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January 5, 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Breaking News

2018 Georgia-Alabama Chapter Conference Early Bird Rate End TODAY

Believe it or not, the early bird rate is fast approaching for our 2018 Chapter Conference. Register by midnight tonight to save \$\$\$\$.

[Register online](#)

View the [Program](#)

Dates: February 23-24, 2018

- Attorney, AILA Member (Early Bird): \$350.00 - ACT FAST!
- Attorney, Non-AILA Member: \$500.00
- Non-Profit Employee: \$275.00
- Paralegal: \$100.00
- Law Student (must have prior approval): \$50.00

Information about reserving a room at [The Georgian Terrace](#) is also on our website. We have secured a special rate of \$179.00 per night during the conference.

ICE ERO Closed on Monday, January 8th

Due to the anticipated impact of the College Football National Championship and the attendance of President Donald Trump, the ICE Enforcement and Removal Office at [180 Ted Turner Drive, Atlanta, Georgia](#) will be closed on Monday, January 8, 2018.

- During the 8th of January (Monday) the typical daytime population of 176,000 will increase by 57%
- Hosting an additional 100,000 college football playoff fans, media and event staff.

- Events will take place not only in the stadium but also in the Georgia World Congress Center (GWCCA) and the Centennial Olympic Park.
- Congested roadways, closed roads and increased mass transit will be the norm all weekend long but especially on Monday the 8th of January.
- Road closures associated with the event and the President's motorcade are expected.
- Availability of parking at/near [180 Ted Turner Drive](#) will be severely impacted.

ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations will resume normal operations on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. For information regarding the immigration courts, please contact the Executive Office for Immigration Review directly.

AG Announces Review of Administrative Closure in Removal Proceedings

Scary stuff folks...Matter of CASTRO-TUM, 27 I&N Dec. 187 (A.G. 2018)

The Attorney General referred the decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals to himself for review of issues relating to the authority to administratively close immigration proceedings, ordering that the case be stayed during the pendency of his review.

Read full decision - <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1022366/download>

1. Do Immigration Judges and the Board have the authority, under any statute, regulation, or delegation of authority from the Attorney General, to order administrative closure in a case? If so, do the Board's decisions in Matter of Avetisyan, 25 I&N Dec. 688 (BIA 2012), and Matter of W-Y-U-, 27 I&N Dec. 17 (BIA 2017), articulate the appropriate standard for administrative closure?
2. If I determine that Immigration Judges and the Board currently lack the authority to order administrative closure, should I delegate such authority? Alternatively, if I determine that Immigration Judges and the Board currently possess the authority to order administrative closure, should I withdraw that authority?
3. The regulations governing removal proceedings were promulgated for "The expeditious, fair, and proper resolution of matters coming before Immigration Judge ." 8 C.F.R. § 1003.12 (2017). Are there any circumstances where a docket management device other than administrative closure—including a continuance for good cause shown (8 C.F.R. § 1003.29 (2017)), dismissal without prejudice (8 C.F.R. § 1239.2(c) (2017)), or termination without prejudice (8 C.F.R. § 1239.2(f))—would be inadequate to promote that objective? Should there be different legal consequences, such as eligibility to apply for a provisional waiver of certain grounds of inadmissibility under the immigration laws or for benefits under federal or state programs, where a case has been administratively closed rather than continued?
4. If I determine that Immigration Judges and the Board do not have the authority to order administrative closure, and that such a power is unwarranted or unavailable, what actions should be taken regarding cases that are already administratively closed?

AILA Websites and Listservs Undergoing Maintenance

All AILA sites will be down from 10:00pm ET Friday until 9:00am ET Saturday.

This will also affect all listservs – anything mailed to an @lists.aila.org address during the outage will not be sent out and, depending on the sender's email server, may never go out even when the lists come back up.

If you send anything out late Friday evening to a list and it doesn't arrive by 10:00am ET Saturday morning you should resend.

Chapter Events

Register for the 2018 Georgia-Alabama Conference - Early Bird Rates End TODAY!

Yep - it's in here twice! You won't want to miss this amazing slate of sessions and speakers.

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Advanced Asylum Training on Particular Social Groups January 11th

Join AILA, GAIN and KIND to gain a deeper understanding of asylum law to protect vulnerable populations. The training will focus on crafting cognizable particular social groups and a mock asylum merits hearing. We will discuss representing unaccompanied minors at their merits hearings. See the attached flyer for more information.

Date: January 11, 2018

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Troutman Sanders, [600 Peachtree Street, Suite 5200, Atlanta, GA 30308](#)

RSVP to: mrodriguez@supportkind.org

Federal Litigation Workshop January 12th

Come learn from a local legend in creative litigation, Peter Hill. He will walk us through the various remedies available in federal court and offer his own war stories to illustrate creative applications of these remedies in the fight for our clients against the overwhelming power of DHS and DOJ. We will end the meeting with a brainstorming session on how this chapter can better serve chapter members to improve the federal litigation here in Atlanta.

Date: January 12, 2018

Time: Noon

Location: Northlake Thai, 3939 Lavista Road, Suite A, Tucker, GA 30084

[Register online](#)

**How to Represent Minors Before the Atlanta Immigration Court /
Training for the Attorney of the Day Program
January 18th**

When: January 18, 2018

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: State Bar of Georgia - [104 Marietta St NW #100, Atlanta, GA 30303](#)

Sponsored by: GA-AL AILA Chapter Pro Bono Committee and KIND- Kids in Need of Defense

[Register online](#)

AILA's mission behind the Attorney of the Day (AOTD) program is to provide pro se respondents in removal proceedings on the UAC docket with legal assistance. This will further the court's and AILA's mission of ensuring fair adjudication because respondents who are informed of their legal options will be better equipped to pursue them. It will also reduce the time burden that pro se respondents place on the court. Respondents who are informed that they may have relief available will be motivated to seek counsel, and even those who do not have relief available will better understand their legal situation.

For more information on the AOTD Program or this training opportunity, please contact: Killa Marti, Esq., Pro Bono Committee Chair, at killam@solanofirm.com

**Getting Those Clients - Presented by New Members Division
January 18th**

Learn how to market yourself to build your book of business. Former Executive Director of Lawyers for Equal Justice Work, Community Director for the Lawyrist.com and Business Consultant for small law firms, Stephanie Everett will provide a presentation specifically focused on essential client engagement tools for solo practitioners.

Date: January 18th

Time: 6:30pm– 8:00pm

Cost: \$20 (to cover dinner),

Location: Troutman Sanders, [600 Peachtree Street, Suite 5200, Atlanta, GA 30308](#)

[Register online](#)

Save the Dates - Advocacy Days

Please save the date for these lobby days: Feb. 27th and March 20th, 9 am-noon at the Georgia Capitol.

These lobby days are co-sponsored by Project South, GLAHR, Women Watch Afrika, BAJI, and the Georgia-Alabama AILA Chapter.

Other Local Events

Business Immigration CLE with the State Bar of Georgia January 10th

Join members of the Immigration Law Section for the Business Immigration Seminar on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center. This section-sponsored event will offer 6 CLE hours including 1 Ethics Hours and 1 Professionalism Hour.

Topics will include:

- The Most Common Professional Employment Based Visas (H-1B, L-1A/B, TN)
- Compliance in the Workplace: Records to Be Maintained When Foreign Workers Are On Staff; Being Prepared For an Audit (Whether By the DIK, USCIS or ICE)
- PERM Labor Certification: The Job Description, Minimum Requirements and Recruitment Strategies; And PERM to I-140 Adjudication: Degree Equivalency and Other Issues

[Click here](#) to register for this event.

Invitation to Meet with the Director of the National Visa Center

Conn Schrader, Director of the NVC, will be in Atlanta on Friday, January 26th. NVC staff will brief our membership and local community organizations updates to their systems and processes and provide helpful tips. You must RSVP by January 20th to attend. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Date: Friday, January 26th

Time: 8:00am - 9:30am

Location: USCIS Atlanta Field Office - 2150 Parklake Drive, Atlanta, GA 30345

RSVP To: rsvptonvc@state.gov

Job Scene

- Adekunbe Adejumo is relocating from Chicago to Atlanta and is seeking an associate position. See attached resume.

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- Tweet with us! <https://twitter.com/@ailagaal>
- Chapter Website: www.ga-al.com
 - Password for AILA Members Only Page: GA-AL-M3MB3R5!
- Chapter Yahoo Group: As chapter members, you get to use it. Send anyone on the Executive Committee an email if you want in on the action - the ability to post responsibly and search older threads.

