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The Iranian American Bar Association Launches Campaign to Establish a Chapter in San Francisco

(Washington, DC) September 29, 2005 - We are pleased to announce the launch of a local chapter in the Bay Area of California. IABA will hold an organizational meeting on October 11, at 7 PM, at the offices of National Legal Sanctuary for Community Advancement (“NLSCA”), 444 De Haro Street, Suite 205, San Francisco. (Although NLSCA has generously allowed the use of its offices, there is no affiliation between NLSCA and IABA). IABA welcomes all interested attorneys and law students in the Bay Area to attend this meeting to see how the IABA can help them in their professional development and how the IABA serves the Iranian American community. We also plan to establish an IABA chapter in Houston, Texas.

IABA is a national, non-profit corporation that promotes the advancement of Iranian-American attorneys and the Iranian-American community at large. In addition to its scholarship program, the IABA provides mentorship programs to Iranian-American law students and to young attorneys. The IABA serves the professional development of its attorney members through hosting events such as CLE classes and networking opportunities at IABA events. The IABA has informed Iranian-Americans about legal matters of concern and engages policymakers on behalf of the Iranian American community toward improving the laws and regulations that impact our community. Examples of such educational activities are IABA’s participation in the Iranian-American Know your Rights Campaign, co-sponsored with the ACLU and Amnesty International and IABA’s publication of an independent report concerning the detention and treatment of Iranian nationals by the INS in implementing their NSEERS special registration program. IABA’s NSEERS report was successfully presented in two bi-partisan briefings in the U.S. Senate (July '04) and the House of Representatives (October '04).

IABA has over 200 members in 20 states, with chapters in Washington, D.C., New York, and Los Angeles. For more information on the IABA, please visit www.iaba.us.

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