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January 12, 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter News

2018 Georgia-Alabama Chapter Conference Early Bird Rate Extended Until January 19th

The Chapter Conference Committee is pleased to extend the early bird rate for AILA members for one more week! Be sure to sign up by next Friday to save \$50.00 on what promises to be an amazing conference.

View the [Program](#)

Dates: February 23-24, 2018

- Attorney, AILA Member (Early Bird): \$350.00 - going up to \$400.00 on January 20th
- Attorney, Non-AILA Member: \$500.00
- Non-Profit Employee: \$200.00
- Paralegal: \$275.00
- Law Student (must have prior approval): \$100.00

[Register online](#)

Information about reserving a room at [The Georgian Terrace](#) is also on our website. We have secured a special rate of \$179.00 per night during the conference.

Mid-Year Survey Extended to January 19th

Thank you to everyone who has completed our mid-year chapter survey! The feedback has been helpful and we're looking forward to implementing some new ideas. The Executive Committee would like to hear more, though, and we've extended the survey through January 19th.

Take the survey [here](#).

If you complete the survey and leave contact information, you'll be registered to win a free Chapter Conference registration. If you've already registered or want to register before the early-bird deadline passes, your registration fee will be refunded if you win. No excuses!

Mid-Year Committee Sign-Ups

Our chapter committees have been super busy and several need your help! If you missed the call for volunteers last summer or would like to get more involved now, I highly encourage you to sign-up to serve on one of chapter committees.

Please complete the [survey](#) by January 19th.

Website Coordinator Needed

Our chapter website needs someone to help with keeping content fresh and with getting information up in a timely matter. If you have experience with WordPress and would like to help put up minutes, job announcements, newsletters, etc., please contact our First Vice Chair, Eli A. Echols at first.vice.chair@ga-al.com.

Call for Questions for ICE Liaison Meeting

Please contact Peter Isbister, Chair of the ICE Committee, with non-case specific questions for his committee to present to ICE at their quarterly meeting next month. The deadline for questions is January 16th. Peter's email address is peter.isbister@splcenter.org.

BIA Overturns Pelletier on Non-LPR Cancellation Case

Thank you to Marshall Cohen for sharing this with our chapter. He, Carolina Antonini, Kathy Hoyos and Maria Acosta all worked hard for their client whose son was suicidal, yet Pelletier declined to grant relief. Please see attached.

Chapter Events

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How to Represent Minors Before the Atlanta Immigration Court / Training for the Attorney of the Day Program January 18th

When: January 18, 2018

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: State Bar of Georgia - [104 Marietta St NW #100, Atlanta, GA 30303](#)

Sponsored by: GA-AL AILA Chapter Pro Bono Committee and KIND- Kids in Need of Defense

[Register online](#)

AILA's mission behind the Attorney of the Day (AOTD) program is to provide pro se respondents in removal proceedings on the UAC docket with legal assistance. This will further the court's and AILA's mission of ensuring fair adjudication because respondents who are informed of their legal options will be better equipped to pursue them. It will also reduce the time burden that pro se respondents place on the court. Respondents who are informed that they may have relief available will be motivated to seek counsel, and even those who do not have relief available will better understand their legal situation.

For more information on the AOTD Program or this training opportunity, please contact: Killa Marti, Esq., Pro Bono Committee Chair, at killam@solanofirm.com

Getting Those Clients - Presented by New Members Division January 18th

Learn how to market yourself to build your book of business. Former Executive Director of Lawyers for Equal Justice Work, Community Director for the Lawyrist.com and Business Consultant for small law firms, Stephanie Everett will provide a presentation specifically focused on essential client engagement tools for solo practitioners.

Date: January 18th

Time: 6:30pm- 8:00pm

Cost: \$20 (to cover dinner),

Location: Troutman Sanders, [600 Peachtree Street, Suite 5200, Atlanta, GA 30308](#)

[Register online](#)

Save the Dates - Advocacy Days

Please save the date for these lobby days: Feb. 27th and March 20th, 9 am-noon at the Georgia Capitol.

These lobby days are co-sponsored by Project South, GLAHR, Women Watch Afrika, BAJI, and the Georgia-Alabama AILA Chapter.

Other Local Events

Family Immigration CLE with the State Bar of Georgia January 19th

Join members of the Immigration Law Section for the Family Immigration Seminar on Friday, January 19th, at the State Bar of Georgia Conference Center. This section-sponsored event will offer 6 CLE hours including 1 Professionalism Hour and 3.5 Trial Practice Hours.

Topics will include:

- Recent Immigration Updates for Consular Interviews
- General Overview of Adjustment of Status Petitions and Updates with the Atlanta District Office
- Alternative Petitions to Complete Adjustment of Status in the U.S. when the Petitioner is Longer Available

[Click here](#) to register for this event.

The Latin American Association's State of Latinos Conference BOGO

Join the LAA and nationally-known speakers from across the U.S. for a groundbreaking event that will address critical issues impacting Georgia's rapidly growing Latino community. Day 1 will offer an overview on the current state of Latinos in Georgia, with an emphasis on immigration and economic trends. Day 2 will take a deeper dive into key areas of impact with concurrent housing and education summits.

To register with the BOGO discount, click [here](#).

For 2018 State of Latinos Conference agenda and featured speakers, click [here](#).

For 2018 State of Latino Conference details, [click here](#).

Registration ends on January 19th.

Justice for Trafficking Victims: Criminal Restitution and Civil Rights January 26th

CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking), a well-known national organization, is coming to Atlanta to present this groundbreaking training on Criminal Restitution and Civil Remedies for Human Trafficking Victims. We have beyond fortunate to learn from two national experts, Martina Vandenberg and Susan Coppedge who will be presenting on several civil and criminal topics that pertain to all trafficking cases and victims. It's a great training for lawyers in Atlanta who want to assist a trafficking victim with their civil matters and learn more about this process. See attached flyer for more information and for registration information.

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Fragomen Worldwide, 600 Peachtree St. NE, Ste. 4200, Atlanta

Invitation to Meet with the Director of the National Visa Center January 26th

Conn Schrader, Director of the NVC, will be in Atlanta on Friday, January 26th. NVC staff will brief our membership and local community organizations updates to their systems and

processes and provide helpful tips. You must RSVP by January 20th to attend. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Date: Friday, January 26th

Time: 8:00am - 9:30am

Location: USCIS Atlanta Field Office - 2150 Parklake Drive, Atlanta, GA 30345

RSVP To: rsvptonvc@state.gov

Human Trafficking Forum January 29th

Join Tapestri for our annual Human Trafficking Forum. We gather each January, in honor of National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, to share knowledge and build connections among people who currently or aspire to fight against human trafficking. Tapestri's forum is focused on best practices for serving foreign-born survivors of human trafficking. This full-day event includes breakfast, lunch, coffee, and an amazing lineup of speakers.

Topics this forum will cover include:

- The Trafficking Victims Protection Act,
- Health consequences of human trafficking,
- Working with foreign national minors, and
- Illicit massage parlors.

Cost: \$15.00

Location: Agnes Scott College

[Register online](#)

National News

Dare to DREAM - Continue to Fight for DACA

AILA National has the following pointers on how we can all continue to advocate for Dreamers -

1. Share [AILA Policy Brief: Why Congress Must Act Now to Protect Dreamers](#) with Congressional staff contacts. Many of you met with local congressional staff during our November AILA Stands with Dreamers Campaign or have (or are building) relationships with local congressional staff; now is the time to follow up! Email them the policy brief, or even better, schedule a call to discuss the policy brief.
2. Keep encouraging your colleagues and friends to [contact their representative and senators](#) to tell them to pass the Dream Act. Don't forget to also share on your social media accounts.
[Take Action: Congress Must Protect Dreamers](#)

- 3 [Use this template](#) to write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper and call on your lawmaker to commit to protect Dreamers.
[AILA Members' Letter to the Editor Template on the Need To Pass the Dream Act before January 19, 2018](#)

Lastly, in case you missed it, AILA issued a [practice alert](#) this week on filing DACA renewals in the wake of Tuesday's [district court order](#) in [Regents of the University of California v. DHS](#). As well as [talking points](#) for discussing congressional efforts to pass the Dream Act in the context of district court order on DACA.

Call for Examples for Compelling Family Immigration Stories

From Greg Chen, Director of Government Relations...

We are asking AILA members to send examples of sympathetic family cases for AILA's advocacy efforts on the topic of family-immigration.

· [Call for Examples: Compelling Family Immigration Stories](#) In response to recent attacks on so-called "chain migration," AILA is seeking compelling stories that demonstrate how the United States has benefited from family-based immigration. AILA Doc. No. 18010542. If you have such a story to share, please send the story to reports@aila.org, subject line, "Family Immigration Stories." Please indicate whether you would be willing to share the story further for advocacy purposes, such as with the media.

Finally, we are preparing a piece on family-based immigration for AILA's [Think Immigration](#) blog which will be debunking the "chain migration myth" and highlighting the value of family-based immigrants to our communities and economy.

Job Scene

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- Elarbee Thompson is seeking a Part-Time Paralegal
We are looking for someone who can assist in the following:
 - Case management including assembly of petitions and client contact;
 - Drafting of non-immigrant petitions (primarily H1B and L1);
 - Drafting employment based immigrant petitions (EB1, EB2, EB3);
 - Must be detailed oriented and a great communicator.
 - We are willing to train the right person who possesses the basic skills.

Please forward your resume to: Alyson@elarbeethompson.com

- The Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) is seeking a Full-Time Victims of Violence Navigator. See attached job description or review [online](#).

- Adekunbe Adejumo is relocating from Chicago to Atlanta and is seeking an associate position. See attached resume.
- Nourah Alharbi is a recent graduate of the LLM program at Georgia State University and is looking for an internship opportunity. See attached resume.

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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: 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.

