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December 1, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter Events

Bring on the Chill at the 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/>

Register 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 rate 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

Attorney of the Day Volunteers Needed

The Pro Bono Committee needs additional coverage for the Attorney of the Day program for Houser's juvenile docket for the rest of the year — November 28th and 30th and December 5th, 7th, 12th and 14th. If you will be at court any of these days and would be willing to volunteer as the AOTD, please email Killa Martinez at killa@solanofirm.com or Joanna Delfunt at jbd@delfuntlaw.com. They'll provide additional information and make sure you are ready. Thank you!

Asylum Committee Update

The Asylum Committee reports that the Atlanta Asylum Network, which provided medical and psychological evaluations for asylum applicants, appears to have dissolved. They, along with other organizations, are working on compiling a list of healthcare and mental health professionals to be shared with the chapter. If you have suggestions or feedback on organizations or practitioners you have used, please email all pertinent contact information, cost of services if known, and/or comments on your experiences to Committee Chair, Rachel Effron Sharma at: rachel@easyvisa.us.

CBP Committee Update

The CBP Committee recently met and report that the always popular Hartsfield-Jackson airport tour will most likely be held in April. We'll keep you posted as details become available.

Local News and Events

70 Georgia and National Organizations Ask the Georgia Congressional Delegation to Investigate Conditions at Georgia Immigration Detention Centers

AILA National was happy to add their support to a [letter](#) to the Georgia Congressional delegation requesting an investigation of the conditions at Georgia immigration detention centers, specifically the Stewart Detention Center and the Irwin County Detention Center, following the death of Jean Carlos Jimenez-Joseph at Stewart.

The organizations are asking the Georgia Congressional delegation for a prompt investigation of these facilities to address human rights violations and prevent future tragedies.

A Note From Your Chair

Although Thanksgiving is behind us, I'd be remiss if I didn't express my gratitude to all of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chapter Chair. This has been a difficult year and while I think we all contemplate our sanity (or even a career change), having such a wonderful colleagues to share stories with and to vent to makes it all a bit more bearable.

Thank you too, to our amazing volunteers - from Citizenship Day to Liaison Work, to planning the Chapter Conference - you do so much! You serve to better our bar and we are all better attorneys because of the work you do.

We have a lot in store for 2018, but if you have ideas of specific topics you'd like to see covered in a CLE or an event we could host, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our [Executive Committee](#).

Job Scene

- Antonini & Cohen are seeking an Associate- Please see attached job description.

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