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March 23, 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter News and Events

Volunteers for Donations Committee Needed

It's about that time of year again - the time where we're able to provide a bit of financial assistance to our local non-profit partners. We need a few members to step-up to review donation requests. The time commitment is minimal. The committee is led by Jennifer Bensman - please contact her if you are interested or have questions. Attached is a document explaining requirements and expectations. jen@jenniferbensmanlaw.com

Donation Applications Due April 1 - April 15

Speaking of donations...applications will be accepted during the first half of April. Please feel free to share with any immigration-related non profits! The application is up on our website at:

Nominations for Chapter Leadership Deadline April 10, 2018

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.

\$300 for National Day of Action 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. There are still a few spots left!

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.

News from the Gold Dome

SB 452 Update

Earlier this week, a waterdowned SB 452 passed the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee in the House. The bill is headed to the House Rules Committee and then the House floor and then back to the Senate in light of the changes to the text.

Although the bill is better, it still harms immigrant communities with constitutional violations, eroding trust, and it does not take into account the complexities or realities of immigration law.

Please continue calling Speaker David Ralston (404-656-5020) and Governor Deal (404-656-1776) to show your strong opposition to the bill! Together, we've slowed down and modified this bill, but there's still work to do.

Sign On: [Sign a critical letter](#) to the Speaker and Governor to show your opposition. AILA is a co-sponsor of this letter, but we'd love to have individuals and firms sign, too!

HB 258

Thank you to Chuck Kuck for bringing this to our attention - HB 258 seeks to take away driver's licenses for those who have EADs under categories C10, C18, and C33. Contact your local representatives to explain why this is STILL a horrible idea.

Local News and Events

DACA Volunteers Needed

Although no dates have been set, GLAHR is looking for pro bono attorneys to assist with DACA renewals around Atlanta. If interested in being on the list of possible volunteers, please contact Jacinta Gonzalez at jacinta@mijente.net or at (415) 635-4950.

Clarkston Community Center International Spring Festival April 7, 2018

Spring is just around the corner and the Clarkston Community Center is thrilled to bring you the [International Spring Festival](#) April 7th from 8 AM - 1 PM. Come join us for Good food, Global art, Live music and a variety of plants for sale to start spring gardening off right.

If you are interested in attending and would like to have a vendors booth, please [CLICK HERE](#). Please keep in mind there is limited availability.

If you would like to learn more about the Clarkston Community Center and all that we do, please [CLICK HERE](#).

We look forward to kicking off Spring right with all of you.

National News and Events

Federal Bar Association Immigration Law Seminar May 18 - 19, 2018

Early Bird Registration Ends on April 6th. Please [register](#) now! Hotel rooms limited.

The above link is for the brochure to the FBA Immigration Law Seminar scheduled in Memphis on May 18-19, 2018 at the University of Memphis School of Law. We encourage you to join us for dinner on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Texas de Brazil for our pre-conference gathering.

Please make sure to make hotel as soon as possible. Rooms in our FBA block are limited. A discounted block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown ([250 N Main St, Memphis, TN 38103](#)) at a rate of \$172/night (plus state and local taxes). Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out is 12:00 p.m.

Registration for the seminar is here: www.fedbar.org/ImmLaw18#Register

We expect this program to sell out, so we encourage advanced planning if you want to attend. We will allow "walk-in" registration, based on availability. Please feel free to share this email with any person who may be interested in attending.

AILA Events

**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 SoCal and Las Vegas Winter/Spring CLE
April 19 -21, 2018**

The program includes a business and family/removal track, ethics, substance abuse, and elimination of bias, as well as all the fun Vegas has to offer! Lake Las Vegas offers tons of great local activities, including cable wakeboarding, stand up paddle board, electric duffy boat rentals, yacht cruises, and more! For those looking for shows, gambling, and the bright lights - a shuttle to the Vegas Strip is provided.

The CLE EARLY BIRD RATE is just \$175 for AILA Members and room rates are just \$149 per night! Early Bird rate - so register today for the great conference and your chance to win!

The conference schedule is attached (speaker list to follow shortly!) as well as more information on the venue. Networking events will also be included!

[Link to book hotel room](#) with AILA discount online (only good through March 23rd!!):

Register now for the 2018 CLE Winter Conference [HERE](#):

**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

- Maya Lakshman seeks a summer intern position - she is a MPH student at Emory University and founder of Red Light, a non-profit focusing on the mental health of sex trafficking survivors. Her resume is attached.
- Amadu Wiltshire seeks a position as an associate at an immigration law firm. Please see attached resume.
- Katherine Stone, an experienced legal assistant, seeks a position with an immigration law firm. Please see attached resume.
- Noor Smadi is a Political Science sophomore with a concentration in Pre-Law at Georgia State University from the College of Arts and Sciences. She is currently a legislative aide for Rep. Deborah Gonzalez and is interested in immigration law. Her resume is attached.
- 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.
- Elliott Immigration Law is looking for an immigration paralegal to work on family and employment based applications. See attached job description for more information.
- As SPLC's legal team continues to grow, the Children's Rights practice area and the Criminal Justice Reform practice area are both seeking a Senior Supervising Attorney to lead Alabama-based teams. Below is more information about the positions.
 - Children's Rights - Reporting to Deputy Legal Director, Zoe Savitsky, the Senior Supervising Attorney will use every possible tool available - including litigation and legislative and public advocacy - to challenge the privatization of public education and the structural inequalities that disproportionately

direct vulnerable children from the classroom and toward prison and prevent them from accessing the services they need to flourish in their communities. The ideal candidate will be an exceptionally talented impact litigator, strategist, and manager who will help build a team focused on pursuing justice on behalf of vulnerable children. More information about the role can be found here: <https://nonprofitprofessionals.com/job/splc-childrights>

- Criminal Justice Reform - Reporting to Deputy Legal Director, Lisa Graybill, the new Senior Supervising Attorney will use every possible tool available – including litigation and legislative and public advocacy – to challenge the structural inequalities in Alabama’s criminal justice system that result in mass incarceration and the disproportionate incarceration of people of color. The ideal candidate will be an exceptionally talented impact litigator, strategist, and manager to lead a team focused on equity and constitutional compliance at every stage of the criminal justice system. More information about the role can be found here: <https://nonprofitprofessionals.com/job/splc-crimjust>
- An Open Door Adoption Agency is seeking adoption consultants in the Atlanta, Georgia area to provide counseling services to birth parents placing their children for adoption. Consultants will also be working with adoptive parents to provide home study, post placement written reports and adoption consulting. Some agency promotion and marketing will also be required. Consultant must be available to travel 50 to 100 miles when necessary, flexible and work as needed both during and outside of normal work hours. The position is not well suited for someone with another full-time job or inflexible working hours who cannot respond immediately to birth-mother needs.
 - Must have at minimum a Bachelor’s Degree and three years’ experience in counseling or social work field. Counseling abilities, skilled writer, personable, good communicator, prompt and available, organized, reliable transportation and cell phone, comfortable with agency promotion and marketing. This position is part-time, as needed. Consultants are paid hourly and on contract
 - Contact Karen A. Clendenin at kclendenin@opendooradoption.org
- 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.

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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.

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