



June 30, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

Latest Chapter News

Last Call for Committee Volunteers

Your ExCom met last night and have started to assign volunteers to our various committees. Invitations will be going out next week. Thank you to everyone who responded! However, we are still a bit short in a few areas. Email Tracie at chair@ga-al.com by Sunday, July 2nd, to express interest in the following committees.

- National Day of Action (GA and AL)
- Ancillary (AL) - Facilitating assistance with AILA and SSA and DDS
- Media
- Citizenship Day

Government News

Travel Ban 2.0 Update

AILA has an amazing Practice Pointer out regarding the Travel Ban implementation that began last night: <http://aila.org/infonet/practice-alert-travel-warning>

You should read it all, but highlights include -

Suspension of entry to the United States for foreign nationals of six designated countries (i.e. Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen) will **not** apply to the following individuals:

- Any applicant who has a credible claim of a “bona fide relationship” with a
- person or entity in the United States.
 - Bona Fide relationships include: parent (including parent-in-law), spouse, fiancé, child, adult son or daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sibling (whole or half or step). It does not include grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-in law. It also does not include domestic partners.

- Any relationship with an entity must be formal, documented, and formed in the ordinary course, rather than for the purpose of evading EO 103780
 - Eligible derivatives of principal visa applicants who are either deemed to be exempt from the EO's suspension of entry or qualify for a waiver under the EO also receive the benefit of the exemption or waiver.
- Any applicant who was in the United States on June 26, 2017;
- Any applicant who had a valid visa at 5:00 p.m. EST on January 27, 2017, the day Executive Order 13769 was signed;
- Any applicant who had a valid visa on June 29, 2017;
- Any lawful permanent resident (LPR) of the United States;
- Any applicant who is admitted to or paroled into the United States on or after June 26, 2017;
- Any applicant who has a document other than a visa, valid on June 29, 2017, or issued on any date thereafter, that permits him or her to travel to the United States and seek entry or admission, such as advance parole;
- Any dual national of a country designated under the order when traveling on a passport of a non-designated country and, if needed, holds a valid U.S. visa;
- Any applicant travelling on a diplomatic-type visa;
- Any applicant who has been granted asylum; has already been admitted as a refugee; granted withholding of removal, advance parole, or protection under the CAT; and
- Any asylee and refugee following- to-join spouse (V93) or child (V92) applicant.
- **Visas Will Not Be Revoked:**
DOS has confirmed that no visas issued before the EO's effective date of June 29, 2017 will be revoked pursuant to the Executive Order. Any individual whose visa was marked or cancelled solely as a result of the original EO issued on January 27, 2017 (EO 13769) will be entitled to a travel document permitting travel to the U.S., so that the individual may seek entry.
- **Visa Processing at U.S. Consulates Overseas Will Continue:**
DOS has confirmed that it will continue to accept visa applications for nonimmigrants, immigrants, and diversity visa applicants from nationals of the six designated countries (i.e., Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen). Accordingly, visa applicants should continue to schedule their visa interview appointments at U.S. Consulates abroad. Previously scheduled visa application appointments will not be canceled; thus, individuals should continue attending their visa interviews as scheduled. The National Visa Center (NVC) will continue to schedule immigrant visa appointments and the Kentucky Consular Center (KCC) will continue to schedule additional diversity visa (DV) appointments for cases in which the principal applicant is from one of the six designated countries.

Consular officers have been given detailed instructions to make case-by-case determinations on whether individuals would qualify for visas. Specifically, Officers will first determine whether the applicant qualifies for the visa class for which they are applying before considering whether an exemption to EO -2 applies or whether the applicant qualifies for a waiver. Applicants seeking B, C-1, C-3, D, I or K visas will need to demonstrate that they have the required "bona

fide relationship,” in order to be exempt, or they may qualify for a waiver pursuant to the terms of the EO. On the other hand, qualified applicants in other nonimmigrant visa categories (i.e., H-1B, L-1, F-1, etc.), as well as employment-based immigrant visa applicants will generally be exempt from the EO.

Report any problems related to the Travel Ban to AILA at:

<http://aila.org/advo-media/agency-liaison/case-examples/implementation-of-president-trumps-executive>

Upcoming Events

- 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
- July 14th Embrace the Future Gala and Silent Auction to benefit the Clarkston Community Center
 - Ticket increase on July 1st!
 - https://www.eventbrite.com/e/embrace-the-future-gala-and-silent-auction-tickets-33769311921?utm_source=CCC+Master+List+Dec+2015&utm_campaign=c01c150914-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_06_12&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d20bcf22b6-c01c150914-442110186&mc_cid=c01c150914&mc_eid=09eae2418d

Ongoing Activities

- Problems with EOIR's Pilot Bailiff Program (NEW)
 - If your clients have had any negative experiences with the EOIR Bailiff's Program (through which EOIR has contracted with Federal Protective Service to provide security in non-detained immigration cases) please submit it as an example to AILA -- our National Asylum & Refugee Liaison Committee is collecting examples.
http://www.aila.org/advo-media/agency-liaison/case-examples/call-for-examples-experience-under-eoirs-pilot-bai?utm_source=aila.org&utm_medium=InfoNet%20Search
- 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 Corner

Legal Assistant opportunity at the Law Office of Cherie E. Cookorinis information is attached.

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- 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.

