

2021 UN-GALA

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GEORGIA ASYLUM AND
IMMIGRATION NETWORK

OUR WORK

Inspired by our clients. Powered by pro bono.

Since its inception in 2005, Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) has been helping immigrant victims of crime and persecution find safety, freedom, and opportunity in the United States. GAIN was founded as the Atlanta Bar Asylum Project in order to train and support volunteer attorneys taking on pro bono asylum cases. In 2010, GAIN expanded this model to add the Victims of Violence program, serving immigrant victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes.

GAIN serves an estimated 550 people annually, including intakes, consultations, and GAIN cases which are placed through either direct representation or pro bono referrals. Since inception, GAIN programs have helped over 5,000 people and provided over 15 million dollars in pro bono legal services for asylum-seekers and immigrant victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes.



Thank you for your support of GAIN's 2021 Un-Gala, which raises critically-important funds to support GAIN's work in the community.

Safety, freedom, and opportunity for all.

HONORING



Amy Dehnel

VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR

GAIN is proud to celebrate Amy Dehnel. Amy took on GAIN pro bono work as an Associate with King & Spalding, and now serves as an Associate at McGuireWoods. As a GAIN volunteer, Amy worked on a T-visa case involving a woman from Mexico who was the survivor of an international sex trafficking ring. Amy's work on the case went well-beyond the filing of the T-visa application. She showed patience, grace, and an unwavering commitment to helping her client navigate the parallel challenges of life that came up along the way. **This commitment to take a holistic view of our client's needs is an example of what we are proud to be able to expect from our pro bono volunteers, and with attorneys like Amy by our side, we can give our clients the deeply impactful service they deserve.**



McGuire Woods

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

McGuireWoods is a full-service firm providing legal and public affairs solutions to corporate, individual and nonprofit clients worldwide for more than 200 years collectively. **During a time when GAIN was in need of urgent pro bono assistance, McGuireWoods answered our call, hosting a training for their attorneys and accepting all of the cases GAIN was looking to place!** Their thoughtful representation of our clients left a mark on our organization, and at GAIN, we see our partnership with McGuireWoods as an inspirational example of how a deep pro bono connection can grow from the dedication of a small group of champions at a firm.



Monica Modi Khant

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE

Recently named as the new Executive Director for the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence, Monica Modi Khant offers a unique perspective as an advocate for immigrant rights in the Southeast, having served GAIN as the first employee and then first Executive Director, from 2006-2020. Monica's leadership transformed GAIN into the thriving organization that is today, weaving her care and compassion for others into the fabric of who we are as an organization. **GAIN, and our community of nonprofit partners, will be forever grateful for Monica's contributions and her dedication to improving access to justice for immigrants in Georgia.**

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