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**Chicago Muslim and Arab American Organizations Unite to Address the Negative Effects of President Trump's Executive Order Banning Travel to the U.S. at a Press Conference on:**

**Monday, February 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Court, Corboy Hall, 2nd Floor**

Hosting Organizations:       **Arab American Bar Association of Illinois**  
  **Muslim Bar Association**  
  **Arab American Medical Association**  
  **American Middle East Voters Alliance PAC (AMVOTE)**  
  **Arab American Business & Professional Association**  
  **Arab American Association of Engineers & Architects IL**  
  **Syrian American Engineers & Architects**  
  **The Decalogue Society of Lawyers**

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In response to the latest Executive Order banning travel to the United States issued by President Donald Trump, a host of Chicago-based Arab and Muslim American organizations will hold a press conference on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 10:00 am, at the Chicago Bar Association, 321 S. Plymouth Ct., Chicago, IL 60604.

The Press Conference is called to address the negative effects of the Executive Order signed on January 27, 2017. The Order, which on its face purports to prohibit entry of non-immigrants and immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim countries, has resulted in confusion at our nation's airports and concern among our communities. The Executive Order has struck a chord with millions of people around the world, including in the greater Chicago area, which includes one of the largest Arab and Muslim communities in America.

Our professional associations are committed to the rule of law and ensuring that all individuals receive their right to equal protection and due process under the law, regardless of race, religion, or country of origin. Many legal experts believe, and courts have found, that the Executive Order is unconstitutional and violates fundamental legal precepts. Although national security and public safety are critical for all Americans, policies and practices that discriminate against refugees or immigrants on the basis of national origin, race, ethnicity, or religion will not achieve these goals.