



July 14, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

Local News

Vinny Serpico

As many of you noted in the Yahoo Listserve, Vincent “Vinny” Serpico passed away on July 5th. He was 55 years old and leaves behind a 13-yr old daughter. For those of you fortunate to have worked with him at Bridging the Gap, you know that he was kind and always welcoming.

Our Chapter is making a \$100.00 donation to Bridging the Gap in his name.

Website Updates

A few of you have written to me to ask for the password for the password-protected part of our website. Right now, the only item in there is our Bylaws. I'd be happy to forward them to you if you need a copy. We hope to have this part of the website ready for a reveal before the end of the end of the month. At that time, we'll provide the password on our official AILA list-serve.

Local Citizenship Classes & English/Civics Classes Summer/Fall 2017

Just in time for Citizenship Day (scheduled for September 23, 2017 nationally)! Attached is a great list to share with your clients regarding naturalization preparation. Thank you to Jennifer Bensman for sharing.

Governance Issues - Vote!

As you saw, either via email from AILA or through our list-serve exchange, there is an AILA National bylaws amendment that's up for a vote. The proposed amendment is available at:

<http://www.aila.org/about/leadership/elections/2017-aila-elections/proposed-bylaw-amendment-amendment-increase-nmd>

To vote, click on the link and follow the step by step instructions. You will need your member number in order to login. If you wish to request a paper ballot, please contact elections@aila.org.

Ballot Link: <https://eballot4.votenet.com/aila>

Voting remains open through 8:00pm on Friday, August 11st.

Upcoming Trainings and Conferences

Free Sanctuary Lawyers Training

Meeting the Legal Needs of Faith Congregations Providing Sanctuary to Immigrants

****REMOTE ACCESS AVAILABLE****

Many faith congregations have responded to the Trump Administration's changes in immigration enforcement policy by offering to provide "sanctuary" to vulnerable immigrants in immediate danger of deportation. Many more are currently discerning whether to take that step.

Congregations discerning their role in offering sanctuary need pro bono lawyers to help them understand the legal implications – the bright lines and gray areas – of housing and transporting undocumented immigrants, or providing support to those congregations that do. Congregations committed to providing sanctuary need pro bono lawyers to help them do so in a lawful way that reduces the risk of potential criminal investigation and enforcement. This CLE will provide an historical look at the sanctuary movement and the practical implications of engaging in sanctuary. The focus will be on 8th Circuit case law, but will offer attendees not from the 8th Circuit a survey of how other courts have dealt with similar matters.

More details and online registration: <http://tinyurl.com/y9xccbns>

2017 AILA Fall Conference: Portland, OR **September 14, 2017**

Litigating Employment-Based Immigration Cases. A unique, hands-on practicum.
Organized by the American Immigration Council and Co-Sponsored by AILA

The Council aims to demystify the process of challenging denials of business-related petitions in federal court. Panel sessions are designed to educate attorneys at all levels on how to develop a solid administrative record, address a client's concerns about filing suit, and draft, file, and serve a complaint. Based on a case study, participants will apply what they learn during interactive sessions focused on developing a complaint, preparing to oppose a motion to dismiss, and honing arguments to prevail on summary judgment. Faculty members will provide feedback, and offer practice pointers, and participate in a

mock oral argument. Don't miss this opportunity for small group hands-on learning with experienced litigators!

Attendees will be required to review a case-study prior to this one-day training and participate actively in practical exercises. To facilitate peer-to-peer and faculty/participant interaction, space for this intensive workshop is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will open soon. Please check the [Upcoming Live Events page](#) on Agora.

Global Citizenship Conference
Sponsored by the Latin American and Caribbean Chapter of AILA
Nov 2 & 3, 2017

Tired of L denials, your client doesn't want EB-5, your client's asylum claim is denied but he cannot return to his country of nationality, learn how your non-treaty clients can acquire a passport from a third country and obtain an E visa.

- Do you want an opportunity to golf at one of the world's best golf courses?
- Do you want to learn about citizenship by investment and how it can help your clients from China, Russia, Venezuela, Brazil, India, and other countries lacking treaties of investment with the U.S.?
- Do you want to hear about the high skilled nonimmigrant worker regulations from the best lawyers in the country?
- Do you want to party in one of the most beautiful resorts in the World, Casa de Campo (Villas and hotel rooms are still available)?
- Do you want to meet with USCIS, CBP pre-flight inspection and DOS in the D.R.?

See attached flyer for more information.

Immigration Justice Training Materials
From Karen Lucas and the American Immigration Council

As you may know, a big component of the Immigration Justice Campaign is preparing lawyers of all stripes to be cutting-edge defenders of and advocates for immigrants facing deportation. We're happy to report that the campaign is taking a BIG STEP toward this goal by offering our first introductory-level package of training materials for volunteer attorneys.

Introductory Training Materials are now available to you on ImmigrationJustice.US! These materials are *perfect* for lawyers who are new to deportation defense or have never been inside an immigration court or detention center. Just register through our new form – even if you've joined our site before – to access.

And this is just the beginning! We're building a whole new web platform that will allow you to communicate with other volunteers, choose opportunities and trainings, and track your

progress. So stay tuned for more. We're just getting started! (But don't worry, we'll keep sending the regular emails with advocacy and volunteer opportunities as well.)

To learn more about the AILA/Council Immigration Justice Campaign, visit www.aila.org/justice. Thanks for joining us and being patient as we create an Immigration Justice Campaign you can be proud of.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- July 20th: Drinks for a Cause with GAIN (New)
 - Join GAIN on July 20th at Urban Tree Cidery. ATL food blogger, Olivia Arnold (a.k.a. @foodistagirl) will guest bartend and proceeds from her "Urbanista" cocktail plus tips will benefit GAIN!
 - Buena Gente Cuban Bakery Food Truck will also be at Urban Tree Cidery and they will donate a percentage of their sales back to GAIN as well!
 - No RSVP needed
- August 26th, Red White and New with New American Pathways
 - Support refugees and new Americans at their annual gala:
 - <https://refugeef.ejoinme.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.

