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December 15, 2017 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter News and Events

How Are We Doing?

Time to get out your red pen and grade your Executive Committee! We want to hear if your needs are being met, ideas you have for events or CLEs - all with the hope of serving you better in the start of 2018.

If you complete [our short survey](#) by December 31, 2017 and provide us your AILA number, you'll be entered to win a Chapter Conference registration (valued at \$400). We can't wait to hear from you!

Crimmigration CLE with the Georgia State Bar Registration Closes Today

There will be a CLE focusing on the intersection of criminal law and immigration the morning of January 4th as part of the State Bar's Mid-Year Meeting. You can register for the CLE here: <http://www.georgiabar.org/MeetingsInitialBarNumber.ASP>.

Pre-registration closes on December 15, but you can register in-person on the day of (subject to space availability).

Attached is information on the sessions and speakers.

Start the New Year with Peace of Mind Meditation Instruction with the Wellness Committee

The Wellness Committee invites our members to attend an evening of instruction in meditation followed by a talk on the how, why and value of mindfulness in relieving stress and living well. The session will be led by Venerable Nicolas, a learned Buddhist monk who regularly presents on this topic worldwide to varying audiences.

The session will be held January 3rd at 7:00 pm as part of the weekly meditation class at the Georgia Meditation Center, [4522 Tilly Mill Rd, Atlanta, GA 30360](#). Attendees are requested to make a \$5 contribution at the time of the meeting.

No registration needed.

Federal Litigation Workshop

Come learn from a local legend in creative litigation, Peter Hill. He will walk us through the various remedies available in federal court and offer his own war stories to illustrate creative applications of these remedies in the fight for our clients against the overwhelming power of DHS and DOJ. We will end the meeting with a brainstorming session on how this chapter can better serve chapter members to improve the federal litigation here in Atlanta.

January 12, 2018 at Noon

Location: Northlake Thai, 3939 Lavista Road, Suite A, Tucker, GA 30084

Registration now open!

<https://ailagaal.wufoo.com/forms/litigation-section-luncheon-january-2018/>

How to Represent Minors Before the Atlanta Immigration Court / Training for the Attorney of the Day Program

When: January 18, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: State Bar of Georgia - [104 Marietta St NW #100, Atlanta, GA 30303](#)

Sponsored by: GA-AL AILA Chapter Pro Bono Committee and KIND- Kids in Need of Defense

AILA's mission behind the Attorney of the Day (AOTD) program is to provide pro se respondents in removal proceedings on the UAC docket with legal assistance. This will further the court's and AILA's mission of ensuring fair adjudication because respondents who are informed of their legal options will be better equipped to pursue them. It will also reduce the time burden that pro se respondents place on the court. Respondents who are informed that they may have relief available will be motivated to seek counsel, and even those who do not have relief available will better understand their legal situation.

For more information on the AOTD Program or this training opportunity, please contact:

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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* - that's less than a month away!

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.

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.

Committee News & Liaison Minutes

Committee Highlight: Military Assistance Program (MAP)

The GA/AL Military Assistance Program (MAP) provides immigration training and assistance to any interested Legal Assistance Office of any military base located in Georgia. The military attorneys (JAGs) who staff those offices have little to no training in immigration law, yet they are expected to assist their service members with any immigration issue that affects those service members' families. To help our military colleagues, we provide them with "nuts and bolts" clinics that combine learner-centered, hands-on training with guided consultations with their clients. AILA members find working with JAG officers and meeting active duty soldiers and their families during these clinics to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Many also serve as mentors to JAG officers throughout the year.

Since 2010, the MAP committee has held an annual immigration clinic at Ft. Stewart in Hinesville. In addition we held a remote clinic for the JAG officers at Moody AFB in 2011.

This year we held a clinic at Ft. Gordon in Augusta and have been invited to hold another clinic at Ft. Gordon in March 2018.

USCIS and ICE Liaison Minutes

Both the USCIS Atlanta and ICE committees met with the agencies this fall. The minutes below are unofficial and only meant to be informational – please do not cite to these.

[ICE - October 5, 2017](#)

[USCIS - November 17, 2017](#)

You will need the website password to gain access. The password is the same for everyone and is available at the top of this newsletter.

Other Immigration News and Events

Community Rally for Dreamer Legislation on Saturday

Asian Americans Advancing Justice, the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials, and FWD.us' Atlanta Chapter will host an advocacy event and photo shoot to encourage community members to urge their Members of Congress to pass permanent legislative protections for Dreamers.

The event will take place at the Monarch Mural at Havana Sandwich Shop 2905 Buford Hwy NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM ET. At the mural, community members will celebrate Atlanta's vibrant immigrant community and advocate for 24,000 Dreamers in the state by calling Members of Congress. Community members are also invited to participate in a photo shoot and share positive stories and messages of support for Georgia Dreamers. The event is free and open to the public.

WHAT: Community Rally for Dreamer Legislation

WHERE: Havana Sandwich Shop, 2905 Buford Hwy NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

WHEN: Saturday, December 16, 2017 1:00PM - 4:00PM ET

History of Anti-Immigrant Legislation in Georgia, 2006 - Present

Our friends at Project South have shared a reference tool for us. The document lists out all of the anti-immigrant legislation we've seen these last ten years.

<https://projectsouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Anti-Immigrant-Legislation2006-Present.pdf>

Job Scene

- Alexander D. Silpa, who recently passed the Georgia Bar, is looking for an entry position at a local immigration law firm.
- Removal Defense Paralegal needed at the Latin American Association - Please see attached job description.

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- 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.

