

ALLY BOLOUR

Attorney Profile

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EDUCATION

Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, California

Juris Doctor: May 1996

Dean's List: Fall/Spring 1993/94

American Jurisprudence Award: Constitutional Law II

Exceptional Achievement Award: Immigration Law

Sorbonne Institute on International & Comparative Law, Paris, France

Summer 1994

California State University, Fresno, California

Master of Business Administration, May 1990

California State University, Fresno, California

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, May 1984

EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Ally Bolour, Los Angeles, California

Sole Practitioner (Fall 1998 – Present); Practice exclusively dedicated to Immigration Law – Business and Family Immigration, Asylum and Refugee Matters;

Escandari, Bolour & Jansezian, Beverly Hills, California

Partner (Fall 1996 – Fall 1998); Practice exclusively dedicated to Immigration Law – Business and Family Immigration, Asylum and Refugee Matters;

Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen and Loewy, P.C., Los Angeles, California

Law Clerk (Spring 1996); Preparation of H, L, O, and E visas and labor certificate petitions; researched legal issues; assisted in preparation of appellate briefs for the 9th Circuit and the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California

Volunteer Intern (Spring 1996); Assisted Neils Frenzen, Esq. in representation of aliens in deportation proceedings.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

California State Bar; **Admitted**: December 1996

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA);

- Gay and Lesbian Interest Section;

- Congressional Liaison – DC Lobby Day - for Southern California, 2003-2007;

American Immigration Law Foundation (AILF) – Los Angeles Ambassador, 2007-Present;

Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association;

Los Angeles County Bar Association;

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC)

- Board Member 2004 – Present;

- Co-Chair Member of the Board – 2007-2009.

Immigration Equality, Los Angeles Chapter, Board Member 2000-2001;

Beverly Hills Bar Association, Immigration Law Section, Co-Chair 1999-2000;

Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, Volunteer Attorney 2000 – Present;

HIV & AIDS Legal Services Alliance (HALSA), Volunteer Attorney 1999 – Present;

Human Rights Campaign (HRC);

Equality California (EQCA);

AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA);

HOMAN (LGBT Iranian group based in Los Angeles);

LANGUAGES

Fluent Farsi (Persian)

GUEST SPEAKER AT VARIOUS CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS, INCLUDING:

- **PILSBURY WINTHROP – Making a Case for Asylum for GLBT – Los Angeles, CA - April 2001**
- **HARVARD UNIVERSITY LGBT POLICY AND LAW CONFERENCE – Asylum Options for GLBT - Cambridge, MA – May 2004**
- **AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION – California Chapters Conference – Business and H-1B Visa Options – San Francisco, CA - November 2004**
- **IMMIGRATION EQUALITY – Issues Facing Bi-National Couples – Los Angeles, CA – November 2004**
- **NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROJECT – Asylum Options for GLBT – San Diego, CA – May 2005**
- **LAVENDAR LAW CONFERENCE – Asylum Options for GLBT – San Diego, CA – October 2005**
- **AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION – California Chapters Conference – Asylum Options for GLBT – Palm Springs, CA - November 2005**
- **GRAND HYATT, Dubai, U.A.E. – Obtaining a Green Card through Million Dollar Investment in the United States – March 2007**
- **AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION – Annual Conference – Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions – Orlando, FL – June 2007**