



July 21, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

Local News

Montgomery USCIS Updates

- There is no fax number available
- Parole in Place (PIP) are now being accepted
- For any questions on how to contact the office, please reach out to our Montgomery USCIS Liaison, Zainab Alwan at zainab@solanofirm.com

National News

2018 AILA Annual Conference Call For Presentations!

The planning has already started for the 2018 AILA Annual Conference! The Conference planning committee needs your suggestions for topics, speakers, and preferred formats to ensure that the quality of next year's event continues AILA's long tradition of excellence. Please share your thoughts through [this survey](#) until Monday, July 31. While we may not be able to use every suggestion, we do review and consider each one. Thank you for helping make the 2018 AILA Annual Conference a success! Please feel free to contact conferences@aila.org if you have any questions regarding the process.

Dream Act of 2017 Announced This Week

AILA has issued a [press statement](#) and [Quicktake video](#) supporting Senators Lindsay Graham (R-SC) and Dick Durbin's (D-IL) Dream Act of 2017, which was introduced earlier today.

Encourage Congress to support this bill and protect Dreamers by taking action: [Take Action: Urge Congress to Protect Dreamers and Support the Dream Act of 2017](#)
Senators Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Dick Durbin (D-IL) introduced the Dream Act of 2017, a bipartisan bill that would provide young people who were brought to the country as children and grew up in the U.S., commonly known as Dreamers, the chance to apply for lawful permanent residence, provided they meet certain requirements. AILA supports the

Dream Act and calls on Congress both to pass the bill and to urge the Administration to continue the DACA program until a more permanent solution is enacted. Tell your member of Congress to defend Dreamers!

Upcoming Trainings and Conferences

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

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- 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

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- Vote on the AILA bylaws amendment regarding an additional New Member Division Representative to the Board of Governors:
 - <https://eballot4.votenet.com/aila>
- 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.

Job Scene

Attorney Racquel Medina Seeks Position

Ms. Medina is an attorney currently residing in Orlando, Florida who went to law school in Georgia and I am looking to relocate back to Atlanta. Please find her resume 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.

