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January 19, 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter News

Snow Storm Effects

It's been fun keeping up with what agencies, school systems and offices were closed this past week...ha! I do hope everyone remained warm and safe...Here are the updates we have from various agencies regarding impacted interviews/appointments:

Affirmative Asylum: interviews will be rescheduled to take place within the next 6-8 weeks. Any questions about rescheduling can be directed to the Arlington Asylum Office's scheduling team at ZARRescheduleRequest@uscis.dhs.gov

ICE Reporting: For all of those whose clients were scheduled to report on Wednesday or Thursday, they may now report on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

2018 Georgia-Alabama Chapter Conference Early Bird Rate EXPIRES TODAY!

Do yourself a favor and save \$50.00 by signing up for our Chapter Conference before midnight tonight!

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.

**Win a Chapter Conference Registration
Tell Us How We're Doing Before Midnight Tonight**

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.

Chapter Events

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**RESCHEDULED: Date TBD
How to Represent Minors Before the Atlanta Immigration Court /
Training for the Attorney of the Day Program**

Due to inclement weather, the AOTD training has been postponed. No date is available, yet, but our Pro Bono Committee is hard at work. If you signed up and paid for CLE's you won't have to pay again for the re-scheduled date. And if you are unable to attend the new date, we will refund the money paid.

For any questions, please contact Pro Bono Committee Chair, Killa Marti and killa@solano.firm.com.

RESCHEDULED: Date TBD
Getting Those Clients - Presented by New Members Division

This NMD event has also been postponed. NMD Chair, Joy Smith, will be in touch with those who have registered regarding a new date and time.

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

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

Potential Government Shutdown How Will It Impact Us?

Although we don't know what will happen with the Senate today, AILA's Government Relations team has already put together information that will help us navigate a potential shutdown. Please review the updated "[What Happens if the Government Shuts Down](#)" resource page. In addition, AILA's liaison committee chairs and vice chairs have also reached out to the various federal agencies to confirm that regular shut down protocols, as described in the resource page, remain in place, or if not, what changes are anticipated. Thus far, all agencies who have responded have confirmed that shutdown protocols remain status quo. Any updates to the contrary or other changes will be posted immediately. <http://www.aila.org/infonet/what-happens-if-the-government-shuts-down>

Update on Dream Negotiations from AILA Executive Director, Ben Johnson

Momentum continues to build to reach a solution for Dreamers. In the Senate, the Graham/Durbin proposal (bill text still not released) now has a total of 7 Republicans and 3 Democrats sponsoring it. In the House, the Hurd/Aguilar bill has about 50 total sponsors evenly split between Rs and Ds. More rank and file Republicans are now calling for a solution for Dreamers. That level of support is putting more pressure on Speaker Ryan and Leader McConnell to do something on immigration. At this point, AILA continues to urge

both Rs and Ds to push their leaders to fight for a solution on Dreamers and TPS to be added into the spending deal. This is the only way that immigration can be done in this Congress—any promises made to bring an immigration bill for a vote as a stand-alone (such as what McConnell pledged) are empty promises. We will continue to update you and put information on the webpage as it unfolds.

Job Scene

- 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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- 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.



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