The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), founded in 1974, is a national organization that protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans. By combining litigation, advocacy, education, and organizing, AALDEF works with Asian American communities across the country to secure human rights for all.

**January**
AALDEF travels to six states—GA, MA, MI, NY, PA, TX—and Washington, DC to present the statewide results of its 2014 multilingual poll of Asian American voters.

RAISE, the Asian undocumented youth group affiliated with AALDEF, performs “Letters from UndocuAsianas” and selects recipients of the nation’s first scholarship for pan-Asian undocumented youth.

**February**
A New Orleans federal jury awards $14 million to five Indian temporary workers in a major labor trafficking case. AALDEF is on the legal team with Southern Poverty Law Center, ACLU, and Louisiana Justice Institute.

AALDEF celebrates the Lunar new year and presents the 2015 Justice in Action Awards to author Jessica Hagedorn, Neal Kato of Hogeg Lovells, and John W. Kuo of Varian Medical Systems.

**March**
Korean and Latino workers at Kum Gang San restaurant in New York City win a $2.67 million dollar judgment in AALDEF’s wage theft lawsuit.

**April**
AALDEF and more than 150 groups file an amicus brief calling on the 5th Circuit federal appeals court to allow executive actions on immigration to proceed and enable hundreds of thousands of undocumented Asian immigrants to seek relief from deportation.

**May**
At this year’s Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Festival in Manhattan’s Chinatown, AALDEF distributes legal rights pamphlets.

**June**
Law students from Brooklyn, Columbia, Harvard, and U. of Dayton and college students from Fortham and Rutgers participate in the AALDEF summer internship program, gaining practical experience in public interest law.

**July**
Public Justice names AALDEF attorneys and other members of the legal team representing trafficked Indian workers at Signal International the 2015 Trial Lawyers of the Year.

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More than 400 people attend AALDEF’s annual summer party, where rapper Himanshu Suri (“Heems”) performs songs from his solo album, “Eat Pray Thug.”

**August**
AALDEF celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act by educating the public about Asian Americans and the VRA through community presentations and an op-ed in New York Law Journal.

AALDEF files a lawsuit in Texas federal court, challenging a state law that prevents Asian American voters with limited English proficiency from getting assistance at the polls from a person of their choice.

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**September**
AALDEF and members of the Coalition to Protect Chinatown and the Lower East Side organize the March Against Displacement and call for a rezoning to protect low-income tenants and small businesses in Manhattan’s Chinatown/LES.

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**November**
Sixty-five Asian American groups and higher educational officials join AALDEF’s amicus brief in the U. S. Supreme Court, in support of diversity in higher education in Fisher v. UT-Austin.

AALDEF conducts an exit poll and monitors polling places in New Orleans, Philadelphia, and Houston in the 2015 elections, to document barriers facing Asian American voters.

**December**
At the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association convention in New Orleans, AALDEF attorneys speak at a plenary on the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act and a workshop on the fight against human trafficking.

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