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# November 3, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

# Chapter Events

### **RSVP for Chapter Holiday Party**

Our next chapter-wide event will be on Wednesday, December 6th. Come join us for a fun and festive (and free!) night at 5 Seasons Westside. Please RSVP, though, so we know to expect you! We'll also be collecting toys for the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) to distribute to their clients and children.

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### Chapter Conference Preview

Our Conference Planning Committee is giving us a sneak-peak into the conference schedule. It looks incredible! Registration will be open in the *very* near future, but if you'd like to see what's in store, please review the attached (now updated with invited speakers!).

# Chapter News

#### Pro Bono Luncheon

A huge thank you to our Pro Bono Committee for arranging today's chapter luncheon. We were fortunate to have several local non-profit organizations talk about their programs and to have Leigh Burgess with the State Bar of Georgia present on ethical issues in the pro bono and immigrant context.

If you were unable to join us, but would like to hear Ms. Burgess' presentation, we have a <u>recording available</u>. Please forward to 28:45 for the start of the presentation (we're still figuring out this technology piece!)

One of the items your Executive Committee took away from this presentation is the need for us, as a Chapter, to ramp up efforts to collect instances of unauthorized practice law and report them. Please be on the lookout as we work with our UPL Committees on how to be most effective.

#### NMD/Law Student Mixer

The New Member Division (NMD) held a law student mixer at Fragomen on Wednesday, November 1st. We had a chance to meet many LLM and JD students from local schools. It was great to see that enthusiasm hasn't waned for these students and that people are itching to join us in our day-to-day fight to protect immigrants!

## Local Events

### November 6th - Inside Out/Dreamers Pop-Up Art Exhibit

Join the Inside Out/ Dreamers bus tour when they arrive in Atlanta on Monday, November 6 to celebrate America's DREAMers and rally our community to support the DREAM Act. Inside Out/ Dreamers is a nationwide participatory art initiative (the Inside Out Project), launched by award-winning artist JR to create a portrait of America that includes immigrants and the descendants of immigrants alike.

Here's how it works: The "Inside Out/Dreamers" photobooth trucks are traveling around the country to highlight and uplift DREAMers. On Monday, November 6 they will bring a photobooth truck into Atlanta to give everyone an opportunity to take their pictures and transform their personal identity into works of public art. These photos will be instantly printed and included in a series of high visible art installations featuring a group of large-scale black and white portraits, creating a portrait of America!

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

#### November 8th - Dine for a Cause with GAIN

The Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) is hosting a Dine for a Cause event next month! Join them for tasty Indian food, specialty drinks, and know that part of your tab will be donated to a great cause. See the attached flyer for more information.

Where: Chai Pani - 406 West Ponce De Leon Ave., Decatur, GA

Date: Wednesday, November 8th

Time: 5:30pm - Close

November 9th - Asian Americans Advancing Justice Community Champions Gala

Each year, the AAAJ gala honors the exceptional contributions select individuals and organization have made toward furthering the civil, social and economic rights of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in Georgia and the Southeast.

They are honored to feature their keynote speaker <u>Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal</u>. Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal represents Washington's 7th District. She is the first Indian-American woman to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. Congresswoman Jayapal has spent the last twenty years working internationally and domestically as a leading national advocate for women's, immigrant, civil, and human rights. She also led one of the largest voter registration efforts in Washington State, helping over 23,000 new Americans to register to vote. In May 2013, Pramila was recognized as a White House "Champion of Change." To learn more about Congresswoman Jayapal, click <u>here</u>.

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, please visit the <u>event website</u>.

#### LAA Announces State of Latinos Conference

The Latin American Association is hosting a new conference that addresses the critical issues facing Georgia's rapidly growing Latino population. The statewide gathering will take place on January 29 and 30, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta.

The first day will focus on the macro-level dynamics that affect the state's 1 million Latinos and the social, economic, political and policy implications. The second day features concurrent summits on housing and education.

We are especially seeking the participation of local stakeholders with in-depth knowledge of local circumstances that affect the lives of Latinos and their neighbors. Register before November 16<sup>th</sup> to receive our discounted rate of \$50.

https://thelaa.wufoo.com/forms/state-of-latinos-online-registration/

# **National Events**

# Advocacy Item: AILA Stands with Dreamers Registration Deadline is 11.6.2017

AILA is launching the "AILA Stands with Dreamers" campaign to keep pressure on Congress to pass a clean Dream Act, and to reject the White House's harmful immigration principles. Over the next several weeks, and culminating during the week of November 13, 2017, we want to continue to mobilize AILA members across the country to tell Congress loudly and clearly that AILA stands with Dreamers! Activities include in-district visits on November 14 to key Congressional offices, which AILA National will schedule, as well as calls to Congress, press and media work by AILA chapters, and of course, a Tweetstorm.

Please <u>register online today</u> for any of the campaign events below:

- November 14:
  - Lobby visits to key members of Congress scheduled by AILA National
  - #AILAStandsWithDreamers Tweetstorm from 3-5 pm ET
- November 15:
  - o 800K calls to Congress for 800K Dreamers
  - AILA Chapters issue press statements
- November 16:
  - Write an opinion piece for your local newspaper on the importance of passing the Dream Act

### Register Now for AILA's EB-5 Investors Summit!

The <u>2017 AILA EB-5 Investors Summit</u> (December 8-9, 2017) is quickly approaching. This year's multidisciplinary faculty features a cross-section of EB-5 experts, including government officials; immigration, business, and securities lawyers; economists; and more. Also, more than 20 EB-5 exhibitors will be in attendance. You should attend this conference if you're new to EB-5 or looking to break into this area, an experienced EB-5 attorney who wants to get the latest updates on critical issues, or you're somewhere in between. The program will address emerging USCIS policies and practices, representing investor clients in failed or fraudulent projects, evolving RFE issues, risk management, and more. Tell your fellow chapter members!

The deadline for the AILA group hotel rate is *November* 8, and the early registration discount deadline is *November* 20. You can earn up to 18 total CLE credits in 50-minute jurisdictions or up to 15 credits in 60-minute jurisdictions. Visit <u>AILA Agora</u> to view the <u>conference program</u> and register!

## Job Scene

Open position: Attorney at Law at The Baldwin Law Firm

Description: Our firm needs to add another Attorney to our roster to manage increasing inquiries from clients. We operate a small but highly successful firm practicing in the areas of juvenile law, criminal defense, and immigration defense. We operate a highly collaborative office in which each professional helps the others to ensure all of our clients receive the best possible service.

Required and preferred skills:

- Admittance to the state bar required
- 2+ years' experience
- Ability to handle a high case load and a willingness to meet personally with all clients

Send Resume: JBaldwin@thebaldwinlawfirm.net

#### Resumes

Ednny Ferrell is seeking a position as an immigration law assistant, receptionist or an entry-level paralegal role. Please see attached resume.

Alice Estaville is a California-licensed attorney looking for a position. She's also available to appear at USCIS Montgomery interviews. Please see attached resume.

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- 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.



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