

Jeffrey Frank

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Candidate Statement: Jeffrey Frank for Vice-President

I have been a Guild member for over 30 years. My principal connection has been through the Chicago Chapter, where I served as a Board member for 10 years. I declined to run again in order for the younger members to take over the mantle. I am still active with the Chapter and participate in various activities.

I am also a Board member of the NLG Chicago Foundation where I participate in decision making on who gets grants and help run the Foundation.

During my time with the Guild, I handled several misdemeanor cases, but principally I worked with Chicago ordinance violations such as disorderly conduct cases. I also was the “permit specialist” helping various movement groups to obtain permits for demonstrations and marches.

My regular law practice was as a tax attorney. Now that I am retired from the commercial practice of law, I help non-profit organizations get up and running. I have helped dozens of non-profit organizations get started with the philosophy of demystifying the law. In this way, I not only help them get started (set up a non-profit corporation, by-laws, tax exempt status, etc.), but also teach them how to operate as a non-profit under federal and state laws.

I am a co-chair of the International Committee and in that capacity helped set up the International Committee and get a bank account. I work on various international issues mainly through the Task Force on the Americas (TFA).

As part of TFA, I liaison with Brazilian attorneys and represent the Guild in various conferences and activities facing Brazilian attorneys.

I am also the National Coordinator of the Friends of the MST (Brazilian landless workers movement) and have been since 2009. I have been in contact with the MST for over 25 years which has been a very enriching experience.

I received my J.D. from the University of Minnesota School of Law and my LL.M. (Taxation) from New York University.

I believe I am the right candidate for the vice-president position given my extensive background experience in non-profit tax law as the Guild might endure attacks from the Trump administration. Also, I am a calm voice in a storm.