Advancing Justice - Atlanta to host Press Conference introducing expanded legal department

Legal department ready to defend immigrants rights

Atlanta, GA, September 18, 2017 — Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta will hold a press conference at 10:00AM on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the Doraville Civic Center to discuss the expansion of its legal department and how it plans to fight back against the current anti-immigrant climate.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta’s legal team stands ready to fight for the community as leaders and lawmakers continue to engage in rhetoric that scapegoats immigrants and push anti-immigrant policies at the state and national level. While Advancing Justice-Atlanta has for the past few years offered affordable immigration services to low-income clients, Advancing Justice-Atlanta is now broadening the scope of its ability to protect and promote the rights of immigrants and refugees by adding a litigation director to its legal department. With this addition, Advancing Justice-Atlanta will now be able to use the tool of litigation to provide redress to community members whose rights are violated and to advocate for a more equitable legal environment for all immigrants and refugees.

The capacity of Advancing Justice-Atlanta’s direct legal services department has also recently grown. Advancing Justice-Atlanta currently has two direct services attorneys and two Department of Justice-accredited representatives on staff. The direct legal services team offers low-cost sliding scale direct immigration services in Urdu, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Korean to low-income immigrants and is a trustworthy alternative to unauthorized practitioners or notarios.

"We are thrilled to be able to serve our communities not only by expanding the direct legal services we can provide to immigrant communities but also by challenging discriminatory laws or policies in court," said Stephanie Cho, Executive Director of Advancing Justice-Atlanta.

WHAT: Press Conference to discuss expanded legal department  
WHEN: Thursday, September 21th, 10:00 am to 11:00 am  
WHERE: Doraville Civic Center, (3770 Central Ave. Doraville GA, 30340)

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About Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC) is the first non-profit law center dedicated to Asian immigrants and refugees (“Asian Americans”) in the Southeast.

Our goal is to engage, educate and empower under-represented Asian Americans to greater civic participation.

We are one of five independent organizations that make up the national Asian Americans Advancing Justice. Together with our affiliates in Chicago, DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco, we bring more than 100 years of collective experience in addressing the civil rights issues faced by Asian Americans and other vulnerable and underserved communities. Visit www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org.