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## **AILF Announces New Director of the Immigration Policy Center**

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**Washington, D.C.** - The American Immigration Law Foundation (AILF) is pleased to announce that Mary Giovagnoli will become the new Director of the Immigration Policy Center (IPC) replacing Angela Kelley who has accepted the position of Vice President for Immigration Policy at the Center for American Progress.

Ms. Giovagnoli brings a wealth of experience and an incredible knowledge of immigration law and policy to IPC, most recently serving as the Senior Director of Policy for the National Immigration Forum. She also served as a trial attorney and associate general counsel with the Immigration and Naturalization Service and as an associate chief counsel for United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). During that time she specialized in refugee and asylum law. In 2005, she became the senior advisor to the Director of Congressional Relations at USCIS. She was awarded a Congressional Fellowship from USCIS to serve for a year in Senator Edward M. Kennedy's office where she worked on comprehensive immigration reform and refugee issues. She received an M.A. in rhetoric and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

"We are confident that Mary Giovagnoli will continue our shared commitment to excellence and propel IPC to the forefront of the national immigration debate," stated Benjamin Johnson, AILF Executive Director. "The entire staff looks forward to welcoming and working with her."

Best wishes and great thanks to Angela Kelley for her excellent leadership and devotion to immigration policy which helped raise the profile of the IPC and attract new audiences and supporters.

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