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Know Your Rights on Iran Sanctions

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In partnership with the Asian Law Caucus, IABA shares this Know-Your-Rights publication on the Iranian Transactions Regulations (Iran Sanctions), which are the most relevant sanctions program in restricting commercial and financial dealings with Iran. The publication provides a general guide to the scope of the prohibited and permissible transactions under Iran Sanctions and illustrates the numerous ways these regulations impact Iranian Americans.

For a number of years, the United States has imposed sanctions against Iran for U.S. foreign policy and national security reasons. Whether or not these sanctions are an effective tool of American foreign policy, there is no question that the Iran Sanctions restrict the ability of Iranian Americans to engage in personal, family and charitable transactions in Iran.

Asian Law Caucus (ALC), Iranian American Bar Association (IABA) and national Iranian American membership organizations increasingly receive inquiries from concerned community members about the Iran Sanctions. Some want to know if and how they can sell their property in Iran, transfer their savings or retirement funds to the United States, or support their parents or other family members in Iran. Others want to provide for orphans, donate money to Iranian charities in the memory of a late loved one, or engage in other



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charitable deeds. Few understand the complex compliance requirements posed by the Iran Sanctions and the severe penalties, including criminal prosecution, that can be imposed for violations of these regulations. In drafting the report, the law firm of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP in Washington, DC was retained to provide pro bono consulting on the scope and application of Iran Sanctions.

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Iran Sanctions are complex and present difficult compliance challenges. Even though ALC and IABA hope that the publication provides useful information about applicable requirements to the community, we strongly advise that individuals consult with an attorney before proceeding with any actual transactions or dealings involving Iran.

<http://www.asianlawcaucus.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/IranReport2011-final.pdf>

IABA Congratulates Cyrus Amir-Mokri on Becoming Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions

The U.S. Senate confirmed late on Monday the appointment of Cyrus Amir-Mokri as the U.S. Treasury Department's Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions. Amir-Mokri was nominated by President Obama to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions and Member, Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank in September of 2011.

Most recently, Mr. Amir-Mokri was a senior legal and policy advisor to the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. He participated in the legislative process that led to the passage of the Dodd-Frank regulatory reform bill and the subsequent implementation through rulemaking.

"He will be a valuable asset at Treasury as we continue the important work of implementing those critical reforms and as we move forward with other

key initiatives," U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said in a statement on Tuesday.

Mr. Amir-Mokri was one of the founders of the New York Chapter of the IABA in 2001 and was instrumental in establishing the organization's mentorship program and in preparing an independent report that the IABA presented to a bipartisan panel on Capitol Hill in 2004 detailing how the INS violated the civil rights of Iranian nationals during the implementation of the special registration program under the National Security Entry-Exit System ("NSEERS").

About IABA

With over 1500 members and chapters in 8 different metropolitan areas around the country, the Iranian American Bar Association ("IABA") is one of the most prominent minority bar associations in the United States. IABA chapters hold networking events, publish articles on key legal developments, and provide outreach to lawyers and law students. IABA also provides an annual scholarship to law students looking for assistance and provides lawyer mentors for those seeking guidance and helps serve the Iranian-American community and the community at-large by providing legal advocacy on important issues



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