



## The Immigration Debate - June 2nd

The United States has been unable to control the number of illegal immigrants entering its nearly 2,000 mile border with Mexico. It is estimated that anywhere from 8 million to as many as 20 million illegal immigrants are currently living in the United States and the annual cost to American Taxpayers is in the billions. Although polls show most Americans oppose amnesty for illegal immigrants and favor tough border enforcement, many human rights groups as well as business interests are opposed to hard line immigration reforms.

How bad is the immigration problem in America? Can we afford to stop the flow of illegal immigrants into the country? Can we afford not to stop them? Join Deborah Notkin from the American Immigration Law Foundation as she squares off against Al Garza of The Minuteman over the issue of Illegal Immigration on the Saturday, June 2nd edition of The SoapBox Radio Show!

## GUEST SPEAKERS

### AL GARZA



**Al Garza** is the National Executive Director of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps., a citizen political action group that assists Border Patrol in defending our southern and northern border with Mexico.

He is a Marine combat veteran of the Vietnam conflict, with a background in hand to hand combat, weapons training and military police while stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Al retired in 2003 after 32 years as a private investigator in Southern California. He currently lives in Arizona. He joined the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps shortly after retiring due to the needless deaths in the desert and the lawlessness and anarchy on a sovereign border of the United States.

Al has diligently dedicated three years to the minutemen in a crusade to set a new standard for what it means to be an American. While our elected officials, non-chalantly, regard the minutemen as vigilantes, the minutemen are busy saving lives and reporting suspicious illegal activity to the proper authorities, an endeavor attributed to one of President Bush's eloquent speeches. Without one incident of violence the Minutemen have peacefully turned over 10 thousand illegal entrants to Border Patrol and saved 300 lives. Al believes in the rule of law and demands that people enter our nation legally and prove they have a productive reason for entering our country.

### More Information

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### DEBORAH NOTKIN



**Deborah Notkin** is a partner in the firm of Barst & Mukamal LLP and maintains a large immigration and nationality practice. She is the immediate past president of the American Immigration Lawyers

Association (AILA), 2005-2006 and serves on its executive committee. A noted expert in business immigration and labor certifications she has served as Co-Chair of AILA's Labor Liaison Committee, Associate Editor of AILA's Manual on Labor Certifications, New York Chapter Chair, Co-Chair of the INS Eastern Liaison Committee and Annual Conference Chair of the advanced program sub-committee. Ms. Notkin is listed in Best Lawyers in America,

the International Who is Who of Corporate Immigration Lawyers and Chambers USA as recommended immigration counsel. Since 1994, she has been a frequent lecturer on Immigration Law for the Practising Law Institute and the New York State Bar Association as well as at AILA conferences. Her numerous articles on business immigration have been cited frequently in articles on immigration. As an advocate for positive immigration reform, she has appeared on many television and radio programs and has addressed many religious and business organizations.

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