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November 17, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter Events

RSVP for Free Food and Drinks at Chapter Holiday Party

Let's toast to surviving 2017 together! 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 and a guest, if you'd like. We'll also be collecting toys for the [Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network](#) (GAIN) to distribute to their clients and children, if you feel so inclined.

<http://www.ga-al.com/holiday-party/>

Registration Open for the 2018 Georgia-Alabama Conference!!

Here's something to do list before the holidays take-up all your memory and money :) Register for the 2018 Georgia-Alabama Chapter Conference - available on our [chapter website](#).

Dates: February 23-24, 2018

Rates remain unchanged from last year:

- Attorney, AILA Member (Early Bird): \$400.00
- Attorney, Non-AILA Member: \$500.00
- Non-Profit Employee: \$275.00
- Paralegal: \$100.00
- Law Student (must have prior approval): \$50.00

The early bird rates goes away on January 5th...and while that sounds so far away, it'll be here before we know it.

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.

Committee News and Events



Advocacy Committee Meets with Representative Karen Handel's Office

Members of the Advocacy Committee met with Ashley Jenkins, District Director, for Rep. Karen Handel (GA-6th) earlier this week. Most of the conversation focused on DACA and relief for Dreamers. AILA was told that Rep. Handel wants to work with Dreamers and appears to be supportive of RACA (Recognizing America's Children Act).

Asylum Stakeholder Notes

The Arlington Asylum Office hosted an engagement call this past Wednesday, November 15th. Thank you to our Asylum Committee for taking the attached notes. Topics include how to submit new documents prior to the interview, UAC asylum claims for applicants in removal proceedings and the backlog (among many other issues).

USCIS Liaison Updates

The November 15th Liaison meeting with the Montgomery Field Office has been postponed until future notice - but will hopefully happen before the end of the year. Thank you to everyone who submitted questions.

The Atlanta USCIS Committee met today in the Atlanta Field Office. Minutes from this meeting should be available in the next two weeks (give or take).

Local News and Events

287(g) in Georgia - Project South & GLAHR Resource

Thank you to Azadeh at Project South for sharing this with us -

As the feds are deciding whether to further expand 287(g) in Georgia, we wanted to release this chart on the current 287(g) Agreements in Georgia:

<https://projectsouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/287g-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

The chart is co-produced by Project South and the Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights.

As you can see, ICE also has Inter-Governmental Service Agreements (IGSAs) (or riders on agreements with other federal agencies) with three of the four 287(g) counties, allowing them to detain people for ICE for a certain number of days. Links to the Cobb and Whitfield IGSAs are also included in the chart. We have also issued an Open Records Request to Hall to get the ICE rider that operates similar to the IGSA and will hopefully have that in the near future.

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