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September 22, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter News

Citizenship Day Thank You!

From Citizenship Day Co-Chair, Nicole Weitnauer...

Thank you to everyone who participated in Citizenship Day! We served 62 applicants from Argentina, Bhutan, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Peru, Spain, Sudan, Taiwan, Uruguay, and Venezuela. We completed 30 N-400 applications and 11 fee waivers. The event would not have been such a success without your participation and help. Thank you for giving up your Saturday to help our community!

Asylum Committee Hosts Arlington Asylum Office Director



On Thursday September 21, the asylum committee hosted the director of the Arlington Asylum Office "Jeddy" Hussey for lunch at the ALIF institute. 38 chapter members attended and were very engaged with Director Hussey. Ms. Hussey spoke about processing of affirmative asylum applications, had a helpful dialogue with us, and answered questions from our members. Notes from that meeting will be circulated along with notes from a stakeholder meeting which is scheduled today. There is

also a contact sheet for the Arlington Asylum Office which is on the chapter web page (we will recirculate this with the meeting notes). Rachel continues to serve as liaison and you can forward future inquiries to rachel@easyvisa.us

DACA Renewal Clinics

The DACA Renewal Clinics all have enough volunteers (thank you to those of you who will be out in force the upcoming few weeks). Please share the below list with clients and organizations who you feel would benefit from this event:

Freedom University/GLAHR DACA Renewal Clinic
Saturday, September 23, 2017, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
English and Spanish
GLAHR, 7 Dunwoody Park, Suite 110, Atlanta, GA 30338

Catholic Charities DACA Renewal Clinic
Saturday, September 23, 2017, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
English and Spanish
2305 Parklake Drive, Suite 150, Atlanta, GA 30345

Asian Americans Advancing Justice DACA Renewal Clinic
Saturday, September 23, 2017, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
By appointment only
English/Korean and other API languages
6040 Unity Drive, Norcross, GA 3071

Mercer Law School DACA Renewal Clinic (2 days)
Saturday, September 23, 2017, 10am-4pm & Sunday, September 24, 2017, 10am-4pm
Mercer Law School, Macon, GA

Southside DACA Renewal Workshop
Saturday, September 23, 2017, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 101 Walt Banks Road, Peachtree City, GA 30269

Emory Law School DACA Renewal Clinic
Saturday, September 30
Emory Law School, Atlanta, GA

Local News & Events

Stonewall Bar Association Presents Emerging Issues in LGBT Asylum and Immigration

September 29, 2017 at 1:00- 2:00pm

Location: King & Spalding, [1180 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309](#)

CLE credit provided.

Panelists include Scott Titshaw, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Law at Mercer University School of Law, Diego Soto, Law Fellow, LGBT Rights

& Special Litigation Southern Poverty Law Center, and Joy Smith Associate Attorney at Taylor, Lee & Associates, LLC.

Registration: <http://www.stonewallbar.org/event-2656449>

Calling Alabama Members!
Trainings in Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile

"Immigration: Practical Tips for Legal and Social Service Providers" is a free, full-day program sponsored by the Federal Defenders for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts, the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation, Alabama Appleseed, and ACLU of Alabama, and offers 6 hours of CLE credit. CEU credit for social workers is being sought.

The program will run:

Oct. 16, 2017: Birmingham Bar Association, 2021 2nd Ave N, Birmingham, Alabama

Oct. 17, 2017: Middle District of Alabama Federal Defenders, 817 S. Court St. Montgomery, Alabama

Oct. 18, 2017: Multi-Purpose Room, 205 Government Plaza, Mobile, Alabama

Topics will include the intersection of immigration and criminal defense law, country conditions, a primer on special visas, and in-depth discussion of the challenges facing immigrants and those working with them here in Alabama. Civil lawyers including LSA employees and volunteer lawyer program associates, members of the criminal defense bar, social workers, and advocates will all benefit from this free event.

Featured speakers include:

Nicole Ramos, Project Director, Border Rights Project, Al Otro Lado, San Ysidro, CA

Erika Pinheiro, Director of Policy & Technology, Al Otro Lado, San Ysidro, CA

Josh Medina, Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL

Registration will begin at 8:30 in each location, and the program will run from 9:00 AM-4 PM, with box lunch provided for \$10.00.

RSVP Required: leah.nelson@alabamaappleseed.org

See attached flyer for additional information.

Have You Represented Clients at Atlanta City Detention Center?

If so, please fill out the [attorney questionnaire](#)! Project South and Georgia Detention Watch are documenting conditions at the Atlanta City Detention Center. We would appreciate

your help in shining a light on the conditions at this facility, specifically in regards to attorney access.

Please share your experiences with us so that we may document as many details as possible regarding this detention center. Please take 5-10 minutes to fill out this Google Form by October 5, 2017.

If you prefer, you are also welcome to reach Project South by email or phone at Priyanka@projectsouth.org or 908-839-6135 or 404-622-0602.

National News

Board of Governor Meeting Update

I was honored to represent our Chapter at last week's Chapter Chair and Board of Governors meetings in Portland, Oregon. As a Chapter, we are in excellent shape. We have engaged members, enthusiastic volunteer leaders and are a collegial bunch!

Nationally, USCIS, CBP and EOIR have all cancelled the fall in-person liaison meetings. We are fortunate to continue to have strong relationships and communication with their local equivalents.

We discussed AILA's strategy on enforcement and ideas for fighting against the policy changes in business immigration.

Also, keep an eye on December 8th for news on DACA. That's the debt limit extension deadline and possibly when the DREAM or RAC Acts would face a vote.

Protect Dreamers

Contact your Senators and Representatives and tell them to pass the Dream Act - I-866-834-6040. You can also email through AILA's template [online](#).

#AILAStandsWithDreamers

Take Action on H-1B Program

Now more than ever, AILA needs your assistance in reaching out to Members of Congress in support of immigration, including the H-1B visa program. Just last Thursday, for example, a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives that mirrors the [RAISE Act](#), a Senate bill that seeks to cut legal immigration by at least 50%, adopt a points-based system, terminate the diversity-visa program, and eliminate many of the family-based visa categories.

We need your assistance in pushing back against these types of anti-immigrant bills and helping to champion the value of immigrants. To this end, AILA has prepared a sample

template letter that you can utilize to send to your members of Congress to help them understand the value and importance of the H-1B visa program to our local communities and national economy. Attached is a letter for your reference. Feel free to adapt this letter to best suit your particular office.

For further assistance or to report how the letter was received by your members of Congress, reach out to AILA's Grassroots Advocacy Associate, Melina Roche, mroche@aila.org

Central Florida Chapter Conference Next Month

Please join us for AILA Central Florida Chapter's 31st Annual Immigration Conference, which is scheduled for October 26th – 28th, 2017, at the HYATT REGENCY GRAND CYPRESS RESORT in Orlando, Florida.

The past week's events (IRMA) warrant a Hurricane Special. Thus, if you have not yet registered for our upcoming Annual Conference, we have implemented a *hurricane special* (\$45.00 off your applicable registration fee) through Monday, October 2nd, 2017. The discount code is hurricane (Note: discount code appears on "Ticket" page).

We have also *extended* the early-bird rates (set to expire September 22nd) through Monday, October 2, 2017.

Please see the Conference Highlights below for this fabulous collegial upcoming Conference!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

For **FULL conference information (including fees and program schedule) and to register**, please go to: <https://ailacfc2017.eventbee.com>.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Speakers include AILA National representatives:** Allen Orr, Esq., AILA Treasurer; Ira Kurzban, Esq., AILA Past-President; Denyse Sabagh, AILA Past-President; David A.M. Ware, Esq., AILA DOL Liaison & Health Care Committees; Loan Huynh-Ozturk, Esq., AILA DOL Liaison Committee, H-2 Vice Chair; Clayton E. Cartwright, Esq., AILA Global Migration Steering Committee Chair; Reid Trautz, AILA, Director, Practice & Professionalism Center; and **AILA Chapter Chairs:** Tracie L. Klinke, Esq. for the Georgia-Alabama Chapter; Sui Chung, Esq. for the South Florida Chapter; and are own Stanley P. Walker, Esq., for the Central Florida Chapter.
- **Speakers include (in addition to above) Immigration All-Stars:** Mary Kramer, Esq., David N. Simmons, Esq., Lory Diana Rosenberg, Esq., Teri A. Simmons, Esq., Lisa Scott, Esq., Michael S. Vastine, Esq., Kari Ann Fonte, Esq., Amy Novak, Esq., Joel Stewart, Esq., and Kraig A. Schwigen; as well as **25 Local Legends from our very own Central FL Chapter(!)**, and the **Immigration Judges and USCIS Officers!**

- The 2017 program offers **21** immigration panels! We applied to The Florida Bar for an anticipated **18.0** CLE Credit Hours (including Ethics and FL. Technology CLE Credit).
- A **Cocktail Reception** will take place on **Thursday evening, October 26th, at 5:30 p.m.** with featured speaker **Congressman Darren Soto** (FL – Democrat – 09). Allen Orr, Esq., Washington D.C., AILA Treasurer, will provide an AILA National Update, and Exhibitors will be open for a meet-n-greet.
- **Individual Consultations with Reid Trautz, AILA, Director, Practice & Professionalism Center** will be available on **Friday, October 27th!**
- Our featured lunch speaker for **Friday, October 27th (@ 12:30 p.m.)**, is the *dynamic* **TONY MOORE, MS, SHRM-SCP – A Smooth Sea Never Made A Skillful Sailor** (See <http://tonymooreSpeaks.com/about-tony-moore/>).
- A **special Cocktail Reception** will take place on **Friday evening, October 27th at 6:30 p.m.**, sponsored by CMB REGIONAL CENTERS, to Meet the Immigration Judges and for the Presentation of our Chapter Awards, followed by our 2nd Annual now **INFAMOUS CASINO NIGHT** starting at **7:30 p.m.**, as a fundraiser for Immigrant's List!
- Complete the conference with a round of **golf** at the **Villa of Grand Cypress Golf Club, on Saturday, October 28th – Golf Clinic** starts at **1:00 p.m. (\$50.00 / participant)**, followed by **Golf Outing with 2:00 Tee Time (\$59.00 / Player)**. If you would like to play, please contact our **Golf Committee: Kira Craft Romero @ kiracraft@icloud.com and Scot Silzer @ scot@silzerlaw.com!**

See Registration for Full Conference Program (<https://ailacfc2017.eventbee.com/>)!

Job Scene

Job Openings

Latin American Association Position in Athens - Please see attached.

Joseph H. Rosen Immigration Law Group seeking two legal assistants:: *One of the two positions will require a fluent Spanish speaker. Looking to hire two entry level legal assistants in our Roswell, Georgia office. Family friendly, quality of life practice. Flexible hours and days. Please have any interested applicants forward a resume to JOE@JHROSENLA.COM*

Vazquez & Servi, PC seeks an Associate Attorney - Please see attached.

Seeking Paralegal Position

Jasmin Parreno's has recently moved to Georgia from California. Her resume is attached.

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- Tweet with us! <https://twitter.com/@ailagaal>
- Chapter Website: www.ga-al.com
 - Password for AILA Members Only Page: GA-AL-M3MB3R5!
- 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.

