

# THE CASE BRIEF

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## CAMPAIGN WITH CASE

Recently, CASE has taken strides to better communicate with our members. In doing so, we have embarked on several campaigns and would greatly appreciate our members' help. Please see page 2 for more information about different ways you can help CASE achieve our goals and better serve our members.



## WEALTHY L.A. COUPLE SENTENCED FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

*by Bryce Avalos*

**Los Angeles, Calif.**  
(08/21/2017) – A wealthy Los Angeles couple pleaded guilty to one count of human trafficking and one count of being an accessory after the fact, after being indicted by a grand jury. Astati Halim and Hendra Anwar, who previously pleaded guilty in federal court to misuse of visas and minimum wage violations, held three Indonesian immigrants as indentured servants, withheld their passports and paid them virtually nothing. The couple, who initially pleaded not guilty, was prosecuted by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. CASE

Treasurer Rama Maline represented The People on the appeal for the case.

Halim and Anwar, originally from Indonesia, own multiple properties in the Los Angeles area where they employed several domestic workers from Indonesia, including the three victims. The wealthy couple lured the victims to California by obtaining fraudulent visas for them and promising a two-year work contract paying \$250 a month with a \$50 living stipend. Before leaving for the United States, the victims were forced to sign a five-year contract instead.

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## NEW PARTNERSHIPS

CASE is always trying to help our members save money. We are proud to announce new partnerships and discounts for our Voting Members. This year we will be partnering with Six Flags Magic Mountain, Knott's Berry Farm, Sacramento Kings, San Jose Sharks, San Diego Gulls, Los Angeles Clippers, Oakland Athletics and more. See page 3 for a complete look at our new partnerships and discounts.

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## LOCAL UNION REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING



Our most prominent campaign this year is the expansion of the CASE local union representative program. Our goal is to increase the number of local union reps so they can help communicate information and updates from CASE to their colleagues

You can apply to become a local union rep online at [calattorneys.org/local-rep-app](http://calattorneys.org/local-rep-app). After applying, email [CASE@calattorneys.org](mailto:CASE@calattorneys.org) to RSVP to the training you would like to attend.

### Upcoming Trainings:

Friday, October 13 -- Sacramento, CA  
Venue: CASE Conference Room, 1231 I Street, Sacramento

Friday, November 3 -- Los Angeles, CA  
Venue: Ronald Reagan Building, 300 So. Spring Street, Los Angeles

Friday, November 17 -- Sacramento, CA  
Venue: CASE Conference Room, 1231 I Street, Sacramento

Friday, December 1 -- Bay Area, CA  
Venue: TBD

## L.A. HUMAN TRAFFICKERS' APPEAL FAILS

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Once they arrived, they were forced to clean, cook and perform yardwork for 16 hours a day, with no days off. After years of abuse, one victim escaped and contacted the Coalition Against Slavery and Trafficking (CAST).

Halim and Anwar were prosecuted by the federal government and pleaded guilty to misuse of visas and minimum wage violations. Following their sentencing of probation, fines and community service, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office prosecuted the couple for the separate charge of human trafficking in the State of California.

In May 2015, a grand jury was convened, and after hearing the testimony of the victims, the defendants were indicted for three counts of human trafficking and one count of conspiracy to commit human trafficking. They pleaded not guilty. In March 2016, the defendants filed a motion to dismiss the indictment based on the violation of their 5th

Amendment rights, claiming the indictment put them in double jeopardy for already being tried on the federal level. The court denied the motion to dismiss, finding that the prosecution on the State level for human trafficking was an entirely different charge from the misuse of visas and minimum wage violations they were tried for on the federal level.

The defendants then entered into plea agreements with the L.A. District Attorney. Halim pleaded guilty to one count of human trafficking and Anwar pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact. Halim and Anwar were sentenced to formal probation for three years and were ordered to pay various fines and fees. If and when their further appeals fail, they will likely be deported to Indonesia.



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## NEW CASE PARTNERSHIPS

CASE has been diligently seeking new partnerships to receive discounts for our members. We are proud to announce new sports partnerships with the Sacramento Kings, Los Angeles Clippers, Oakland Athletics, San Jose Sharks, L.A. Kings and San Diego Gulls. We have reduced ticket prices for select games for these teams. Email [info@calattorneys.org](mailto:info@calattorneys.org) for more information on sports team discounts.

CASE is also proud to announce new and renewed partnerships with theme parks and family attractions such as Six Flags Magic Mountain, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Knott's Berry Farm,



Knott's Soak City, San Diego Zoo, Pacific Park, Legoland, Universal Studios Hollywood, Castle Park, Monterey Bay Aquarium, and more.

All of our theme park and family discounts are stored on our Google Drive. To receive access to our Google Drive, please email [info@calattorneys.org](mailto:info@calattorneys.org). Have fun out there, members!

## MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE

CASE wants to serve you better. To provide you with the best service possible, we need your updated contact information. Much of our database is outdated, so even if you have sent us your information in the past, please send us your most current mailing address and personal email.



CASE prefers using personal emails and addresses when sending information because it helps protect the confidentiality of our information.

CASE respects the privacy of its members and would never share your information with anyone. We also recommend enrolling in our Privacy Protection Program.

As a public official, your privacy is protected by Gov. Code § 6254.21. CASE will enforce this statute on your behalf once you enroll in our program.

## WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

CASE wants to hear from you! We are collecting stories of our members' public service so that we can promote the good work of our bargaining unit to the public.

Can you think of a time when your public service has benefited the community or State of California?

Send your story to [bavalos@calattorneys.org](mailto:bavalos@calattorneys.org) and see it featured on our website.





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## IN MEMORY OF ALAN LEVINSON

*by DIR Staff*

It is with great sadness we share the news of the loss of Alan Levinson, our wonderful Oakland Deputy. Alan passed away early Thursday morning, during his regular swim practice with his Masters Swim Team.

Alan attended the University of Wisconsin, Industrial Relations MS Program in 1977. Throughout his career, Alan worked to improve conditions for workers, as a labor organizer, representative, as a management representative in negotiations, and in his career with the Labor Commissioner. Alan worked as a union organizer for SEIU in San Francisco and represented Ricky Henderson's (Oakland A's Player) mother. Alan began his career with the Labor Commissioner's office in 1988 and performed all aspects of the Labor Commissioner's work in the Oakland office.

Alan also worked in labor negotiations for the Oakland Unified School District and returned to us in 2008. Alan had an exceptional way of breaking through conflict and never personalized it. Alan brought this skill to his work in the RCI Unit.

Alan was tough with a gentle demeanor. Alan was a mentor and friend to all. He just completed another Public Information Duty training where he shined in his ability to organize, structure and present in order to inspire us to give the very best service to the public.



Alan was elected as a Board member for CASE, the Union that represents the Division's Deputy Labor Commissioners and attorneys, statewide. In his work as a deputy and with the Union, he fostered cohesiveness and comradery. He was on the bargaining team that negotiated the current contract. His passion to represent every deputy in the Division created an impactful voice on the Board.

Alan brought his organizing skills to his colleagues in such kind ways. He was one of the organizers of the Northern California Labor Commissioner office's annual

trip to an Oakland A's game so we could socialize together. He shared the proceeds of his garden and fruit trees with us and he made sure to organize and replace our water filter in the office kitchen so our drinking water tasted better.

Alan also was a wonderful baker and shared his creations at special occasions in the office, a talent he developed baking for his fellow students at the University of Wisconsin.

Alan was an avid swimmer, competing in Masters swimming events and swimming in the bay as one of the Polar Bears. Every year he swam from Alcatraz to Ocean Beach. He often bicycled to work. He was also a talented musician, playing saxophone in several bands, including a funk band.

Alan spoke with such pride of his wonderful and accomplished daughters, Michelle and Robyn, and is survived by his beloved wife Micki. Alan was completely devoted to his family as a husband and father and made the world a better place for all of us. There are no words to express our sadness at his sudden death. Alan was full of music and full of life.

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## CASE ENDORSES DAVID MILLER FOR CALPERS AT-LARGE POSITION A

Protect Your Pension and Health Care

Vote  
DAVID **MILLER**

★ ★ for CalPERS Board ★ ★

CASE strongly endorses David Miller for the CalPERS Member-at-Large Position A. Mr. Miller is a Senior Environmental Substances Scientist at the Department of Toxic Substances Control. He is a long-time union member and has served twice as his union's statewide president (CAPS, Unit 10). Mr. Miller will put the interests of employees and retirees first, as he has proven for 25 years as a union member, union leader and founder of Californians for Retirement Security, a coalition formed to help protect public employee pensions.

Mr. Miller has been an outspoken proponent in the media and local government. He has fought against countless anti-pension proposals and has backed legislation to help protect pensions, such as Prop. 162 (The Pension Protection Act). He was on the front lines opposing Governor Wilson's raids on CalPERS, and we trust him to continue to fight for and protect our pensions, ensure high-quality, affordable healthcare, and restore integrity and transparency at CalPERS. CASE urges you to vote David Miller for CalPERS. You should have received your ballot by mail in early September. To learn more, please visit [www.davidmillerforcalpers2017.com](http://www.davidmillerforcalpers2017.com)

Protect Your Pension  
and Health Care



## CASE SPONSORS BAKER TO VEGAS LAW ENFORCEMENT RUN

CASE is proud to sponsor the 2018 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay in its 22nd consecutive year. Known commonly as "Baker to Vegas", the race is 120 miles long and includes 20 stages, making it the largest law enforcement race in the world. It stretches from Baker, California all the way to its finish line in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Baker to Vegas has a positive influence on the law enforcement community by promoting camaraderie, physical fitness, pride, and teamwork across multiple departments and branches of law enforcement. Teamwork is a vital component of the race as the runners will face difficult non-stop challenges and will need to rely on their teammates' support. Not only does Baker to Vegas improve relations between law enforcement, but it also promotes a positive image of law enforcement to the public.

CASE enjoys supporting its members by sponsoring this important event. Baker to Vegas is a major morale booster for our bargaining unit and all employees at the Department of Justice. We encourage our members to sign up for the Baker to Vegas run so that we can take first place in our division again. Let's get out there and represent the Department of Justice!

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## CASE LAUNCHES LEAN, GREEN FIGHTING-MACHINE CAMPAIGN

CASE prides itself on being financially prudent and using resources wisely. This philosophy applies to our environment as well. That is why CASE is embarking on an environmental campaign to use our resources wisely, promoting the value of recycling and conservation.

The campaign is titled "Lean, Green Fighting Machine", alluding to CASE's financial prudence and fighting spirit for our members, while emphasizing environmental conservation. Here's how it works:

- This campaign will be a contest between departments. Whichever department gets the most points, wins.



- To gain a point, one must install a recycling bin (it doesn't have to be fancy – a cardboard box works!) in an office or workstation that was previously without one.
- As proof, members must

take a picture of the newly installed recycle bin and share it on our Facebook page or tag us on Twitter (@cal\_attorneys), with the hashtag #LeanGreenFightingMachine. Don't forget to say what department you work for!

- The contest ends at 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2017.
- At the end of the contest, points will be tallied up and a department will be selected as a winner.
- Prizes include: bragging rights, and helping conserve the environment!

## LOCAL UNION REP DRIVE COMPETITION

Our local rep drive has officially begun, with multiple chances for our members in BU2 to receive a \$100 Amazon Gift Card! The contest goes until November 16. Afterward, we will hold a random drawing and the winner will receive a \$100 gift card to Amazon.

To enter, either fill out an application to become a local rep or refer a colleague to sign up as a local rep. Then, go to the custom tab on our Facebook page or visit [localrepdrive.hscampaigns.com](http://localrepdrive.hscampaigns.com) to submit your entry.

You can enter every time you complete a referral. There is no limit on entries, so refer as many colleagues as possible for a more chances to win!

After you fill out an application, you will need to RSVP for one of our upcoming local rep trainings. We have one in Sacramento on October 13, one in Los Angeles on November 3, another one in Sacramento on November 17, and one in the Bay Area on December 1 (specific location TBD). To RSVP, please email [CASE@calattorneys.org](mailto:CASE@calattorneys.org).

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