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HONORING LINUS CHAN

Online Reception and Happy Hour

JULY 22, 2020 | 6:00pm (CT)

to benefit 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
July 22, 2020
7:00-8:00PM (EDT)
Online Reception & Happy Hour
2020 AILA Virtual Annual Conference on Immigration Law

TONIGHT’S PROGRAM INCLUDES
Music from Duo Wayta
Linus’ students, colleagues, family, and friends
video by Emily Fitzgerald
Ched Nin & Jenny Srey, #FreeMN8 Campaign
Moses Hung-Wai Chan
Physicist and Evan Pugh Professor, Penn State University
Deepinder Mayell
Executive Director, James H. Binger Center for New Americans
Award Presentation

About the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG)
NIPNLG is a national leader in the struggle for immigrant rights. Your partnership enables us to pursue cutting-edge litigation while providing technical training and support to immigration law practitioners, community-based organizations, and other advocates for immigrant rights. For nearly 50 years, NIPNLG has promoted justice and equality in all areas of immigration law and the criminal legal system, especially when immigrants and communities of color are under attack.

This evening we celebrate resistance!
YOU are a critical part of the struggle. Thank you for joining us this evening to honor longtime member and champion for justice, Linus Chan. Today you join NIPNLG’s roughly 1,500 dues-paying members nationwide and numerous individual and institutional donors, in seeking dignity, respect, and justice for immigrants.

We invite you to become a member or supporter of NIPNLG! - or join our mailing list to stay in touch. For more info, please visit us at: www.nipnlg.org or @nipnlg

Onward for another 50!
Linus Chan is an immigration attorney and advocate who has spent years defending detained immigrants in removal proceedings. Most recently, Linus was instrumental to the inclusion of immigration in the Minnesota Freedom Fund, a criminal bail and immigration bond fund. MFF believes in a society that does not condition pretrial freedom on class or identity, that has ended mass incarceration, and that invests in restorative and transformative justice.

Linus’ involvement with MFF was driven by deep frustration with a legal system that harms his clients and communities. In 2017, Linus also successfully represented one of the MN8 (eight Cambodian American men from Minnesota who were detained by ICE), staving off the government’s attempt to deport his client.

Linus Chan is an associate professor of clinical law and director of the Detainee Rights Clinic at the University of Minnesota Law School’s James H. Binger Center for New Americans. He also teaches in the area at the intersection of criminal and immigration law.
In Linus’ Words

Minnesota Freedom Fund (MFF) was started by a graduate student, Simon Cecil, who got a $10,000 grant to start paying bail out of Hennepin County for those who couldn’t afford it. I invited Simon to lunch and pitched the idea that we could also start paying ICE bonds and, to his credit - and to all the folks that have been part of MFF - they all saw the larger mission: No one should be caged for being poor.

My work with MFF has been in part a reaction to the frustrations with the limitations of the justice system and the institutions that harm my clients and our communities. At times, the only thing that seemed to matter was money, and so it was money that we used to free people.

I remember well my first National Immigration Project meeting at the very start of my legal career. I hadn’t been exposed to the National Immigration Project or National Lawyers Guild for that matter in law school, but I remember walking around the NLG convention and having my eyes open to the fact that it was possible to be both radical and a lawyer. This now may seem like a strange revelation, but it was absolutely a ‘change my career/life’ moment.

NIPNLG continued to play an important role in my career, from being able to call Dan Kesselbrenner and talk for literal hours about a potential angle on a case, to using its practice advisories as teaching tools, to their current litigation to free people from detention, which is close to my heart.

“...it was possible to be both radical and a lawyer.”

-Linus Chan, NIPNLG 2020 Member Honoree
Congratulations to Linus Chan and to NIPNLG for all that you do in the defense of civil rights and on behalf of all immigrants.

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NIPNLG thanks the following individuals for their generous support of tonight's Happy Hour & Reception in honor of Linus Chan

Michah Chan
Kate Evans
The HRDP Immigration Court Observers ("Cheers for Linus!!")
The Iowa-Nebraska AILA Chapter
Jerome Kroll
Tim Warden-Hertz
ThaoMee Xiong
The University of Minnesota Law School Clinics and the James H. Binger Center for New Americans are proud to claim and to honor Linus Chan as our teacher, colleague and counsel.

Congratulations, Linus! We love you!

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A TRIBUTE TO MASTER CHAN

Linus Chan is a master clinician and an avid Star Wars fan. When his students graduate from the clinic, they leave as Jedi for Justice. As a Jedi for Justice, Linus knows that “knowledge stagnates without the strength to act.”

Ben Casper Sanchez: Faculty Director and Director of the Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic at the James H. Binger Center for New Americans, University of Minnesota Law School (BCNA).

Everyone deserves a life in which they can be safe and thrive. I intend to be the person fighting for that life.

Kimberly Medina: 2019-2020 Student Director, Detainee Rights Clinic, BCNA

...If we lose, to learn from the loss and also use that loss to be a better advocate on the next case. Linus also reminded us to keep the big picture in mind.

Kerry McGuire: Attorney, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, 2016 Student Director, Detainee Rights Clinic, BCNA

You cannot be a good Jedi without placing your trust in the force. This is the same in client advocacy – you cannot be an effective advocate unless you develop mutual trust with your clients. Linus is a master at developing trust.

Jesse Goldfarb: Attorney, Nilan, Johnson, Lewis PA, 2017-2018 Student Director, Detainee Rights Clinic, BCNA

I love the idea of Linus as a Jedi. But there’s one snag for me—Jedi are supposed to keep emotion out of things, and Linus taught us the importance of using the heart as well as the head.

Alicia Granse: Assistant Public Defender, Hennepin County, Minnesota, 2018-2019 Student Director, Detainee Rights Clinic, BCNA

Linus taught me to not back down from aggressive litigation from the government, and to stand firm in front of a hostile judge or circuit court panel and demand they respect my client and the rule of law.

John Bruning: Attorney, Advocates for Human Rights, 2016-2017 Student Director, Detainee Rights Clinic, BCNA
As is the Jedi way, he taught me a great deal about the valuable combination of compassion, patience, and courage. Compassion came easy for me. I always felt for our detained immigration clients, and I desperately wanted to save them from deportation. I especially wanted to keep families together. But Linus showed me that raw passion alone is not enough.

**Rajin Singh Olson:** Attorney, Robins Kaplan LLP, 2016-2017 Student Director, Detainee Rights Clinic, BCNA

The Jedi follow a greater philosophy that no matter how difficult the challenge, protecting people matters, especially those who have no one to protect them.

**Nick Kaylor:** Attorney, Law Firm of Miller, O’Brien, Jensen, P.A., 2018-2019 Student Director, Detainee Rights Clinic, BCNA

The feeling of winning in immigration court, getting a client, who has been in detention for months on end, released is amazing. Thank you Linus for providing us with the opportunity to be able to genuinely help someone who needed us at that time.

**Sara Halimah:** 2019-2020 Student Director Detainee Rights Clinic, BCNA

Every day I strive to follow this example and motivate myself by a desire for each client to receive the best representation possible.

**Brent Johnson:** Attorney, Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Program 2016-2017 Student Director, Detainee Rights Clinic, BCNA

It is our job to stare unflinchingly in the face of the injustices carried out by our immigration system. And most importantly, it is our duty to show our clients that their poise, determination, and grace under unimaginable circumstances will never be ignored. As we each embark on our own individual legal careers, we know that we are well-prepared to follow in the footsteps of the Master Jedi for Justice himself: Linus Chan.

**Eduardo Castro:** 2019-2020 Student Director Detainee Rights Clinic, BCNA
Congratulations Linus on this Well Deserved Award
AILA Minnesota–Dakotas Chapter
The Minnesota Freedom Fund raises our glass to you, Linus! Thank you for sharing the fire that burns in you with MFF.

You are a tireless champion for those who thought they had no one in their corner. As an opponent against the country’s ever creeping neo-fascism, you continue to lead by example.

Alongside your vital coordinating roles in events like the Fall Freedom Day, it’s your day-in-day-out work of giving immigrants and their families hope that we hold up.

You’ve held titles - Vice President and Treasurer - with MFF, but you never even asked for a title when you worked as a volunteer - you just did the work, and got our neighbors free.

Here’s to the fire we all know and love. Here’s to you, Linus <3
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In fond memory of our NIJC days together

Sarah D., Mary Meg M., Sherizaan M., Hillary R.,
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Sarah Rose W., Eleni WR., Keren Z.
Linus
We celebrate your devotion to the human rights and personal freedoms of immigrants, and your commitment to teach future generations of immigration lawyers.

SPS Immigration PLLC
congratulates
Linus Chan
on his outstanding contributions to Immigrant Justice.
Your dedication inspires us all!

Congratulations, Linus!
Thank you to the National Immigration Project for your commitment to justice and for your partnership.
--Your friends at the American Immigration Council
CONGRATULATIONS, LINUS

JUDY HO
Linus! Well deserved.
Thank you for your hard work and commitment to fighting unjust systems.

With congratulations and best wishes
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Congratulations Linus
We are very proud of all the good troubles you have gotten into

Love,
Emily, Faraday, Mary Ellen, Charley, Jessica and Moses
Congratulations Linus

Julia Toro

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Congratulations, Linus!

We thank you for sowing seeds of justice and wish you every success on behalf of immigrant justice.

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