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Dear Annie,

It's hard to believe that summer is already here at AAI!

We've been busy over the past 3 months with our annual Advancing Justice Conference in D.C. and formalizing our working partnership with our national affiliates (Asian American Justice Center, Asian Law Caucus, and Asian Pacific American Legal Center). We proudly graduated leaders from our CRCL (Catalyst for Responsive and Civic Leadership) program and kicked off our IFP (Impact Fellows Program) with fifteen energetic young people. Back in May, AAI helped organize the May 1st Immigration Reform March and was featured in ABC7's Asian Influences special. We would also like to thank all of you who supported us and attended our annual Milestone Awards Benefit dinner in April.

Please join us at our 6th Annual Asian American Leadership Forum on October 1-2. This great learning opportunity will offer training on Asian American issues as well as leadership and professional skills to all members of the community, from college students and new entrants to experts in the corporate, small business, non-profit, governmental, and academic sectors. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,

Tuyet Le  
Executive Director

**Asian American Center for Advancing Justice**

**Leading Asian American Civil Rights Organizations Announce New Shared Brand at the 2010 Advancing Justice Conference**



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Four leading Asian American civil rights organizations announced during their annual conference on Thursday, June 24, 2010 that they are formally affiliating under a new name, Asian American Center for Advancing Justice... [Read More](#).

**National Advancing Justice Conference 2010**

**National Advancing Justice Conference Builds Knowledge and Power**



At this year's Advancing Justice Conference in June, participants expanded their network and skills by taking advantage of all that the conference had to offer, including 21 workshops and 11 issue briefing sessions... [Read More](#).

**Legal Advocacy News**

**AAI Featured on ABC7 Chicago Program on "Influencing Change"**

**Leadership News**

**AAI Welcomes Fifteen Impact Fellows**



In June, AAI welcomed fifteen Fellows into our Impact Fellows Program (IFP). Now in its fourth year, IFP seeks to develop the next generation of leaders for the Asian American community. This year's fellows come from various backgrounds, interests, educational attainment, and career paths... [Read More](#).

**AAI Panel Sheds Light on State Budget Crisis and Honors Board Leadership Graduates**

On May 13th, AAI's Catalyst for a Responsive Civic Leadership (CRCL) Program hosted a roundtable on the topic of the state budget crisis at the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago... [Read More](#).

**Save the Date: Asian American Leadership Forum (AALF) 2010 (October 1st & 2nd at the Illinois Institute of Technology)**

The Asian American Leadership Forum (AALF) is an interactive, people-focused learning opportunity that is subsidized by community resources and sponsors to bring value and accessibility to all members of the community, from college students and new entrants to experts in the corporate, small business, non-profit, governmental, and academic sectors... [Read More](#).

**Community Organizing News**

**AAI Continues the Push for**



AAI was recently featured on ABC7's 2010 edition of its Emmy Award-winning program Asian Influences, titled "Influencing Change," which explored how Chicago's pan-Asian American community is striving to accomplish social change... [Read More](#).

#### AAI Gains Media Coverage on Asian American Redistricting

AAI and our community partners were actively involved in the Illinois state redistricting reform efforts that took place in the spring of 2010. Though none of the reform efforts were ultimately successful, AAIs continued advocacy on behalf of Asian Americans brought much-needed attention to the needs of our community and the fragmentation of our neighborhoods... [Read More](#).

#### AAI Seeks Stories from Asian American Business Owners

As part of our affirmative action advocacy efforts, AAI has been collecting stories from Asian American business owners about discrimination that they have faced. Asian Americans continue to experience unfair treatment, and it is important to document these occurrences.

If you are interested in learning more about the project or if you have a story you'd like to share about discrimination faced as a business owner, please contact Jen Chen, AAIs Legal Fellow at [jchen@aaichicago.org](mailto:jchen@aaichicago.org).

#### Thank you to our Legal Advocacy Program Volunteers

AAI would like to thank Francesca Celestre (Student at Northwestern University School of Law) and Laurie Monahan (Student at Loyola University Chicago School of Law) for their valuable contribution to AAIs voting rights work.

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#### Immigration Reform



On May 1, 2010, AAI participated in Chicago's May Day March for families and immigrant rights with over 20 community members, including AAI Milestone 2010 awardee Tiza Burke, who shared her story of the painful separation from her sister for over 20 years, at the rally in Daley Plaza... [Read More](#).

#### 2010 Milestone Awards Benefit

#### AAI's 2010 Milestone Awards Benefit Dinner Reaches New Heights



The 18th Annual Milestone Dinner held on Thursday, April 29 was a great success! AAI would like to thank our sponsors, the Board of Directors, host committee members, volunteers, and attendees for making this possible. Over 300 guests attended and helped raise an unprecedented \$80,000. These generous contributions are especially appreciated during the current economic climate... [Read More](#).

#### AAI Job Opportunities

#### AAI Seeks Full-Time Policy Director

AAI is seeking a full-time Policy Director to lead and manage strategic policy development and advocacy... [Read More](#).

#### AAI Seeks Legal Fellows for Judge Sandra R. Otaka Legal Fellowship

AAI is pleased to host the Judge Sandra R. Otaka Legal Fellowship, which is dedicated to protecting the voting rights of the Asian American community. The fellowship is established in honor of the late Judge Sandra R. Otaka, a founding member of AAI, who was the first Asian American to be appointed to the bench by the Illinois Supreme Court and the first Asian American to be elected a judge in Cook County... [Read More](#).

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