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**UNITED STATES: AILA (American Immigration Lawyers Association) - Another Lucky Winner!**

For five consecutive years, Pro-link GLOBAL has been a part of the AILA Conference. For those of you who attended our booth, thank you. It was truly a pleasure. Additionally, we are pleased to announce the winner of our drawing: Margaret A Catillaz, Partner, Harter Secrest & Emery LLP in Rochester NY. She is the lucky recipient of a sleek, Bose Headset. Congratulations, Margaret!

This year's event, held in electrifying Las Vegas (June 3-6), had a myriad of food and entertainment from which to select. It extended over four days and included sessions with dynamic speakers. One in particular included a panel discussion with top government officials from various agencies. Topics included policy updates and issues, business ethics, U.S. immigration law and practices, new trends, refugees, deportations, adoptions, family and employment immigration. Another session brought together business-savvy attorneys who were educated on how to regulate and subsequently grow their businesses even in today's economic climate.

The conference not only catered to the mind, but to the body as well. There were daily yoga classes, various sporting events, breakfast workshops, award presentations and an engaging night life. One of the distinguished guests being honored by the American Immigration Council Annual Benefit was Carlos Santana who unfortunately did not perform.

All in all, it was an enjoyable place to do business. One delegate summed it up well, "In the midst of all those slot machines, tattoos, short skirts and plunging necklines, I enjoyed the conference more than I thought I would. It was great to meet old friends and make new friendships."

We are proud of our association with AILA and look forward to seeing all our friends, both old and new, in Washington, DC for the next annual conference.

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