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March 16, 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter News and Events

Chapter Luncheon

Thank you to everyone who came out to RiRa today! We were fortunate to hear from Azadeh Shahshani, Kevin Miner, Richard Dien Winfield, Ethan Pham and Mr. Isaac from Representative David Scott's office speak to us about advocacy and their hopes for immigration reform in the future.

Save the date for our next chapter luncheon - June 1, 2018 (Annual Meeting).

Nominations for Chapter Leadership

Nominations are open for the 2018-2019 Georgia-Alabama Chapter Executive Committee! If you would like to be considered for a position, let the chair of our Nominating Committee, Sarah Owings, know by April 10th. Sarah's official chapter email address is past.chair@ga-al.com. The Nominating Committee this year consists of Sarah, Aimee Clark and Carolina Antonini.

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. Special attention will be paid to SB 452. If you haven't lobbied before, training will be from 9:00 - 9:45 and then lobbying will begin around 10am. 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](#)

SB452

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We are still waiting for this bill to be heard before the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, so it's [not dead yet](#), so please continue to call Speaker Ralston at 404-656-5020 to voice your opposition. But, don't stop with Speaker Ralston. A script has been created to help you contact your contacts who would be burdened if this bill were to pass:

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

Good afternoon, [Judge or Judicial Assistant]:

SB 452 is currently pending in the Georgia House (Public Safety Committee), and many are concerned about the impact this bill will have on the justice system – specifically the courts. I feel a great sense of responsibility to do everything in my power to bring this to the attention of the bench. Specifically, as [Chief] Judge of the Superior Court of [COUNTY], Judge [NAME] should be aware of it for consideration and potential comment at the upcoming committee hearing early next week. SB 452 mandates the Court to inquire into every defendant's immigration status and alienage in order to determine whether a) DHS/ICE should be notified and b) confinement is a more appropriate sentence than probation simply based on a specific consideration of lawful presence here in the U.S. Aside from the rather obvious constitutional issues, this would present a significant practical and administrative nightmare for the courts.

The current bill proposed can be found here: <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/en-US/display/20172018/SB/452> and related fact-sheets are attached. The current language of the bill is likely in the process of amendment, and the committee must hear from Judges and law enforcement who would be charged with the implementation and administration of this bill. Currently, Reps. Clarke, Werkheiser and Hitchens are working on the bill revisions.

Would Judge [NAME] be willing to sit down with me, in chambers or by phone, for a few minutes to discuss this ASAP?

You can also reach out to a member of the committee to let them know how SB 452 violates the U.S. Constitution, is a waste of financial resources, makes our communities less safe and forces judges and law enforcement to act (unfunded) on behalf of the federal government.

HOUSE PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairman Alan Powell

Rep. Heath Clark, Vice Chairman

Rep. Bill Hitchens

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Rep. Darlene Taylor

Rep. Micah Gravley

Rep. Bill Werkheiser

Rep. Gerald E. Greene

Local News

NVC Event Held Today March 16, 2018

Did you know that the NVC receives 11,500 cases a week from USCIS? Or that they receive over 7,000 phone/email inquiries every single day? I didn't, but I learned that today at the NVC informational session today. They not only gave us statistics, but also talked about their processes, workload, and how their electronic filing system. Attached are handouts that they made available and have useful information on how to contact them.

Project South Releases Report on Deaths at Stewart Detention Center

This is an extremely dark, but important read regarding deaths at Stewart Detention Center. Thank you to Project South for taking the time to bring these stories to light.

<https://capitalandmain.com/deadly-detention-self-portrait-of-a-tragedy-0314>

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.

National News

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 Events

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 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!

**Bangkok District Chapter APAC 6th Annual Consular Processing Conference
May 9-10, 2018 in Hong Kong**

Are you an immigration attorney looking to stay up to date on the key issues advocates face during the U.S. visa application process? Then please join the AILA Bangkok District Chapter at its 6th annual conference on May 9th and 10th in the world-class destination of Hong Kong. Leading experts, from both government and the private sector, will discuss the latest immigration news, matters of fraud and misrepresentation, and regional issues as they relate to questions of a U.S. consular processing practice.

In addition, as at past conferences, we are working to arrange visits to neighboring consulates, namely the U.S. Consulates in Hong Kong and Guangzhou, China, where U.S. officials will give updates and field questions. No case specific queries will be entertained.

Conference Registration: [PLEASE VISIT OUR EVENTBRITE SITE](#).

Job Scene

- Michael Hershberg is awaiting Alabama bar results (due in late April) and seeks an entry-level associate position. Please see attached resume.
- Irina Barzee seeks an entry-level legal assistant position. Please see attached resume.
- Adekunbe Adejumo is relocating from Chicago to Atlanta and is seeking an associate position. See attached resume.
- Solano Law Firm is hiring a bilingual (Spanish/English) experienced immigration attorney to work in their Birmingham, AL office. Please see attached for more information.
- The Urbina Law firm seeks a bilingual (Spanish/English) to join their team in Marietta. Please see attached for more information.
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice has two job openings - one for an immigration paralegal and one for a supervising immigration 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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- 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 Georgia Alabama Chapter American Immigration Lawyers Association
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