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March 9, 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter News and Events

NEXT FRIDAY - Chapter Luncheon March 16, 2018

What's more fun than being at an Irish bar the day before St. Patrick's Day? Being there with your favorite AILA colleagues!! Our next chapter luncheon will focus on Legislation and Advocacy - a most timely conversation given the state of affairs with SB 452 (more on that below). I know we're all crazy busy, but take a few hours to learn about issues before the Georgia Legislature, have a tasty lunch, and enjoy the company of fellow warriors.

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: <https://ailagaal.wufoo.com/forms/zj6nnlf0gtmdfc/>

Help Burmese Refugees March 10, 2018

Catholic Charities, along with AILA, is hosting a Know Your Rights presentation for the Burmese Community tomorrow, March 10th. Since this is so close, we wanted to get the word out so you can arrange your schedule if you'd like to help.

Why is there a KYR for the Burmese Community? Around the country, [we've been hearing](#) that Burmese refugees who are now LPRs and some USCIs who were originally processed in Malaysia are being sent interview notices for follow-up interviews. USCIS is looking for fraud in the underlying refugee application.

In addition to the KYR presentation, there will be time for volunteer attorneys to help those affected to help prepare letters asking for a continuance of the interview as well as preparing FOIA requests. Please let Amy Haer know if you'll be there.

Date: Saturday, March 10th

Time: Arrive by 11:15 and plan on staying for 3 hours (depending on need)

Location: IRC - [2305 Parklake Drive, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30345](#)

Contact: Amy Haer, ahaer@catholiccharitiesatlanta.org.

**EOIR Listening Session Update
March 7, 2017**

Earlier this week, EOIR hosted a listening session at the Annex location for the Atlanta Immigration Court. AILA was lucky enough to have two members take excellent notes - one on general updates/information and the other focusing more on children's issues. Both are attached (one document) for your reading pleasure. Topics include: hearings at two locations on the same day, access to the Annex, and clear signage.

**Immigrant and Refugee Education and Advocacy Day
March 20th**

Join AILA and many other local organizations to learn about legislative advocacy and to be effective when speaking with our state lawmakers. See attached for more information.

Date: Tuesday, March 20th

Time: 9:00am - Noon

Location: State Capitol, Room 125

Cost: Free

**National Day of Action - Educate Congress and Get \$300!
April 12, 2018**

The registration for AILA National Day of Action is open! As we have done in past years, we are happy to reimburse up to \$300 of travel expenses to the first ten members who register.

Come out and exercise your lobbying skills in Washington, D.C. with GA-AL Congressional Representatives on April 12, 2018. It is a great opportunity to meet with representatives and discuss important immigration issues especially with the current political climate.

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2018

To register: www.aila.org/nda2018.

Make a Weekend Out of it and also attend the [2018 AILA Spring conference](#) in Washington, D.C. More information on the conference is below.

**Take a Hike with the Wellness Committee
April 22, 2018**

The Wellness Committee has not only started a hiking club, but has scheduled a hiking event on April 22nd at Stone Mountain Park. Please see the attached flyer and contact Gergana Tzekova at gergana.tzekova@ogletree.com for more information.

Did You Attend the Chapter Conference? Evaluation Time!

We know y'all loved last week's Chapter Conference, but we're always striving to make it better. Take a few minutes to evaluate the conference and you'll be entered into a random drawing for a \$100 gift card.

All evaluations must be in by March 20th.

[2018 Chapter Conference Survey](#)

Legislative/Governance Updates

SB 452

We were ready to go down to the Capitol to educate lawmakers this week, but at the last minute, SB 452 was taken off the House Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee agenda. It's [not dead yet](#), so please continue to call Speaker Ralston at 404-656-5020 to voice your opposition.

Read the bill [here](#).

GBPI recently ran [an article](#) detailing the economic costs of SB 452.

Project South has a fact sheet up online: projectsouth.org/deportation-pipeline

Richard Dien Winfield Running for Congress in the 10th District

Chapter member Sujata Winfield's husband is running for Congress. He is a philosophy professor from UGA, is running for U.S. Congress from Georgia 10. He has a very progressive platform, anchored in a federal job guarantee without which he feels there can be no true equality, race, gender, or class.

Check out his website is www.winfieldforcongress.com. He has an immigration platform and would like feedback and advice from the group to come up with the best policy ever.

Ethan Pham Running for Congress in the 7th District

Chapter member Jenny Nguyen's law partner, Ethan Pham, officially entered the race today. To learn more about his candidacy, please visit [his website](#).

Kevin Miner
Nominated for Re-Election to the AILA Board of Governors

Earlier this week, Jeremy McKinney, AILA National Secretary, announced [the slate of candidates](#) for national leadership positions. Kevin Miner has been nominated from our chapter to serve a second term. Elections aren't yet open, but we all look forward to supporting Kevin in the upcoming campaign!

Other Local Events

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NVC Event Rescheduled
March 16, 2018

The NVC is coming to Atlanta to discuss recent and upcoming procedural changes to processing, plus updates to CEAC. There will be a Q&A afterwards.

When: Friday, March 16, 2018

Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

Where: Atlanta Passport Agency, 230 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 1240, Atlanta, GA 30303

You must RVSP to this event by March 9th - rsvptonvc@state.gov.

Official invitation attached.

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!](#)

National News and Events

Barriers to Representing Detained Clients AILA National Wants to Know

AILA National is tracking barriers that attorneys are experiencing when trying to represent detained clients. Sharing your experiences will help AILA better understand what's happening in the field so they, in turn, can help us and our clients.

<http://www.aila.org/detained>

New Kurzban Chapter Ordering Program Free Shipping Through March 15th

Order the hot-off-the-press new Kurzban's by May 1, 2018 and receive 25% off the regular price - that is, pay \$335 instead of \$649. If you order by March 15th, you'll also receive free shipping (which on a book this size can be a doozy!).

Log into your Agora account to order and take advantage of these special discounts.

The Risks of Cooperating with ICE Detainers AILA, AIC, NIJC, NILC and SPLC Release Report

Five leading immigrant and civil rights organizations issued a joint report earlier this week detailing the illegalities inherent in each of the U.S. government's repeated attempts to enlist local law enforcement authorities to arrest and detain people on behalf of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The report, [Assumption of Risk: Legal Liabilities for Local Governments that Choose to Enforce Federal Immigration Laws](#), was written by attorneys from the National Immigrant Justice Center, American Immigration Council, American Immigration Lawyers Association, National Immigration Law Center, and Southern Poverty Law Center, who have successfully challenged these practices in courts throughout the country. It describes the legal liabilities local governments face when they honor ICE requests, known as "detainers," to hold individuals past the completion of their criminal custody until immigration agents take them into administrative custody.

Download the report at <http://www.aila.org/assumptionofrisk>

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!

Job Scene

- Irina Barzee seeks an entry-level legal assistant position. Please see attached resume.
- Antonini & Cohen are looking for a part-time Associate Attorney. Please see attached for more information.
- Tahirih has three job openings - a staff attorney, a client advocate and an administrative/development assistant. See their [website](#) for more information.
- SPLC is hiring a Deputy Legal Director of the Immigrant Justice Project. Please see attached flyer for information.
- GAIN is seeking a Victims of Crime Navigator to assist their clients. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

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- 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.

