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## **IRISH INTERNATIONAL IMMIGRANT CENTER AWARDED FOR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

*The American Immigration Lawyers Association honored the IIC the national AILA Diversity and Inclusion Recognition Award Ceremony*

**Boston, MA-** On Friday June 20th, the Irish International Immigrant Center (IIC) received the American Immigration Lawyers Association's (AILA) Diversity and Inclusion Award. The Diversity and Inclusion Award is an acknowledgement bestowed upon an individual and/or entities in the immigration field that have promoted diversity and inclusion excellence.

The IIC is honored to be recognized for the critical legal aid that they provide within the immigrant community, supporting more than 3,500 immigrant families annually from over 125 countries. The IIC's Immigration Legal Services provides free and low-cost representation, consultation, and forms assistance to low income immigrants and refugees who live across Massachusetts.

Executive Director Ronnie Millar shares, "It is an honor for the Irish international Immigrant Center to be recognized nationally by AILA for our inclusive approach in welcoming and supporting immigrant families of all nations. The IIC believes in the old Irish proverb "Ní neart go cur le chéile" which translates as "together we are stronger". In our books, to be Irish is to be inclusive, caring and an upstander for human rights and social justice. We are very grateful for this award."

The Award was presented at a ceremony during the AILA Annual Conference on Immigration Law in Orlando, Florida. The IIC's Director of Immigration Services, Anthony Marino, traveled to Florida to represent the Center at the conference. Marino reflected on the ceremony saying, "I was grateful to receive this recognition on behalf of the organization. We are thankful to AILA for their leadership and steadfast commitment to disadvantaged immigrant populations, particularly at this challenging time for families across the country."

**About the Irish International Immigrant Center (IIC):** The IIC is a nonprofit founded in 1989. The IIC empowers immigrants and refugees from more than 120 countries by providing

the critical legal, wellness and educational support they need to build successful lives. Building on Irish roots of welcoming others and social justice, the IIC helps newcomers find community and stands up for immigration policies that are humane and just. America is a nation of immigrants, and despite the current political climate, the IIC is proud to continue the tradition of welcoming immigrants to this country and working together to create a better future for all. To learn more about the IIC, please visit our website at [www.iiicenter.org](http://www.iiicenter.org).

**About the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA):** The American Immigration Lawyers Association is the national association of immigration lawyers established to promote justice, advocate for fair and reasonable immigration law and policy, advance the quality of immigration and nationality law and practice, and enhance the professional development of its members. To learn more about the AILA, visit their website at [www.aila.org](http://www.aila.org)

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