



June 16, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

Latest Chapter News

Congratulations to the 2017-18 Georgia-Alabama Executive Committee!

Chapter Chair: Tracie L. Klink, chair@ga-al.com
First Vice-Chair: Eli A. Echols, first.vice.chair@ga-al.com
Second Vice-Chair: Lino Rodriguez second.vice.chair@ga-al.com
Secretary: Elizabeth Matherne, secretary@ga-al.com
Treasurer: Janora Hawkins, treasurer@ga-al.com
Immediate Past Chair: Sarah Weston Hayes Owings: past.chair@ga-al.com

June 19th Deadline for 2017-18 Committee Sign-Up

If you're interested in serving on a local chapter committee in 2017-18, please complete the online survey no later than June 19th. <https://goo.gl/forms/5KZl3qPmWzURv6ph1>
This year, we're excited to offer Leadership Training to Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs on July 14th, so you'll be as prepared as possible for the work ahead!

Updates to Chapter Website and Newsletter

The Georgia-Alabama website is undergoing exciting changes! We will soon have a "members only" section that will include our bylaws, liaison minutes, newsletter archives, among others. We also will have a calendar of events, and a place for job and resume postings. We ask for your patience while these changes are made.

The Executive Committee is experimenting with the newsletter format. If you have comments or suggestions, please let us know. Also, if you have information you'd like to have included in the Chapter Newsletter (events, big case decisions, etc), please have the information to Tracie Klink by the end of the day on each Wednesday.

Events at AC17

- June 21-24: AILA National Annual Conference

- Register Here: <http://www.aila.org/conferences/in-person/annual>
- June 22: Georgia-Alabama Chapter Luncheon at the AILA National Conference
 - Have lunch on Thursday for free with your fellow chapter members in New Orleans. Registration has been extended through the weekend!
 - <https://goo.gl/forms/YQ0FeKj0EaXKiCWw2>
 - 12:00 - 1:00, Sheraton, Oak Alley
- June 22: Membership Meeting
 - The Georgia-Alabama Chapter will be receiving the Platinum Chapter Excellence Award for 2016-2017 - we all worked together to achieve this highest level of Chapter participation and engagement!
 - 5:30pm - 6:45, Marriott, Galerie 1, Level 2
- June 23, AIC American Heritage Awards
 - Always a great event to get inspired at and the perfect chance to donate to the AIC, a key AILA partner
 - https://wfc2.wiredforchange.com/o/8531/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=72918
 - 6:00pm - 10:00pm, Sheraton, Napoleon Ballroom, Level 3
- June 24: "Give Back to New Orleans" Pro Bono Clinic
 - Coordinated by AILA MidSouth and co-sponsored by AILA National and Catholic Charities of New Orleans.
 - Volunteer for 2 hours in the morning, afternoon, or throughout the event. Transportation to and from the event will be provided and a light breakfast and lunch will be available to volunteers on-site.
 - <https://form.jotform.com/70866348829977>
- June 24: Awards Ceremony at the Annual Conference
 - Immediate Past Chair Sarah Owings is receiving the Advocacy Award for her amazing work this past year which included the hostile court task force, spearheading our chapter's response to the travel ban in late January, and being an all-around amazing advocate and leader!
 - 5:30 - 7:00, Marriott, Galerie 1, Level 2

Other Upcoming Events

- June 29 CLE by Project South
 - "How to Effectively Use the International Human Rights Framework in Your Litigation and Advocacy"
 - Register at: https://join-southernmovement.nationbuilder.com/legal_education_human_rights
- July 13 CLE by Project South
 - Overview of the findings of their report focused on conditions at Stewart and Irwin. The program is free and lunch will be provided in addition to copies of the report.
 - Register at: https://join-southernmovement.nationbuilder.com/imprisoned_justice

Ongoing Chapter Activities

- Let Center of Excellence observe your individual hearings
 - If you have an upcoming asylum case and would be so kind as to let CoE volunteers observe, please email ariel@innovationlawlab.org with dates and times.
- Raid Updates
 - If you want to be added to the Crimmigration listserv that is our effort in conjunction with GACDL, email Latrice Latin llatin@latinlawimm.com.
- CFI/RFI help needed at Stewart Detention Center
 - Contact Amir Naim to volunteer –anaim@georgiaasylum.org. you do not need to go in person and can participate by telephone.

Job Scene

Resume for 3L Marsha Francis attached

Contact Us

- Like us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/ailagaal/>
- Chapter Website: www.ga-al.com
- Chapter Yahoo Group: In case you didn't, 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.

On a Personal Note...

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve the Georgia-Alabama Chapter as its Chair this year. These past few months have allowed amazing leaders emerge from all practice areas and from all corners of our geography. Serving the Chapter has given me the opportunity to learn from and work with an incredibly dedicated and tireless group of Committee Volunteers and Executive Committee Members, not the least of these being Sarah Owings. Our Chapter has been inspired by her leadership, entertained by her emails, and we all say "THANK YOU!"



P.S. Does anyone know how to change my title on the signature?!?