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February 9, 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter Events

Just Two Weeks Away!

2018 Georgia-Alabama Chapter Conference February 23 -24

Only two more weeks until the best immigration law conference in the Southeast kicks off! We have “hands on workshops,” experts from our own backyard and from across the country, and plenty of networking opportunities. We cannot wait to see you at the Georgian Terrace later this month. There’s still time to register, but don’t wait too long!

View the [Program](#)

[Register online](#)

Dates: February 23-24, 2018

- Attorney, AILA Member: \$400.00
- Attorney, Non-AILA Member: \$500.00
- Non-Profit Employee: \$200.00
- Paralegal: \$275.00
- Law Student (must have prior approval): \$100.00

Next Chapter Luncheon: Focus on Advocacy March 16th

Save the date! Our next chapter luncheon will be on Friday, March 16th. Our Advocacy Committee is hard at work on securing speakers, but we are excited to have local legislators and community leaders join us.

Date: Friday, March 16th

Time: 11:30 networking, 12:00 lunch

Location: RiRa Atlanta, 1080 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 1, Atlanta, GA 30309

Cost: \$25.00

Registration Link: Coming soon

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.

Chapter News

CBP Liaison Call for Questions Due by February 16th

The Atlanta CBP Port Director will be at our chapter conference later this month and has requested all questions to be submitted in advance. Please send your questions to CBP Liaison Courtney Noce at nocec@gtlaw.com by February 15th.

11th Circuit Case Summaries

Thank you our federal court team for putting together the attached summary of immigration-related 11th Circuit decisions from December and January.

ICE Policy Memo on Enforcement in Courthouses

Thank you to Azadeh Shahshahani for providing the attached copy of Directive Number 11072.1.

USCIS Atlanta Liaison Meeting

The USCIS Atlanta Liaison Committee met this morning with leadership with the Atlanta Field Office. They'll have the official Q & A for us later, but some items of note...

- Attached is the InfoPass policy. USCIS stated that in order to obtain an I-551 stamp, emergency advance parole, or other service to please do the following:
 - Try to schedule an InfoPass appointment first
 - If InfoPass is unavailable, emergencies will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Emergency walk-in appointments will only be taken until 12:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and until Noon on Wednesday
 - The emergency must be documented. A letter from an employer denoting possible termination, a rejection from DDS, a signed letter from a physician are all good examples.
 - If your client is told no, but has documentation, they should ask for a supervisor or the duty officer.

- USCIS Atlanta has revamped the cover sheet used by ICE when A files are transferred from Court to USCIS. With this new cover sheet, we should see fewer cases being misrouted to archives when they should be set for an interview.
- ISO Y. Garcia passed away last weekend. He used to be an InfoPass officer, but had been conducting interviews for the past year. No details were given, but his service will be on Monday in Puerto Rico. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts.

Chapter Needs

Day Coordinators Needed for Chapter Conference

The Conference Planning Committee is looking for law student and/or new member volunteers to assist us at the GA-AL Chapter conference on February 23 and 24th. Day Coordinators will help with registration, keep track of time for panelists and make brief announcements between panels. Day coordinators are needed for shifts in the morning and afternoon for Friday and Saturday.

This is a great opportunity to interact with your local immigration bar and meet experienced practitioners! You'll also receive a reduced rate for conference registration.

To volunteer please contact Joy Smith at JoyElmoreSmith@gmail.com.

11th Circuit Newsletter Group Seeks Volunteer

A volunteer is needed to assist with preparing summaries of a small number of 11th Circuit cases to be included in the bi-monthly newsletter of BIA cases, OCAHO cases, and immigration - related cases from the 11th Circuit and U.S. District Courts in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. That newsletter is currently prepared and edited by several volunteers from the GA-AL, Central Florida, and South Florida AILA Chapters.

Marshall Cohen and Roberta Cooper share the 11th Circuit cases, but a third volunteer is needed for these cases. The volunteer would commit to preparing summaries for approximately 5 - 10 cases, and the time required would be approximately 1 - 2 hours every two months.

Please contact Marshall Cohen at cohen@antoniniandcohen.com if interested.

Website Coordinator Needed

Our chapter website needs someone to help with keeping content fresh and with getting information up in a timely matter. If you have experience with WordPress and would like to help put up minutes, job announcements, newsletters, etc., please contact our First Vice Chair, Eli A. Echols at first.vice.chair@ga-al.com.

Other Local Events

**2018 Asian American Legislative Breakfast and Lobby Day
February 22, 2018**

Join Asian Americans Advancing Justice for their Seventh Annual Asian American Legislative Breakfast and Lobby Day on Thursday, February 22nd in the Georgia State Capitol located in downtown Atlanta. Our Legislative Breakfast and Lobby Day is designed to be a relationship-building opportunity among Asian American leaders, Georgia elected officials and other policy makers. The event draws the largest number of Asian American business and community leaders to the Georgia Capitol each year, typically bringing together over 300 guests.

This year's event will start with coffee and refreshments as well as a formal program at the Floyd Room at the James H Floyd Building from 7:30AM - 9:00AM, followed by an opportunity to lobby elected officials on important issues in the legislature. Guests will be invited to join the group back in the Floyd Room for a lunch and keynote address (TBD).

For any questions, please contact Berenice Rodriguez at:
Berenice@advancingjustice-atlanta.org.

To purchase tickets or sponsorships <https://2018legbreakfast.eventbrite.com>

**Go Formal for Freedom to Support GAIN
March 23, 2018**

The Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) is pleased to invite you to their annual Go Formal For Freedom on March 23, 2018 at the Intercontinental Buckhead. Several people will be recognized for their pro bono work for asylum seekers and for victims of violence, including the Honorable Beverly Baldwin Martin of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Tickets and information on the event are [online](#) or see the attached flyer.

**2018 Basics of Federal Court Litigation
South Florida Chapter and Immigrant Justice Campaign
March 24, 2018**

Join the Immigration Justice Campaign and AILA South Florida Chapter for the [2018 Basics of Federal Court Litigation CLE](#). This basics-level, single-day conference on March 24, 2018, in Miami, is designed to demystify the judicial process and provide you with the tools you need to seek judicial remedies for your clients. [Register today!](#)

AILA National News and Events

AILA National Call for Volunteers

Ever wonder how people get selected to national committees or are asked to speak at conferences around the country? It isn't who you know - it's who knows you! Make your willingness to serve known by completing the [AILA Volunteer Survey](#) now available online. This survey must be completed by March 2, 2018 in order to be considered for 2018-2019.

Board of Governors Meeting Summary

The mid-winter BOG meeting was held last weekend in Cancun. Some highlights from the meeting include:

- AILA has adopted a position on restructuring the Immigration Court system. Please see page 32 of the [BOG Materials](#) for details. There are still issues to work through (such as retention of current judges), but this provides AILA with a starting point in the conversation.
- AILA is developing a database of talent. This includes evaluations from speaking engagements, volunteer positions, etc. If you'd like to be included in the database, the best thing to do is to start volunteering (see above).
- AILA was referenced 2.5 times more in the media last year than before. AILA members are being recognized as the experts in the field (as they should!).
- Strategies to Fight include...
 - Building up coalitions within the business and litigation arenas
 - Media campaigns, such as the "Invisible Wall" to show the impact of new policies and priorities on legal immigration
 - Revamping and rebuilding our national liaison relationships
 - Build a litigation task force
- We continue to look at ways for AILA National and local chapters to work together and to complement each other's work - and to not have your inbox flooded with pro bono requests, media campaigns, etc.

Immigration Justice Campaign Seeks Volunteers and Mentors

The Immigration Justice Campaign is a joint initiative of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and the American Immigration Council. Its mission is to fight for due process and justice for detained noncitizens by fortifying the army of lawyers across the country who are ready and able to vigorously defend their rights in court. To learn more, visit www.aila.org/justice.

The Campaign will also partner with local nonprofit organizations to expand your opportunities to take your fearless lawyering to the next level and volunteer to represent immigrants detained in places like Texas, Colorado, Ohio and Georgia - or to mentor

newer volunteers. Together, we will strengthen the army of lawyers needed to advocate for detained immigrants.

Training opportunities include:

- An on-demand [bond hearing webinar](#) (free)
- Upcoming CLEs in partnership with the [AILA South Florida Chapter](#) (\$229) on March 24, 2018, in Miami, FL, and the National Immigration Project (TBD) on April 12, 2018, in Washington, DC, and via webcast
- A [three-part fearless lawyering video series](#) featuring retired immigration judges (free)

Learn more and volunteer [online](#). Attached flyer contains more information, too.

Questions? Contact Justice Campaign Director Karen Lucas at klucas@immcouncil.org.

American Immigration Council Update

AIC filed a lawsuit challenging immigration judges' refusal to conduct bond hearings for people who properly file bond motions with the Charlotte Immigration Court. More details can be found [here](#).

AILA Spring Conference April 13, 2018 in Washington, DC

With the upheaval wrought in the first year of the Trump administration, you'll want to make sure that you're up to date on all the latest proposed policy changes. Join us on Friday, April 13, for the [2018 AILA Spring CLE Conference](#), where you'll get updates from AILA liaison committee members and the government leaders who implement and shape American immigration policy. New for this year, you'll have the opportunity to hear what each agency's priorities are for the year ahead in our "Conversation with the Agencies," where government officials will describe their outlooks for the year. Get the critical information you need in order to effectively help your clients in the next year and beyond!

See the [complete conference program](#), and register today!

AILA Annual Conference June 13 - 16, 2018 in San Francisco

It's that time of the year again, with cold weather and short days, but you can look forward to mild temperatures and the [AILA Annual Conference](#)! The hottest event in immigration law will be held in San Francisco this year, from June 13-16.

Join your fellow fearless lawyers for the 2018 AILA Annual Conference to get all the updates you need for the year ahead, from the latest government policy changes to creative ways to defend your clients.

Member Price: \$855.00

Make your plans now to be in San Francisco for the biggest event of the year! Check out the [complete program](#) and [Day-At-A-Glance](#) and register today!

Job Scene

- Ernst Prince is an experienced immigration paralegal seeking contract work with either family or employment-based immigration law firm. Resume attached.
- Jody Turner is a bilingual (En/Es) legal professional seeking employment as a paralegal or legal assistant. Resume attached.
- From Jessica Stern - Stern Law is seeking a Senior Associate to join our crImmigration firm. Please see the attached job description.
 - In the meantime, we're building a solid core network of experienced attorneys who have mastered their craft (in one or more of the following areas: criminal trial work, post-conviction appeals, mitigation, immigration removal defense, BIA/11th circuit immigration appeals) to join forces on a contract basis.
- The Latin American Association Seeks a Defense Attorney
 - Summary: The attorney is responsible for interviewing and screening non-detained clients in removal proceedings, assessing eligibility for relief from removal, and representing clients before the Executive Office of Immigration Review. Please see attached for full job description and contact information.
- Rahim Dhanani is seeking a paralegal. Please see attached.
- The Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) is seeking a Full-Time Victims of Violence Navigator. See attached job description or review [online](#).

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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.



Tracie L. Klinke
Chair

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