



MINNESOTA/DAKOTAS
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IMMIGRANT OF DISTINCTION AWARD APPLICATION FORM

The Minnesota/Dakotas Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting nominations from the community for its sixth annual Immigrant of Distinction Award.

The Immigrant of Distinction Award honors immigrants in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota who have made substantial contributions to their communities or professions through exceptional leadership, high achievement or moral courage. Nominees serve as role models to future immigrants and citizens alike, remind us of the debt we all owe to the creative force of immigration, and illustrate the blessings of this great country.

Previous Award Winners:

- Osmo Vänskä**, Music Director of the Minnesota Orchestra
- Melissa Nambangi**, Cofounder and executive director of the Minnesota African Women's Association;
- Leonid Hurwicz**, Regent's Professor of Economics (Emeritus) at the University of Minnesota and one of three recipients of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for work on and development of mechanism design theory;
- Ramon Leon**, the founding Executive Director of Latino Economic Development Center;
- Toua Xiong**, Developer and owner of Hmongtown Marketplace;
- Dr. Stefan J. Friedrichsdorf**, Director of the Department of Pain Medicine, Palliative Care and Integrative Medicine at Children's Hospitals and Clinics in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

This year's recipient will be honored at a USCIS Naturalization Ceremony in March 2012.

Details of Nominee

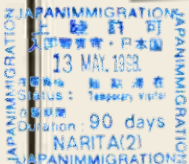
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Details of Nominator

Full Name: _____
 Position: _____
 Name of Organization: _____

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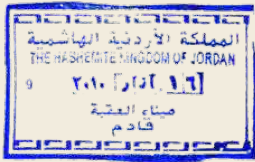


Please attach supporting information to this cover sheet and email to iod.mndaks@gmail.com OR fax to 763-331-8349 OR mail to Streefland Law Firm 8441 Wayzata Blvd #200, Golden Valley, MN 55426 by end of business day February 8, 2012.

The Nomination Form can also be found at our website at www.ailamndak.org.



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Please type or print clearly. This template is a guide, and the information you provide is not limited to the space below. Please attach additional information as required. Keep in mind you cannot save information on this form to your computer.

Name of person you are nominating: _____

Introduction: Summary of Accomplishments (include community, professional and academic contributions and other accomplishments)

Professional Achievements: Can you give examples of how these have benefited the Community, State of Minnesota and/or the Dakotas?

Biography: Please describe the individual's immigration story.