
In Memoriam: Michael Maggio (1947-2008)

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Long-time AILA member Michael A. Maggio of Washington DC, died Sunday February 10th at age 60 after a courageous 10-month battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Michael was the Chairman and co-founder of Maggio & Kattar (www.maggio-kattar.com), a DC-based immigration law firm which began in a one room office in 1978. The firm, which now employs over 30 immigration professionals, represents individual foreign nationals and a select group of Fortune 500 and other companies, as well as non-profits, universities and diverse institutions across the nation and around the world.

"He was a brilliant legal mind who not only interpreted the law without peer, but he recognized also that justice could only be served by changing it. His life embodied that commitment to change," said friend and colleague José Pertierra.

Michael was a past President of the AILA DC Chapter, served on the AILF Board of Trustees, and was honored by many organizations over the years for his brilliant lawyering, astute strategizing, deep commitment to the highest ethical standards, and his deep passion for justice.

Two services will be held for Michael. Family and friends are welcome to call after 9:30am at Saint Bridget's Parish at 3667 Midvale Avenue, Philadelphia on Thursday February 14th and a mass will be held at 11am that day. A memorial service will be held in his honor on Saturday March 8th at Johnny's Half Shell located at 400 North Capitol Street NW in Washington DC beginning at 1pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Michael's name to Identity, 414 East Diamond Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877. <http://www.identity.ws/>

AILA and AILF will be organizing a fitting tribute to Michael and will post details in the coming weeks.