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January 26, 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter News

USCIS Liaison Questions Needed by Monday

USCIS Atlanta has recently agreed to meet with our AILA liaison committee. However, we need to have questions into the agency ASAP. Please send any questions to our committee Chair, Sam Radin, at ailaatlantailiaison@gmail.com.

ICE Committee News

The official minutes from the October quarterly meeting are attached.

The February 2018 liaison meeting has been postponed. A new call for questions will go out once we have a date.

11th Circuit Newsletter Group Seeks Volunteer

A volunteer is needed to assist with preparing summaries of a small number of 11th Circuit cases to be included in the the bi-monthly newsletter of BIA cases, OCAHO cases, and immigration - related cases from the 11th Circuit and U.S. District Courts in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. That newsletter is currently prepared and edited by several volunteers from the GA-AL, Central Florida, and South Florida AILA Chapters.

Marshall Cohen and Roberta Cooper share the 11th Circuit cases, but a third volunteer is needed for these cases. The volunteer would commit to preparing summaries for approximately 5 - 10 cases, and the time required would be approximately 1 - 2 hours every two months.

Please contact Marshall Cohen at cohen@antoniniandcohen.com if interested.

2018 Georgia-Alabama Chapter Conference One Month Away

The speakers have confirmed, dinners are being planned, and the Conference Planning Committee is looking forward to welcoming you to the Georgian Terrace in a little less than a month!

View the [Program](#)

Dates: February 23-24, 2018

- Attorney, AILA Member: \$400.00
- Attorney, Non-AILA Member: \$500.00
- Non-Profit Employee: \$200.00
- Paralegal: \$275.00
- Law Student (must have prior approval): \$100.00

[Register online](#)

The deadline to receive a special room rate (\$179.00/night) at The Georgian Terrace has officially passed, but there may still be a few rooms available. It never hurts to ask!

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.

Pro Bono Representation Needed Gay Chinese Man Detained at ACDC

Lambda Legal contacted us to see if anyone would be interested/available to provide pro bono assistance to a Gay Chinese national who is detained at ACDC. His next master hearing date is February 6th. If interested, please contact Currey Cook directly at ccook@lambdalegal.org

Chapter Events

Getting Those Clients - Presented by New Members Division New Date: January 31, 2018

Getting More Clients to Hire you through an Effective Client Engagement Process.

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.

New date: Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30pm

Cost: \$20 (covers dinner).

[Register online](#)

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

Parking is available in the deck attached to the building. Use the North Avenue entrance for visitor parking.

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

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](#)

Advocacy Workshop February 4, 2018

The New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta and Tzedek Georgia, A Reform Jewish Group are hosting an open to the public event about how to Influence Your Legislators. See attached flyer for more information.

Date: Sunday, February 4, 2018

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Columbia Presbyterian Church, 711 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA

Information Session: Know Your Rights in the Event of Enforcement Actions February 25, 2018

The Southern Poverty Law Center, Atlanta Legal Aid, Alston & Bird, and KIND are sponsoring a session for the community on how to best be prepared if ICE comes knocking on your door. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Date: Sunday, February 25, 2018

Time: 1:45pm - 3:45pm

Location: St. Edward's Episcopal Church, 747 Moon Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30046

National News and Events

White House Releases Framework on Immigration Reform and Border Security

As we've all seen in the media, the white house released their thoughts on immigration reform. Please find it attached. Although the path to naturalization for DACA recipients is welcomed news, the slashing of family-based immigration and eliminating the visa lottery is alarming. We'll stay on top of all the latest developments.

Champion Family Immigration

From AILA's Communication and Outreach Department...

AILA posted a new piece on [Think Immigration](#) by AILA Assoc Dir of Gov't Relations Diane Rish who describes the reality of the [family-based immigration system](#), dismantles the attacks against it and the pejorative term "chain migration," and explains why family-based immigration as a cornerstone of our country's history must be protected. We'd love for you to share this piece on social media and have created sample tweets below.

We have also created shareable graphics to lift up the importance of family-based immigration as part of our [#AILAStandsWithImmigrants](#) campaign. Please use these on social media – see attached. These resources will also be available soon, joining the other shareable materials, on the [#AILAStandsWithImmigrants page](#).

Thank you in advance for lifting up this vital part of America's immigration past and the need to protect it, now and in the future.

Sample tweets:

Our country and our communities have reaped the extensive benefits of our family-based #immigration policies for decades. @AILANational's blog shares why it must be protected. #AILAStandsWithImmigrants <http://ow.ly/Ra7K30hYux6>

US history is full of success stories that began through the family-based #immigration system. Let's not end that success now. #AILAStandsWithImmigrants <http://ow.ly/Ra7K30hYux6> via @AILANational

@AILANational blog: The inaccuracies being perpetuated by the Trump administration about the family-based #immigration system are thinly veiled attacks on the legal immigration system. #AILAStandsWithImmigrants <http://ow.ly/Ra7K30hYux6>

AILA Spring Conference - Registration Open April 13, 2018 in Washington, DC

Key Updates On:

- U.S. Department of Labor
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Executive Office for Immigration Review
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Creative Solutions for Your Clients in this Challenging Environment
- NEW Format! Conversations with the Agencies
- Earn up to 10 CLE Credits

With the upheaval wrought in the first year of the Trump administration, you'll want to make sure that you're up to date on all the latest proposed policy changes. Join us on Friday, April 13, for the [2018 AILA Spring CLE Conference](#), where you'll get updates from AILA liaison committee members and the government leaders who implement and shape American immigration policy. New for this year, you'll have the opportunity to hear what each agency's priorities are for the year ahead in our "Conversation with the Agencies," where government officials will describe their outlooks for the year. Get the critical information you need in order to effectively help your clients in the next year and beyond!

See the [complete conference program](#), and register today!

Job Scene

- 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.

