



July 7, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

Local News

2017-18 Committees

We will have our new local committees in place by July 14th. We ask for your patience as we transition with our volunteers.

Enforcement Activities Against UAC Guardians

There have been reports of guardians of unaccompanied minors being arrested and NTA'ed when appearing at the Atlanta Immigration Court. AILA has also been made aware that a nationwide sweep of UAC guardians with criminal records may be imminent.

As a chapter, we are working with other organizations on how to handle a possible large-scale enforcement action for these individuals. In addition, we are in the process of creating a form where chapter members can report on specific incidents they encounter.

In the meantime, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), has put together a list of resources for families who find themselves in this position.

Detailed toolkit on Parental Separation and ICE Custody:

<https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/rights/gbv/resources/1409-resources-for-families-facing-deportation-separation>

Details on financial preparedness and other preparedness:

<http://www.appleseednetwork.org/deportationmanual/>

Information on Filing a Complaint:

You can file a complaint with the DHS Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Include the G-28 or release form from the child (and sponsor) with the CRCL complaint at:

<https://www.dhs.gov/file-civil-rights-complaint>, email the CRCLCompliance@hq.dhs.gov, or fax a complaint at 202-401- 4708.

Families, attorneys, and social service providers can also reach out to ICE about any family separation concerns (in particular primary caregivers): Always reference "Parental Interests Inquiry." Contact ICE field offices by sending them an email:

<http://www.ice.gov/contact/ero>

or completing this form: <http://www.ice.gov/webform/ero-contact-form>

If no response, call the DRIL hotline: 1-888- 351-4024. If you believe an unaccompanied child is in immediate danger/risk call Child Protective Services.

National Call for Volunteers

Assist Detained Iraqis with AIC, ACLU, IRAP and CLINIC

Iraqis across the country have been swept up by ICE and face imminent removal. Iraq has agreed to take back previously non-removable Iraqis in negotiations related to the travel ban:

<http://www.npr.org/2017/03/31/522232660/iraq-agrees-to-accept-its-citizens-the-u-s-wants-to-deport>

A number of organizations across the country - the ACLU, CLINIC, and AIC, to name a few, are working as fast as they can right now to find these Iraqis and connect those with legitimate motions to reopen to counsel.

IF YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO REPRESENT AN IRAQI PRO-BONO IN A MOTION TO REOPEN AND STAY, PLEASE GO TO THIS WEBSITE AND FILL OUT THE FORM TO BE A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY:

<https://refugeerights.org/iraqi-deportation-resources/>

If you already represent an Iraqi in this position, you can also go to this link and fill out a page of your client's information, if you/they would like to be included in any litigation.

Efforts are being made to find mentorship to attorneys who take a case. Resources on how to litigate a motion to reopen and stay of removal can be found here:

<https://refugeerights.org/iraqi-deportation-resources/>

Upcoming Events

- July 13th SIJS and Asylum for Children Advanced Training from KIND **(NEW)**
 - This training is meant for attorneys who have some experience representing children in their immigration cases and for attorneys who have taken on a pro bono case and want advanced tools and tips for representing children in their cases.
 - Hosted at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, 1100 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta from 9am to Noon
 - RSVP at infoatlanta@supportkind.org
 - See attached for more details
- July 13th 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
 - 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
- August 4th - 5th: AILA Fundamentals Conference, Denver (NEW)
 - Learn the basic principles of immigration law, visa types and categories, grounds of inadmissibility and removal, removal defense, and forms of relief from removal; Learn How to Prepare Visa Applications and Petition Packages; Learn How to Identify and Analyze Red Flags; Get Proven Strategies for Working with Government Agencies and Regulatory Bodies
 - If you or someone in your firm is new to immigration law, register now for [AILA's Fundamentals of Immigration Law Conference!](#)
 - Early-Bird Deadline and Hotel Cut Off: July 13, 2017
 - Summer Special
Save 10% off the early-bird rate when you enter SS17FUND CNF during registration on AILA Agora. This offer cannot be combined and is limited to new registrations. **Ends July 9, 2017.**
- August 26th, Red White and New with New American Pathways (NEW)
 - Support refugees and new Americans at their annual gala:
 - <https://refugeef.joinme.org/MyEvents/RedWhiteandNew2017/tabid/868076/Default.aspx>

Ongoing Activities

- Problems with EOIR's Pilot Bailiff Program
 - 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.

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.

