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## The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Honors Sandra Grossman with the Award for Excellence in Advancing the Practice of Immigration Law



Grossman Young & Hammond proudly announces that Partner [Sandra Grossman](#), is to receive the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) [2022 Edith Lowenstein Memorial Award](#) for excellence in advancing the practice of immigration law. AILA is the national association of more than 15,000 attorneys and law professors who practice and teach immigration law. AILA's Annual Awards are the highest recognition of achievement and contributions in the national immigration law community.

"I am absolutely honored to accept this award. I am grateful to AILA for its support and continuing commitment to immigrant rights..." says Grossman.

She continues, "This award is immensely meaningful to me. Over a decade ago I began to understand the issue of INTERPOL abuse within the immigration law space when I witnessed many of my Venezuelan clients suffering the effect of persecutory red notices. All too often, U.S. enforcement agencies and immigration courts treat red notices as conclusive evidence of criminality, which they are not. This practice must stop. I remain committed to educating the bar about the issue of persecutory red notices and hope this award will help draw further attention to this issue."

"Personally, this recognition is also deeply meaningful. I am an immigrant to the U.S. myself and my parents were political refugees from the Pinochet dictatorship. It was only through hard work and perseverance that they overcame significant cultural, linguistic, social, and economic challenges. The story of my parents and so many other clients show that immigrants are the future, a driving force to drive propel us forward. The more we can do to incorporate and support immigrants the stronger a nation we will become."

The 2022 AILA Annual Awards will be presented during the immigration bar's most anticipated event of the year: the 2022 AILA Annual Conference, to be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> in New York City.

Last year, the Firm's other Co-Managing Partner, Becki Young, was [acknowledged by AILA](#) with the 2021 President's Commendation for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

A full list of 2022 AILA Awards recipients is [here](#).

Congratulations to Sandra!