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March 30, 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Victory!

SB 452 Dead

Wow - just wow. THANK YOU to every single member who called their representative, Speaker Ralston, or Governor Deal; wrote talking points; who posted on social media; and who went to the Gold Dome. AILA was just one of many voices in the fight against SB 452 and together we were able to defeat this anti-immigrant piece of legislation.

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.

Government Updates

ICE Formalizes Policies to Detain Pregnant Women

[In a joint statement](#) with the American Immigration Council, AILA responds to an [ICE directive](#) ending the presumption of release for all pregnant detainees. AILA President Annaluisa Padilla called the policy directive an "egregious human rights offense."

Share your concerns through social media - sample tweets:

From @AILANational and @ImmCouncil: ICE Formalizes Inhumane Detention Policies for Pregnant Women <http://ow.ly/68fD30jegGJ>

Thank you @AILANational and @ImmCouncil for standing up against this reprehensible directive: ICE Formalizes Inhumane Detention Policies for Pregnant Women
<http://ow.ly/68fD30jegGJ>

ISO Mary Hill Retires

ISO Mary Hill retired from USCIS this past week. I was told that she simply left without any fanfare or without saying goodbye to many of her colleagues. I hope she finds happiness in her retirement.

Local News and Events

DACA Clinic - Volunteers Needed April 7, 2018

Several local organizations are hosting a DACA renewal clinic and need your help! Volunteers are needed between 9:30am and 1:00pm - lunch will be provided. If you can help, please contact Berenice Rodriguez at brodriguez@advancingjustice-atlanta.org.

Also, please share the attached flyer with anyone you think may benefit from the clinic.

IRAP v. Trump and Beyond - A Conversation at Emory Law School April 10, 2018

When President Trump signed the first executive order suspending the U.S. refugee program, lawyers flocked to airports in cities across the country to assist their clients. This effort was set into motion by IRAP's (International Refugee Assistance Project) founder and director, Becca Heller. Since 2017, in addition to helping refugees resettle in the U.S., IRAP has been at the center of one of President Trump's biggest policy fights, challenging his "travel ban" executive orders in federal court.

Join Becca Heller for a candid conversation facilitated by Professor Fred Smith, Jr., about fighting for refugee rights and leading our legal services organization amidst the massive global crisis that has left more than 65 million people displaced.

Where: Hunter Atrium, Emory Law School

When: Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 4:15pm-5:45pm

Refreshments: Drinks will be served by Refuge Coffee, a non-profit business that provides employment and job-training opportunities to resettled refugees in our community.

Please RSVP [here](#).

Know Your Rights Volunteers Needed

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Atlanta is looking to host a second KYR presentation for the Burmese community later this year. If you practice removal defense and would be interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Amy Willis at awillis@advancingjustice-atlanta.org.

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.

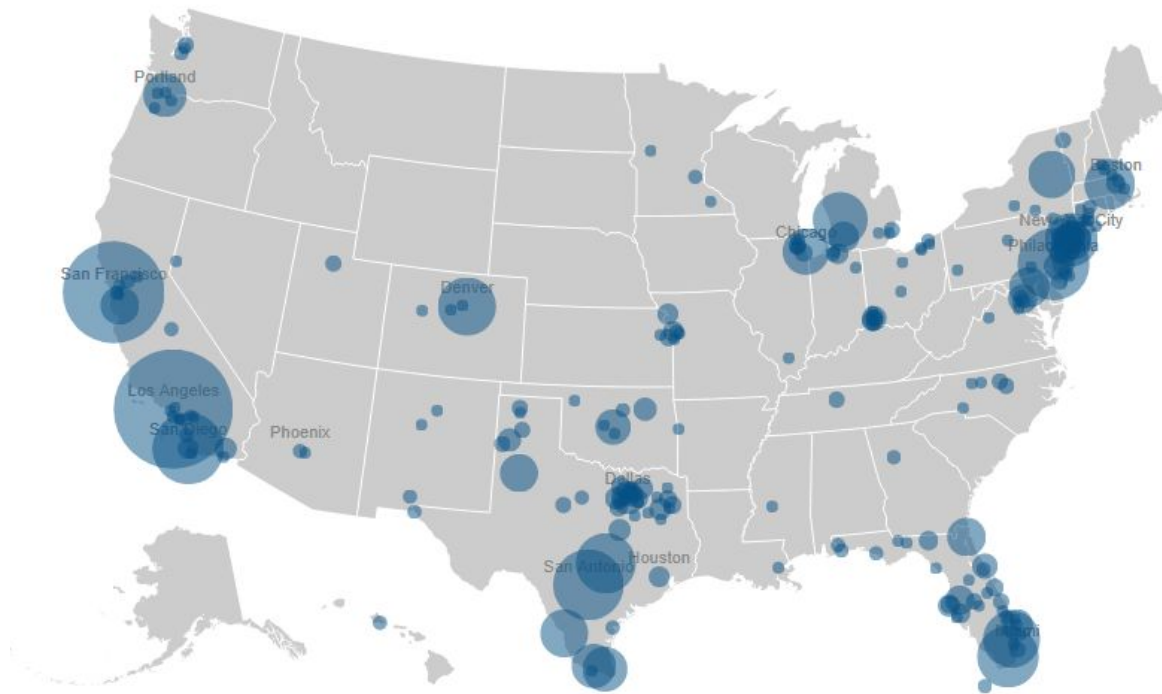
Please make sure to make hotel as soon as possible. Rooms in our FBA block are limited. A discounted block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton Memphis Downtown ([250 N Main St, Memphis, TN 38103](#)) at a rate of \$172/night (plus state and local taxes). Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out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

AILA's Enforcement Map



AILA's [enforcement map](#) illustrates a small sample of enforcement actions that ICE has undertaken nationwide since January 2017. AILA members can help to populate the map by [submitting local and national media stories to FWD.us](#) and by [sharing client case samples with AILA National](#).

AIC Updates

- TPS email [appeal](#).
- AIC Immigrant Achievement Awards are coming up on April 12th!
Join the [American Immigration Council](#) for its annual Washington DC Immigrant Achievement Awards to celebrate the accomplishments of immigrants and their champions. Enjoy the spectacular view from one of Washington's premier rooftop venues, delicious cocktails, and appetizers – all while networking with fellow immigration attorneys, advocates, and policymakers.
- AIC latest resources:
 - [The H-4 Visa Classification: Attracting and Maintaining Global Talent](#)

- [The End of Immigration Enforcement Priorities Under the Trump Administration](#)
- [Motions for a Continuance](#) Practice Advisory

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](#):

Job Scene

- Lizeth P. Gomez expects to graduate from the Georgia State University College of Law in December 2018 and would like to begin working with an immigration law firm. Please see attached resume.
- Savana Gallo would like to transition into an immigration paralegal role. She is a Spanish-speaker. Please see attached resume.

- 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.
- Love Immigration seeks a bilingual (Spanish/English) attorney to work in their Birmingham office. Please see attached.
- Lee & Peynado Immigration Law group seeks a bilingual (Spanish/English) associate. If you are interested, please send a resume and salary requirements to ppeynado@leelawusa.com.
- Advancing Justice Atlanta is looking for a legal fellow to begin work in August 2018. Please see the attached (Trinh Huynh Fellowship) description for more information.
- GAIN is seeking a Naviagor – a bilingual employee who can help clients in connecting them with non-legal needs such as food, clothing, shelter, etc. and helping us create a network of organizations our clients would benefit from. Please see attached description or go [here](#) for more information.
- SPLC seeks an office manager in their Atlanta office. Please see their posting [online](#).
- Elliott Immigration Law is looking for an immigration paralegal to work on family and employment based applications. See attached job description for more information.

- 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.
- Advancing Justice has two additional job openings - one for an immigration paralegal and one for a supervising immigration attorney. Please see attached 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 <u>Georgia Alabama Chapter</u> <u>American Immigration Lawyers Association</u>
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