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September 8, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

National News

Operation Mega Cancelled?

Seems like ICE had second thoughts about doing their largest raid in history on the same weekend that Hurricane Irma hits the Southeast. [ICE announced](#) last night "There is currently no coordinated nationwide operation planned at this time. The priority in the affected areas should remain focused on lifesaving and life-sustaining activities." We don't know if that means the entire operation is cancelled or if only the impacted areas will be spared as part of this raid. As always, it's best to remind clients to be alert, to know their rights, and to have a plan in place in the event of apprehension.

Coastal Members - stay safe!

DACA Resources - VOLUNTEER

It's time to get out there and help eligible DACA recipients renew while they can! There are numerous pro bono renewal clinics and know your rights sessions happening over the next few weeks. Volunteers are needed to not only assist at DACA renewal clinics, but to also train non-immigration attorneys in this area. We are indebted to the Latino Community Fund of Georgia for putting together a centralized volunteer database.

Sign-up [online](#)

Find [opportunities](#)

DACA Resources - ADVOCATE

AILA has developed new resources and posted tools and information to www.aila.org in the wake of the president's decision to end the DACA program. They are grouped below in the following categories, bookmarked so if you would like to hop directly down to the

section most relevant to you, just click on the header below. Remember that the one-stop shop for DACA/Dreamer information is AILA's [Featured Issue: Protect Dreamers](#) page.

- [Take Action Tools and Resources](#)
- [Stay Informed](#)
- [Media and Messaging](#)
- [Practice Resources](#)
- [Legal Challenges](#)
- [Reactions from elected officials & other stakeholders](#)

Georgia Senators

Johnny Isakson: 202-224-3643 / 770-661-0999

David Perdue: 202-224-3521 / 404-865-0087

Alabama Senators

Richard Shelby: 202-224-5744 / 205-731-1384

Luther Strange: 202-224-4124 / 334-230-0698



Members of the Chapter went to visit with Senator Perdue's office on Wednesday to discuss the RAISE Act and the ending of DACA. We were encouraged to hear that Senator Perdue believes that a Congressional solution is realistic, but that he is at least open to the idea of a path to citizenship for these individuals. Thank you Advocacy Committee for getting this arranged!

Chapter News

Save the Date: Director of Arlington Asylum Office to Visit Atlanta

The Asylum Committee is pleased to announce that Ms. Jedidah "Jeddy" Hussey, Director of the Arlington Asylum Office, has accepted the Committee's invitation to come to Atlanta and meet with Chapter members and other stakeholders. On Thursday, September 21st, Ms. Hussey will have lunch with the Asylum Committee and any interested Chapter members at noon. Location to be announced soon.

The Asylum Committee invites you to submit inquiries for us to pass along to Ms. Hussey during her visit. All inquiries should be sent to rachel@easyvisa.us by COB on Thursday September 14.

Save the Date: Federal Litigation Section Roundtable

Local experts will be available to discuss remedies available in the Federal Court for various immigration issues (naturalization, DACA, and employment). The meeting will focus on

helping less-experienced litigators overcome the barriers of getting into this area of practice. This will take place on September 29th over lunch and a registration link will be available soon.

Call for Questions for ICE Committee - SUBMIT BY MONDAY

Our ICE/OPLA Committee is scheduled to meet with their government counterpoints on October 5th and need questions from the membership. Please email Peter Isbister at peter.isbister@splcenter.org by September 11th.

If you're unable to get your questions in by Monday, or a question arises at anytime, the ICE Committee has put together a [Google Spreadsheet](#) where you can leave your questions at any time.

USCIS Montgomery Update

AILA is coordinating with Field Office Director Nicolas Bartell to have our first liaison meeting with their office in late October. Please stay tuned for a call for questions.

Asylum Training Held



Thank you to our Asylum Committee and GAIN for hosting a great asylum training last week! AILA is grateful for the continued dialogue with OPLA and EOIR.

Upcoming Events

- September 16th: Citizenship Day in Atlanta. Register to volunteer [online](#).
- September 21st: Asylum luncheon with Jeddy Hussey, Arlington Asylum Office Director. Details to be announced soon.
- September 25th: New Member Division dinner. Contact Joy Smith at joyelmoresmith@gmail.com for more information.
- September 29th: Federal Litigation Roundtable. Registration link available soon.

Job Scene

Office Administrator Seeks Position (New)

Dalhia Hiraldo's resume is attached.

Bilingual Immigration Paralegal Needed

Please see the attached announcement from Kembra L. Smith Immigration law regarding their need for a bilingual paralegal.

Multiple Openings at the Southern Poverty Law Center

So many opportunities - check these out:

- <https://careers-splcenter.icims.com/jobs/1149/sifi-lead-attorney-%28stewart%29/job>
- <https://careers-splcenter.icims.com/jobs/1147/sifi-project-coordinator-%28lasalle%29/job>
- <https://careers-splcenter.icims.com/jobs/1146/staff-attorney-litigation---immigrant-justice-project/job>
- <https://careers-splcenter.icims.com/jobs/1145/senior-staff-attorney-litigation---immigrant-justice-project/job>
- <https://careers-splcenter.icims.com/jobs/1143/sifi-advocacy-attorney/job>
- <https://careers-splcenter.icims.com/jobs/1140/outreach-paralegal---immigrant-justice-project/job>

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