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LEGAL & POLICY BRIEFS • PRACTICE ALERTS • MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS
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About AMLA

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Lawyers Association, USA (AMLA) is an ancillary organization of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA, made up of Ahmadi Muslim legal professionals dedicated to advancing the human and civil rights of persecuted Ahmadi Muslims worldwide. AMLA provides legal assistance and guidance to the broader community and to individual Ahmadi Muslims across the United States.

The association is equally committed to the next generation, offering mentorship to Ahmadi students in pre-law programs, in law school, and in the early stages of legal careers. Through its growing network of attorneys, AMLA works to deliver comprehensive legal support and to build relationships with other legal organizations.

WHO CAN JOIN

Pre-law students · licensed attorneys · Juris Doctors & JD candidates · attorneys and retired judges relocating from other countries — united by a commitment to the cause of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

AMLA AT A GLANCE

USA

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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DUES TIERS

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



AMLA is committed to developing professional relationships and stimulating positive interactions between AMLA and other legal foundations, associations, and organizations.



A RESOURCE FOR THE JAMA'AT

Whenever a legal question arises, members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community can rely on AMLA as a standing resource.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

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MEMBERS SPOTLIGHTED THIS YEAR

This report summarizes the topics, member recognitions, events, and membership information published on amlausa.org during the period. The earliest dated post available for the period was published June 21, 2025; coverage also reflects a small number of items published into June 2026 at the time of compilation.



The Executive Board



Asif M. Arif
PRESIDENT

Founder of Arif Law Offices, P.C., an international immigration law firm with offices in France and the United States. His practice spans marriage-based petitions, investment and talent-based immigration, removal defense, and asylum. Ranked among the top three immigration attorneys in Paris, France, and the author of six books on Islam, secularism, international law, and immigration law.



Hamida B. Owusu
VICE PRESIDENT

An immigration attorney for children with a background spanning public-interest law, a federal judicial clerkship, and private practice at an Am Law 100 firm. Hamida earned her J.D. from Stanford Law School in 2014.



Umer Chaudhry
TREASURER

Senior Associate at Cooley LLP, advising clients on complex regulatory matters in government contracts and national security, with a focus on artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and cybersecurity.



Zane A. Chowdhry
GENERAL SECRETARY

Associate at Perkins Coie LLP and a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, where he served as an Administrative Editor of the Georgetown Journal of International Affairs and Staff Editor of the Georgetown Law Technology Review.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE: From immigration to national security, corporate law to public-interest advocacy, AMLA's Executive Board reflects the same breadth of practice found across the wider membership.



The Year, By the Numbers



29

NEWS, BRIEFS &
ARTICLES



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS



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EVENTS & ENGAGEMENTS



~1,000

CLIENT INTAKES
ANSWERED



6

DUES TIERS OFFERED

Intakes spanned business law, wills & trusts, immigration, and general litigation.

Over the past year, AMLA's website served as both a news digest for its membership and a showcase for individual members' achievements, while the Association itself responded to nearly a thousand intakes from members of the community. Six recurring threads ran through the year's coverage:

◆ Legal & Policy Briefs

Short-form updates on federal and state rulings, legislation, and regulation — frequently touching on immigration, AI in the legal profession, and access to justice.

◆ Practice Area Deep Dives

Longer explanatory features on patent law, medical law, lemon laws, shareholder litigation, and AI-related litigation.

◆ Member Spotlights

A recurring monthly feature recognizing individual members' professional and academic achievements.

◆ Practice Alerts

Actionable notices on rule changes affecting immigration, consumer protection, and other practice areas relevant to members.

◆ Membership News

Bar-exam successes, member interviews, and a member's appearance discussing the persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan.

◆ Events

Community and professional gatherings, including Jalsa Salana, the IAML Symposium, and a growing slate of conferences and webinars.

THE THROUGH-LINE: Immigration policy was the single most recurring subject of the year, reflecting continued litigation and rulemaking of direct relevance to AMLA's membership and the broader Ahmadi community.

Summer & Fall 2025

JUNE — NOVEMBER 2025

PRACTICE ALERT June 21, 2025

FTC “Junk Fees” Rule Takes Effect

A Practice Alert summarized the FTC's new rule requiring businesses advertising live-event tickets or short-term lodging to disclose total prices upfront — a compliance flag for members serving consumer-facing clients.

PRACTICE ALERT June 21, 2025

BIA Rules on TPS & Administrative Closure

A second alert covered a June 6 Board of Immigration Appeals decision holding that a pending Temporary Protected Status application generally does not, alone, justify administrative closure — with limited exceptions.

IN BRIEF October 23, 2025

California Approves New Bar Admission Rules

The California Supreme Court approved amendments affecting the bar exam, attorney admissions, and attorney-civility requirements, following an earlier comment period.

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"Two U.S. federal judges acknowledged that AI-assisted drafting contributed to errors in their rulings."

REUTERS, OCT. 23, 2025

IN BRIEF October 24, 2025

Federal Judges: AI Led to Errors in Rulings

Reporting detailed how two federal judges acknowledged that AI use in drafting court decisions contributed to factual errors — a cautionary note for the profession.

EVENT Fall 2025

West Coast Jalsa Salana 2025

AMLA promoted the West Coast Jalsa Salana, held in Chino, California, as a highlight community gathering for members and their families.

SEASON IN BRIEF

AMLA opened the reporting period with two consumer- and immigration-focused Practice Alerts, then turned attention to the legal profession itself — bar admission reform in California, AI's growing (and occasionally error-prone) role in judicial decision-making, and a regional Jalsa Salana that brought members and their families together in Chino, California. The throughline: a profession adapting in real time to new technology and new rules, even as community life carried on.

CONTINUED IN PART II — THE WINTER NEWS ROUNDUP



The Winter News Roundup

NOVEMBER — DECEMBER 2025

IN BRIEF Nov. 23, 2025

Supreme Court to Hear Asylum “Metering” Case

The Court agreed to review the legality of border “metering” practices that limited how many asylum seekers could present claims at ports of entry.

IN BRIEF Nov. 25, 2025

Federal vs. State Authority Over AI Oversight

A paused White House draft order would have let federal agencies challenge state AI laws and tie funding to compliance with federal policy.

IN BRIEF Nov. 27, 2025

Bar Exam Reform Driven by UC Law SF Research

A UC Law SF study is influencing licensing reform, beginning with Nevada’s adoption of an alternative pathway to admission.

IN BRIEF Nov. 29, 2025

Texas Weighs Ending ABA Control of Accreditation

A Texas Supreme Court proposal would remove the ABA’s exclusive authority over which law schools’ graduates may sit for the Texas bar.

MEMBERS Nov. 9, 2025

Ali Ilahi Passes the New York Bar Exam

AMLA congratulated member Ali Ilahi on receiving official confirmation that he passed the New York State Bar Exam.

BRIEF Dec. 15, 2025

Twenty States Sue Over \$100,000 H-1B Fee

A multistate lawsuit challenged a new \$100,000 fee on new H-1B visa petitions — a sharp increase over historical filing costs.

BRIEF Dec. 17, 2025

CoStar Asks Supreme Court to Hear Antitrust Case

CoStar Group petitioned the Supreme Court to review an antitrust dispute with rival CREXi over alleged misuse of market data.

BRIEF Dec. 19, 2025

Reddit Challenges Australia’s Under-16 Social Media Ban

Reddit sued in Australia’s High Court, contesting a new law barring users under 16 from social media platforms.

BRIEF Dec. 22, 2025

Wisconsin Judge’s ICE Obstruction Case Goes to Trial

A Milwaukee County judge faced federal trial on charges of obstructing an ICE arrest at her own courthouse.

BRIEF Dec. 26, 2025

Uber’s Arbitration Clauses Draw Access-to-Justice Scrutiny

Critics argued Uber’s mandatory-arbitration and class-action-waiver practices limit low-income drivers’ and riders’ ability to sue.

IAMLA SYMPOSIUM

Announced Dec. 13, 2025 — see Events & Programs.

USCIRF PODCAST

Dec. 29: member Amjad Mahmood Khan discussed Ahmadi persecution in Pakistan on USCIRF Spotlight.



Rulings, Reform & Deep Dives

MARCH — JUNE 2026

RULING April 18, 2026

Supreme Court Limits Executive Power on Tariffs

In *Learning Resources, Inc. v. Trump*, the Court held the President lacks IEEPA authority to impose broad tariffs — a major separation-of-powers ruling.

RULING March 8, 2026

A Federal Court Challenges USCIS's EB-1A Test

Mukherji v. Miller challenged USCIS's practice of denying extraordinary-ability petitions even after applicants meet the regulatory criteria.

ANALYSIS March 10, 2026

The Rise of Shareholder Litigation in Delaware

The *Moelis* decision and its effect on the trend of granting founders expansive corporate-governance rights was examined in depth.

ANALYSIS March 8, 2026

The “AI Lawyer” Lawsuit of 2026

A federal suit asked whether an AI chatbot effectively engaged in the unauthorized practice of law — a novel test for the profession.

DEEP DIVE March 12, 2026

Understanding Lemon Laws in the United States

A practice-area feature explained the state-level consumer protections available to buyers of vehicles with persistent defects.

DEEP DIVE March 14, 2026

Patent Law in the United States

An explainer outlined how the U.S. patent system protects inventors' exclusive rights while encouraging continued innovation.

DEEP DIVE March 16, 2026

Medical Law in the United States

A feature reviewed the legal frameworks governing providers, patients, hospitals, and insurers, with a focus on accountability.

MEMBERSHIP Apr. 18 & Jun. 6, 2026

Membership Interviews: Khalid & Qazi

Two member interviews explored humanitarian and defensive immigration casework, community service, and supporting survivors.

BRIEF June 25, 2026

Federal Judge Blocks ICE Courthouse Arrests Nationwide

A nationwide injunction limiting ICE courthouse arrests carried direct implications for immigration practitioners.

CLOSING THE YEAR: “Big Law’s New Salary War Signals a Strong Legal Market — But Not for Everyone” (June 27, 2026) examined rising associate pay and its uneven effects across the profession.



Spotlight of the Month

Seven members were recognized over the course of the year for the achievements and service that define AMLA's community.

TC

JUN 2025

Hon. Judge Tariq Chaudhri

Superior Court Judge, Cumberland County, NJ

Named as one of several sitting New Jersey Superior Court judges considered for a state Supreme Court vacancy.

NH

DEC 2025

Najia Humayun

Appellate Attorney, Family Defense Practice, Bronx Defenders

Recognized for appellate advocacy on behalf of parents in child-removal proceedings, building on earlier work at Brooklyn Defenders.

SA

FEB/MAR 2026

Shanze Ahmed

Associate, Baker & McKenzie LLP, Houston, TX

Celebrated as an emerging leader in corporate law and for embodying AMLA's culture of service.

AB

MAR 2026

Ammad Bajwa

Associate Attorney, Treehouse Law, LLP, Santa Monica, CA

Spotlighted just over a year into practice for his work as a plaintiffs' class-action litigator.

MA

APR 2026

Masroor Ahmad

Intellectual Property / Patent Attorney

Highlighted for combining technical depth and legal acumen as an emerging leader in patent law.

FK

MAY 2026

Farrah Khan

AMLA Member — role and affiliation to be confirmed

Recognized by AMLA as a Member Spotlight this year; full details to be added once confirmed.

MB

JUN 2026

Murad Ali Bhatti

J.D., Columbia Law School — incoming Associate, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

Honored on his graduation from Columbia Law School, where he served as Notes Editor of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review.

Note: exact spotlight publication dates were not always listed on the website; months above are estimated from surrounding post dates and image timestamps where an explicit date was unavailable. Farrah Khan's specific role and affiliation are pending confirmation.



Events & Programs

From community gatherings to professional conferences, AMLA maintained an active presence across the country and around the world.



COMMUNITY GATHERING · FALL 2025

West Coast Jalsa Salana 2025

Held in Chino, California, this regional gathering was promoted on the AMLA website as a key community event for members and their families.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT · DECEMBER 2025

IAMLA Legal Symposium

Announced December 13, 2025, this international AMLA legal symposium offered accommodations at Baitul Futuh and was framed as both a professional-development and spiritually enriching gathering under the guidance of Khilafat.

ALSO PRESENT THIS YEAR

◆ Jalsa Salana USA 2025	NATIONAL CONVENTION
◆ Jalsa Salana UK 2026	INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
◆ American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Annual Conference 2026	PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE
◆ Waqf-e-Nau Conference 2026	COMMUNITY PROGRAM
◆ Ahmadiyya Career Exposition 2026	COMMUNITY PROGRAM
◆ Two National Webinars with Umur-e-Aama on Immigration Policy Changes	WEBINAR SERIES
◆ Co-Webinar with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Public Service Association	PARTNER WEBINAR

Want to host or propose a future AMLA event? Reach out to the Executive Board.

Annual Membership Dues

AMLA's published dues schedule, organized by practice type and size.

PRACTICE TYPE / SIZE	ANNUAL DUES
Big Law More than 20 lawyers	\$300
Private Practice Solo & small firm	\$180
Government / Nonprofit / Academic Public-sector & academic counsel	\$120
Inactive License Not currently practicing	\$60
Paralegals & Legal Assistants Support staff	\$60
Law Students Pre-bar	\$12



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

A Closing Note to Our Members

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Assalamo Aleikum Wa Rehmatullah, dear Members of AMLA,

The past year asked a great deal of our profession, and our members answered. From courthouse steps to courtrooms to conference rooms, AMLA attorneys advised clients through a year defined by rapid change — in immigration policy, in the role of artificial intelligence in our work, and in the rules that govern how we are licensed and how we practice. This year alone, AMLA responded to close to one thousand intakes spanning business law, wills and trusts, immigration, and general litigation — a measure of how deeply our community has come to rely on this Association.

I am especially proud of the many members we were able to celebrate this year. We saw multiple graduates cross the stage, including Murad Ali Bhatti, who begins his career at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, alongside a sitting family court judge considered for elevation to a state Supreme Court, and attorneys building practices in patent law, corporate law, and family defense. Their accomplishments are a reflection of the values this Association was built on: excellence, integrity, and service.

None of this work happens without you. I want to thank our Executive Board, our members who renewed their dues and stayed engaged with our Newsletter, and everyone who took time to mentor a law student, answer a Jama'at member's legal question, or represent AMLA at one of the many gatherings and webinars we took part in this year. As we look to the year ahead, I encourage every member to stay involved — submit your dues, nominate a colleague for Member Spotlight, and join us at our upcoming events and symposia.

Jazak'Allah to every member who gave their time, expertise, and heart to this Association this year. With gratitude and respect,

Asif M. Arif
PRESIDENT, AMLA USA



Thank you for being part of AMLA.



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