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1. September 1, 2009 (San Diego): Lecture hosted by Dr. Pardis Sabeti
2. September 9, 2009 (Northern California): IABA Celebration of Diversity Mixer with Honorable Susan Etezadi
3. September 25, 2009 (Northern California): "Return to School - To Teach" panel discussion
4. September 25, 2009 (Houston): CLE on the Intersection of Islamic Law and Texas Family Law
5. September 25, 2009 (Northern California): Event with Human Rights Watch on Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Iran
6. October 11, 2009 (Northern California): Battle Over Persepolis Antiquities Panel Discussion

IABA Co-Sponsors Event on the Persepolis Fortification Archive

On October 11, 2009, the Friends of the Persepolis Fortification Archive Project will be hosting an event at the Four Seasons Hotel in East Palo Alto on the Persepolis Antiquities currently subject to legal dispute in Massachusetts and Illinois.

On March 4th, 1933, archaeologists from the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute who were excavating the ruined palaces of Pârsa (Persepolis) found tens of thousands of clay tablets and fragments, detailing the administrative archives of ancient Persia. These records provide an unprecedented glimpse into Iranian history from the perspective of ancient Persians.

Now, however, these records are subject to ongoing federal litigation in a class action claim against the Islamic Republic of Iran for sponsoring acts of terrorism. The event on October 11 will discuss the tablets, their significance and the litigation. The event features prominent academics and activists on the issues including:

- *Touraj Daryae*, Professor of the history of Iran and the Persianate World, University of California, Irvine
- *Renée Dreyfus*, Curator in Charge of Ancient Art and Interpretation, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, Legion of Honor Museum
- *Babak Hoghooghi*, Executive Director, Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans (PAAIA)
- *Fredun Hojabri*, Former Academic Vice-President of Sharif (Aryamehr) University of Technology
- *Gita Kashani*, Board Member, National Iranian American Council (NIAC)
- *Sabrina Maras*, Visiting Scholar in Near Eastern Studies, White-Levy Award Recipient-Persepolis Fortification Seal Project
- *Ali Mousavi*, Assistant Curator of Ancient Iranian & Near Eastern Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art and Member of Academic Committee of Farhang Foundation
- *Nema Milaninia* President of the Iranian American Bar Association (IABA)
- *Richard Saller*, Dean of Humanities & Sciences at Stanford University
- *Glenn Schwartz*, Professor of Archeology, Johns Hopkins University



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If you are interested in learning more about the event, or how to RSVP, please contact A.J. Cave at PFA-09@pavasta.com. Tickets are \$30 for all IABA members and space is very limited.

IABA Issues Working Group Document on Detention Laws in Iran

On August 17, 2009, IABA launched its third Working Group document. IABA's Working Group documents are a collection of memorandums on specific legal matters that are of interest to the Iranian-American community, in order to provide a general discussion of the issues. The Working Group documents should not be regarded as legal advice and IABA recommends that legal counsel be sought for any issues contained herein.

Working Group Document 3 is authored by Navid Sato and describes the rights of detainees and the accused in Iran's legal system. The document is intended to educate the non-legal community outside of Iran about the legal rights enjoyed by detained persons in Iran. An electronic version of the document can be found at the following link.

IABA is a non-religious, independent organization and is not in any way affiliated with any other organization. IABA is not a lobbying or advocacy group, but primarily an educational organization. As such, IABA seeks to educate and inform the Iranian American community about legal issues of interest. To date, IABA has published two other working documents: *Working Document 1: Humanitarian Assistance under the OFAC Regulations* and *Working Document 2: The Immigration Consequences of Criminal Conviction*. IABA is currently in the process of putting together working documents on adoption laws in Iran and other immigration related issues. The Working Documents are intended only as a general discussion of their issues and should not be regarded as legal advice.

IABA Releases Paper on Legal and Political Issues Relating to the 2010 U.S. Census

On Thursday, July 31, 2009, the Iranian American Bar Association

released its Paper on the 2010 U.S. Census. The paper describes in detail a number of questions concerning the 2010 U.S. Census, including immigration and criminal consequences. The document also outlines how individuals should respond to specific questions in order to assure that the Iranian-American community is counted and empowered by the Census.

The United States census occurs every 10 years and is mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. The Census is used by federal, state, and local officials to allocate Congressional seats and apportionment, electoral votes, and government funding programs. It is also used to determine what community services to provide. The census is scheduled to take place on April 1, 2010.

Throughout the next year, various IABA chapters will host important events and programs in order to reach out to the community on the issue and in encouraging people to participate in the census. More information will be provided in the near future on how you can get involved and assist.

A copy of the IABA Paper on the 2010 Census can be found attached as well as on IABA's website here at the following link:

http://www.iaba.us/contents_paper.aspx.

IABA Member Profile: The Honorable Tamila Ebrahimi Ipema (San Diego, CA)

Tamila Ebrahimi Ipema was born and raised in Tehran, Iran. She received her Bachelor's degree in English Literature from Damavand College in Tehran in 1978. She received her Master's degree in Humanities in 1985, and her J.D. degree in 1988, both from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. In 1994, Tamila received her LL.M. degree in International and Comparative Law from the Georgetown University School of Law.

Tamila worked in private practice before accepting a position with the United States Department of Justice as an Assistant District Counsel for the I.N.S. where she served in Los Angeles, Arlington, and Baltimore for a period of 5 years. From 2000 to 2005, Tamila served as a judicial and supervising research attorney for the Los Angeles Superior Court. In 2005, the Judges of the Los Angeles Superior Court appointed Tamila to the position of Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner. She presided over small claims, traffic, misdemeanor, unlawful detainer, and family law matters in Los Angeles County. In 2008, the Judges of the San Diego Superior Court appointed Tamila to the position of San Diego Superior Court Commissioner. She presided over small claims, unlawful detainer, traffic, and misdemeanor matters. Tamila served on several committees including: diversity subcommittee, access and fairness, research attorney hiring committee, temporary judge training committee.

On January 23, 2009, Tamila was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to the position of Judge of the San Diego Superior Court. She currently presides over a family law court for northern San

Diego County. Judge Ipema serves on the Education Committee for the San Diego Superior Court. She has also served as a Seminar Leader at the B.E. Witkin Judicial College for the past three years. Judge Ipema is a member of the North County Inns of Court.

Tamila feels extremely proud to be a member of the IABA, and to meet its esteemed members who have worked extremely hard in both attaining a high degree of success and in contributing back to this wonderful land of opportunities.

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

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