
5:45 pm  Introduction and Tribute
6:00 pm  Award Presentation

National Immigration Project

For 45 years, the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG) has relentlessly pursued justice and equality in all areas of immigration law, the criminal justice system, and in social policies related to immigration.

We now invite you to help fuel our future.

Announcing the NIP450 Club

Gifts of $450.00 to the NIP450 Club are acts of hope in the future of our immigrant rights movement. Moreover, the NIP450 Club enables members and friends to affirm the value of NIPNLG’s work in their lives, and to help secure its work advancing immigrant rights for the future.

Through determination and your generosity, NIPNLG will be well-equipped to serve our struggle on behalf of the most marginalized of noncitizens for the decades to come.

Go to nipnlg.org/450 and join the club.
Debbie Smith has been a lawyer and advocate representing immigrants and refugees for more than 30 years. She has represented scores of individual clients before the INS, USCIS, in Immigration Court and before the BIA, as well as successfully arguing significant cases in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. She authored a leading guide on immigration waivers, has trained hundreds of lawyers and legal workers throughout the country, and helped lead the amicus strategy in the Supreme Court for *United States v. Texas* to defend DAPA and DACA.

Debbie is currently Associate Counsel at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) international headquarters in Washington DC, where she is the immigration counsel for the Union, advancing the interests of SEIU’s 400,000 immigrant members. Before joining SEIU, Debbie was a senior attorney at Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), where she advised lawyers and legal workers throughout the country; a staff attorney at the Ninth Circuit responsible for a wide range of matters, including immigration appeals; and a partner at the San Francisco immigration law firm of Simmons & Ungar, representing clients in deportation defense, family, and business immigration law.

Debbie served as the national class monitor in the landmark *American Baptist Churches v. Thornburgh* (“ABC”) class action settlement, representing more than 500,000 Central Americans refugees who fled violence and human rights abuses in the 1980s, to enforce their rights under the settlement. After working as a labor organizer, she graduated from law school and started representing immigrants at the non-profit International Institute of the East Bay.

Debbie is a former co-chair and long-time board member of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild. She is devoted to her husband, twin sons, and daughter-in-law.
NIPNLG thanks the following individuals for supporting this reception in honor of Debbie Smith:

- Fran Bernstein
- Carole Joffe
- Susan Schreiber
- Bill Tamayo

Your kind spirit has guided so many of us over the years — Un Millón de Gracias, Debbie!

~Maria Baldini, Potermin

We are proud to support our long-time ally,
National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild
and salute
Debbie Smith
for her innovative and tireless work on behalf of immigrant communities!
To Debbie:
Congratulations!
With tremendous respect and gratitude,
Deborah Anker
Nancy Kelly
John Willshire Carrera

Dear Debbie,
Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition!
Your friends,
Martha and Charles

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Who else would
send me a NASA helmet for graduation?
take on The Miami Herald?
marry Lucas?

NOBODY DOES IT
LIKE DEBBIE.

Magda and Ira
With love.
Thank you, Debbie, for all of your creativity, dedication and hard work on behalf of immigrants and refugees. Congratulations and love from your friends at Maggio-Kattar!
Congratulations, Debbie Smith!

We are grateful to you and to our friends at The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild for your leadership and many years of camaraderie in the fight for immigrant communities and civil liberties.

Go Debbie. You’re the best!

Don Ungar and Susan Romer

Congratulations/ Felicitaciones for your unwavering dedication to immigrants’ rights!

Barbara Hines, Austin, Texas
Javier Maldonado
Law Offices of Javier Maldonado
San Antonio, Texas
Mom/Debbie:

Your love, generosity, empathy, commitment, and devotion to justice inspire us every day. We love you so much, and are always inspired by your tireless dedication to making the world a better place.

~ Lucas, Ben, Nick & Ye-Hui

Debbie,

Congratulations on this great honor! Your commitment to giving voice and humanity to immigrants is inspiring.

You carry on the legacy of our parents’ activism and commitment to social justice and human rights.

We love you and are so proud of you!

~ Ruth, Patrick and Benay

You were inspired by immigrants who arrived on the SS Madonna and you are an inspiration to those who place service, justice and humanity as highest callings.

Our times together are a treasured combination of laughter, amity, insight, and sweetness. For us, you will always be the cherry on the “alamin.”

Love,

Mike, Darlyn, Barbara, Earl, Jenna, Shana, Lowell, Caitlin and Ryan
Congratulations Debbie!

You are a fearless advocate, a brilliant lawyer, and an incredibly generous, wise, and supportive friend!

We dedicate Bertolt Brecht’s words to you, as we celebrate your contributions to the movement:

There are those who struggle for a day and they are good.
There are those who struggle for a year and they are better.
There are those who struggle for many years, and they are better still.
But there are those who struggle all their lives; they are the indispensable ones.

With much love,
Karen Musalo and Richard Boswell
Congratulations
Debbie, you are
an inspiration!
~ Kathy Moccio

Debbie,
Thank you for your boundless compassion, your life-long commitment to social justice, your analytical rigor, and, most of all, your friendship.

Sarah Ignatius
Dan Kesselbrenner
Joel Ignatius Kesselbrenner

Congratulations and love from
Debbie’s Book Group!

Congratulations Debbie!
A dvocates like you make us proud

Gloria and Mo Goldman
Congratulations to Debbie Smith!

So many have benefitted from your work and commitment.

From all your friends and colleagues at Altshuler Berzon LLP.

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An Honor greatly deserved.
Congratulations from your former partners at Simmons & Ungar LLP
Terry Helbush, Terry Bright, and Michael Ungar

So well deserved! We're proud to be your friends.

Love, Nancy and Miriam and Rick

With admiration and congratulations from your North Carolina family for recognition of your values, lifelong devotion to fairness, and unsung achievements.

Love,
Maria, Rod, Christoph, Cathy, Amelia & Erika

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On Display at Ozment Law – Einstein Speaks to Us About Refugees

In 1937-38, it was virtually impossible for Jews to be admitted to the United States. In November, 1938, Nazi storm troopers stormed German streets during the Kristallnacht, breaking windows and plundering 267 Jewish synagogues as well as 7500 Jewish-owned businesses so that shards of glass covered all German streets. But Jews could not be admitted because the 1924 Immigration Act had been passed by Congress in a high fever of xenophobia and the annual number of visas available to German-Austrian immigrants was limited to 27,370, which created a years-long waiting list. It took a special plea from Albert Einstein to get his niece admitted to legal status in the United States.

The war continues against refugee admissions into the United States today, especially refugees from Syria. [Tennessee recently passed a law making it illegal for Syrian refugees to be relocated within the State.] Currently, only 2500 Syrian refugees have been admitted to the U.S. since 2011 when the Syrian civil war started. Since 2013, the UNHCR has referred approximately 23,000 Syrian refugees to the U.S. for “resettlement consideration”, and 67% of these are women and children; but the U.S. cannot admit more than 10,000/fiscal year under current law. America hasn’t come very far in 80 years.

This historical display greets visitors beside the entry door to the Ozment Law reception room. This tribute to Albert Einstein is meant to remind us of the important contributions all immigrants have made to America. It features a signed copy of Einstein’s Out of My Later Years.

The same display also contains an original letter signed on October 31, 1938 by Einstein on the letterhead of Princeton’s Institute of Advanced Study. Written in his native German, Einstein is asking the INS to admit to the United States his niece, Ursula Einstein, for whom he had

Ozment Law Would like to Congratulate NIPNLG’s 2016 Lawyer of the Year Honoree DEBBIE SMITH

The immigrant community needs more patriots like Debbie who speak up and take action for the poor and defenseless among us. Her relentless pursuit of “justice for all people” aligns with our own. And we proudly join her in the fight. Thank you Debbie for all you do.

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Debbie,
You truly deserve this recognition and honor.
~Lynne and Alan

The Board of Directors of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild

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Maria E. Andrade
Maria Baldini-Potermelin
Rex Chen
Javier N. Maldonado
Rebecca Sharpless
Stacy Tolchin
Marc Van Der Hout

Thank you, Debbie, for your years of work and service, both as a member of NIPNLG, and as former board chair.
CONGRATULATIONS, DEBBIE!

For so many years, Debbie led the effort to ensure that Guatemalans and Salvadorans received asylum, and the processes to which they were entitled under the ABC settlement.

Lifelong friendships and love, from our many hours working on ABC together,

Patty Blum
Jim Garrett
Lucas Guttentag
Dan Kesselbrenner
Kathi Pugh
Marc Van der Hout
Ellen Yaroshefsky
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AND
THE SEIU LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Is Proud to Honor and Congratulate
Debbie Smith, Esq.

For Her Vision, Passion, and Unwavering Commitment to
achieve immigration reform for families. Her tireless work on
behalf of the immigration fight is truly an inspiration.

Gracias por tu servicio y dedicación impresionante para
mejorar el futuro y lograr justicia para todas las familias.
Tu lema es nuestra lema: ¡Juntos, podemos!

Thank you for your outstanding service and
commitment to ensuring a better future
and justice for all families.

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