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IABA is one of the largest minority bar associations in the country. Help us by joining or renewing your membership.

 **Upcoming
Chapter Events**

1. January 27, 2010 (Orange County): MCLE

Presentation: Substance Abuse Primer - Prevention, Detection and Treatment

2. February 4, 2010 (Washington, D.C.): Pro Bono Legal Clinic

3. February 5, 2010 (Northern California): Third Annual Dinner with Judge James Ware and Judge Susan Etezadi

4. February 6, 2010 (San Diego): Annual Fundraising Dinner for IABA Scholarship

5. February 11, 2010 (Los Angeles): Networking Mixer & Census 2010 Town Hall Meeting

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ELECTIONS FOR IABA NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In March 2010, the Iranian American Bar Association (IABA) will be conducting its annual elections to vote in next year's National Board of Directors. In past years, distinguished members of the Iranian-American legal community have served as IABA officers and members of the IABA's Board of Directors and have upheld the highest level of professional integrity and excellence. In this past year alone, the National Board of Directors sponsored and/or facilitated numerous networking opportunities for IABA members and enabled both attorney and student members to contribute toward the advancement of the Iranian-American community at large.

Building on the IABA's achievements to date, and ensuring its continued growth as well as success in meeting the challenges ahead will first and foremost depend on your active involvement as members. We therefore encourage you to seriously consider running for the Board of Directors and look forward to your full participation in IABA's upcoming Membership Meeting.

This year there are several Board positions available. Chapter elections for two (2) year terms will occur in Northern California, Chicago, New York, and San Diego. There are also three at-large Board positions available for interested candidates, and one student director position for law students. At-large Board seats and the student director position are for a term of one (1) year. In order to be eligible to run for the Board of Directors, you must be an official IABA member in good standing.

If you are interested in running as a candidate for the 2010 Board of Directors, please contact Nema Milaninia by emailing him at nmilaninia@iaba.us no later than Friday February 28, 2010.

**LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN BARRETT REGARDING
STEP ACT**

On January 13, 2010, the IABA along with partner organizations submitted a letter to Congressman Gresham J. Barrett regarding the "Stop Terrorists Entry Program Act of 2010." The letter expressed concern that the proposed legislation "risks not only alienating our country from itself, but also deepening anti-American sentiment around the world. While couched in terms of security, STEP makes America less secure while simultaneously undermining the values upon which this nation stands." A full copy of the letter can be found on [IABA's website](#).



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LOS ANGELES CHAPTER HOSTS TOWNHALL MEETING WITH IRANIAN-AMERICAN CENSUS COALITION

On February 19, 2010, the Los Angeles Chapter of the IABA will be hosting a town hall meeting and networking mixer to further educate the Iranian-American community about the importance of the 2010 U.S. Census. The event, hosted in coordination with members of the Iranian American 2010 Census Coalition, will feature U.S. Census Regional Director, James Christy, and John Tehranian, Professor of Law at Chapman University School of Law.

Questions or Comments? We'd love to hear from you!

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