Honoring
Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia

June 23, 2017 ~ New Orleans, LA

A reception and benefit hosted by the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild
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A Benefit for the National Immigration Project
of the National Lawyers Guild

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Annual AILA Convention
New Orleans, LA
5:00 - 6:30 pm

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

About the National Immigration Project
of the National Lawyers Guild

For over 45 years, the National Immigration Project of
the National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG) has provided support to
legal practitioners, immigrant communities, and all advocates
seeking to advance the rights of noncitizens. Through litigation,
advocacy, training, technical assistance, and direct support to
immigrant community organizations, NIPNLG promotes justice
and equality in all areas of immigration law, the criminal justice
system, and in social policies related to immigration.

The National Immigration Project thrives upon a
foundation of roughly 1,500 members nationwide, whose
support and participation are integral to our success. Thank you
for joining tonight’s reception. Please consider becoming
a member of NIPNLG (or renewing) today. Please note that
our Membership Year runs from July 1st to June 30th annually,
so now is the perfect time to join or renew!

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About Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia
National Immigration Project
2017 Honoree

Professor Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia is an immigration law expert whose research focuses on the role of prosecutorial discretion in immigration law and the intersection of race, national security, and immigration. One of the nation’s leading scholars on the role of prosecutorial discretion in immigration law, her scholarship has served as a foundation for scholars, advocates, and government officials seeking to understand or design a strong prosecutorial discretion policy. Her book, Beyond Deportation: The Role of Prosecutorial Discretion in Immigration Cases, published by NYU Press, was awarded a 2017 Honorable Mention by the Eric Hoffer Book Awards.

At Penn State Law, Wadhia teaches doctrinal courses in immigration and asylum and refugee law. She is also the founder/director of the Center for Immigrants’ Rights Clinic, where law students work on a wide range of immigration matters, from educating university, faith, and immigrant communities in the local municipality, to providing legal support in individual cases of immigrants challenging deportation (removal). The Clinic has been instrumental in responding to immigration issues since the recent Presidential Election.

Wadhia has appeared widely on national television and radio, including MSNBC and CSPAN, and has been quoted or featured by numerous publications, including The Hill, National Law Journal, New York Times Magazine, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and Associated Press.

Prior to joining Penn State, Professor Wadhia was deputy director for legal affairs at the National Immigration Forum in Washington, D.C. She has been honored by the Dept. of Homeland Security’s Office for Inspector General and Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and in 2003, she was Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. She began her legal career as an associate with Maggio Kattar, P.C. in Washington, D.C., where she handled asylum, deportation, and employment-based immigration benefits matters. She is an active, longtime supporter and member of the National Immigration Project.

When Dan called me about the award, I was first shocked and then had a flashback to my first phone call to Dan circa 1998 when my boss, Michael Maggio, suggested I call Dan after I questioned whether my client’s case was in fact an aggravated felony as charged. That phone call was an early love story with the National Immigration Project.

There have been many stories since. I grew up with the Project — first as a law student, and later as an attorney and advocate, and now teacher. The NIPNLG staff and members are a constant source of inspiration for brilliance, authenticity, and friendship.

I am truly honored and humbled to receive this award.
NIPNLG thanks the following individuals for supporting this reception in honor of Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia

Maurice Belanger
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Congratulations Shoba!

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Congratulations Shoba!
Thanks for all your dedicated work over the years!

Marc Van Der Hout | Zachary Nightingale | Stacey Gartland
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Christine Brigagliano, of counsel

San Francisco    vblaw.com    Palo Alto
Shoba will terminate & dismantle you.
Your admiring minions,
Joanne & Greg

Shoba-
We are grateful to you for inspiring generations of young lawyers with your true war stories. In your clinic, they learn about battles you’ve waged, and gain practice to wage their own. Thank you for championing immigrant rights!
Fondly,
Atessa Chehrazi & Karl Krooth

Thank you, Shoba.
Your scholarship, training, and support help us to be better advocates for our clients.

~ Warmly, Vera ~

Weisz Immigration Law Group
510 West 6th Street Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA
The American Bar Association Commission on Immigration congratulates Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia on her honor of distinction!

Shoba served the Commission from 2010-2014, and was a thoughtful and energetic presence. She always made her clinic and students at Penn State Law available to support the Commission’s work. Shoba set herself apart by being active and engaged, while leading projects on mental health, prosecutorial discretion, and FOIA-related matters. Shoba inspires others to action with her infectious energy and enthusiasm. She constantly motivates the next generation of immigration specialists through her clinical work.

We salute you, Shoba!

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Congratulations Shoba!

~Your friends at The Chicago Bar Foundation

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Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia
The attorneys of Maggio+Kattar congratulate you Shoba on this well deserved recognition for your remarkable work to advance the rule of law, and protect the most vulnerable immigrants. You are a leader and an inspiration to many – from your students, to your peers, and to many of us, your former colleagues!

We are grateful to you for your many contributions - past, present and future!

Shoba, Thank you for your important contributions and congratulations on the well earned recognition.

Kathy Moccio

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Congratulations to Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia
Thank you for your leadership in championing the rights of immigrant families
Dear Shoba,

Thank you for your amazing work on behalf of immigrants and congratulations on receiving this National Immigration Project award. We are deeply appreciative of your support for the National Immigration Project's important work, and your mentorship of young attorneys who will lead the fight for immigrants' rights.

Congratulations!
Debbie Smith & Lucas Guttentag

Congratulations,
Professor Wadhia, on this well-deserved honor, from your colleagues and students at Penn State Law!
Congratulations on your magnificent achievement, you make us proud!
Wishing you success and happiness in all that you do!

- Hemal, Devyani & Neelesh

Congratulations Shoba! From your friends at the American Immigration Council

Congratulations, Shoba! We are grateful for your hard work and everything you do in the immigration field.

--Margaret Stock and the team at Cascadia cross-border law

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Congratulations, Shoba!
Your research and advocacy continue to be inspirational
to your students and those battling in the courts of
justice and public opinion.

Maria, Lisa, and Ivonne
Maria Baldini-Potermin & Associates, P.C.
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Congratulations Shoba!
At this time in history we need
your intellect, perseverance
and passion for justice more
than ever!
Karen Musalo & Richard A. Boswell

Shobi-
We are intensely proud of your work ethic and how you serve others.

With all of our love,
Mom, Dad, Mini, Lathu, Jason, and Hari

Your friends in Texas -
Barbara Hines, Denise Gilman and Eliisa Steglich
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Congratulations Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia!

Beyond Deportation: The Role of Prosecutorial Discretion in Immigration Cases is now available in paperback!

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“With Beyond Deportation, Wadhia has managed to combine meticulous research, scholarly rigor, easy readability, and an intense human compassion in highlighting one of the most volatile issues of our time.”

—Stephen Legomsky, Washington University in St. Louis
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Supreme Court updates in Crim-imm
Strategies to challenge your client’s ongoing detention in light of “Jennings v. Rodriguez”
Advanced issues in motions to suppress and terminate
Strategies to obtain discovery in removal proceedings
Challenging reinstatement of removal and expedited removal
The role of movement lawyering in the Era of Trump

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Congratulations, Shoba!

Well deserved.

Thank you for your dedication, tenacity, creativity, energy and excellent legal work on behalf of immigrants and the legal community.

Your legal scholarship, articles and toolkits have advanced the practice and we all have benefited from your work.

Many Thanks!

Best,
Denyse Sabagh, esq.
Duane Morris LLP
Anne Frank reminds us of the tragic consequences of turning away refugees

On display now at OZMENT LAW

This display case contains the First American edition of Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank’s autobiography, published in 1952. Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Anne and her family moved to Amsterdam when the Nazis overtook Germany. As Jewish persecutions increased in July 1942, the family went into hiding in a “secret annex” behind a bookcase in the building where Anne’s father, Otto, worked. Anne kept a diary she had received as a birthday present until her capture by the Gestapo in August 1944. Anne’s diary explains how, cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. Anne and her sister, Margot, were transferred to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany, where Anne died in February 1945. After the war, Otto Frank (the family’s sole survivor) returned to Amsterdam to find that Anne’s diary had been saved by one of the helpers, Miep Gies. His efforts led to its first Dutch publication in 1947. It has been translated into 60 languages since. The same display also contains an original letter signed by Otto Frank providing advice on a play based on Anne Frank’s diary.

One of the little-known tragedies of the Anne Frank story is that, according to The New York Times (Feb. 14, 2007), Otto Frank attempted to obtain entry for his family and himself as refugees to the United States in May 1941, by writing to a college friend, Nathan Straus, Jr., the head of the U.S. Housing Authority, a friend of Eleanor Roosevelt and the son of a Macy’s co-owner. He said: “I am forced to look out for emigration and as far as I can see U.S.A. is the only country we could go to.” But even with powerful connections, Frank and countless other Nazi-persecuted Europeans could not overcome the U.S. State Department’s restrictions against refugees. Frank’s application was denied, resulting in the death of his daughter, Anne, who has been called “the most famous girl of the 20th century.”

Muslim refugees, singled out because they are Muslim, are being treated the same way today by the Trump Administration. How many “Anne Franks” are being slaughtered today because of this inhumanity being mindlessly displayed by the United States?

We are proud to stand with NIPNLG honoree Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia and our NIPNLG colleagues in demanding justice for immigrant and refugee communities in the Trump era.

OZMENT LAW proudly congratulates

NIPNLG’s 2017 Honoree

SHOBA SIVAPRASAD WADHIA

Now more than ever, the immigrant and refugee community needs fearless and thoughtful advocates like Professor Wadhia to 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 inspires us to never back down and never give up, despite seemingly overwhelming odds. And we proudly join her in the fight. Thank you, Shoba, for all you do!