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April 27, 2018 Chapter Newsletter

Chapter News and Events

Habeas Win in Columbus

From the good news corner - Antonini & Cohen recently won a habeas case that they'd like to share with the membership. "We filed a habeas for a client with mental health issues who had been detained for almost two years after his final order. At a hearing in federal court in Columbus this past Tuesday, the judge gave ICE 30 days to either physically deport our client or release him.

ICE had delayed deportation because they said our client was not cooperating in providing personal information necessary to obtain a travel document. We argued that DHS already had the information from past applications and that it was ludicrous to rely on a diagnosed schizophrenic with severe auditory hallucinations to provide such information."

Health and Wellness Committee Update

At our Chapter Conference, the Health and Wellness Committee put out a survey to ask how we can all work together to combat stress and fatigue in our lives. Two items really stood out.

First, find a mentor. We have mentors listed on our [Chapter website](#), but [AILA National](#) also has great resources on finding a mentor. When speaking with a potential mentor, be sure to be clear about expectations - are you looking for a mentor on particular issue or case or you are you looking to develop a longer-term relationship?

Second, there's been a request to start a men's group in our chapter. If you are interested in taking the lead on this, please contact Kerry McGrath, Health and Wellness Committee Chair - kerry@kerrylaw.com.

**Annual Chapter Meeting
June 1, 2018**

Save the date - we'll be at Maggiano's Perimeter for our annual meeting on June 1st. Registration will soon open.

**Chapter Meeting at AILA AC18
June 14, 2018**

We have secured a location for our chapter meeting in San Francisco. Put this on your calendar now so you don't forget! And hey, who doesn't like a free lunch at the Annual Conference?!?

When: Thursday, June 14th

Time: 12 pm-1 pm

Hotel: Hilton San Francisco Union Square

Meeting Room: Union Square 22, Tower 3, 4th floor

**11th Circuit Cruise CLE
December 2-9, 2018**

The ship is Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas, its second-largest and most popular cruise ship. We'll leave Fort Lauderdale on December 2nd and travel to Labadee (Haiti), Falmouth (Jamaica) and Cozumel (Mexico), arriving back at Fort Lauderdale on December 9th.

We anticipate 10-12 hours of CLE credit and already have speaking commitments from Mary Kramer, Kari Ann Fonte, Laurel Scott and Helen Parsonage. We are still working on the program, but our focus will be on 11th Circuit Litigation Strategies and Professional Development (How to Practice Immigration Law During the Trump Era). Don't worry - it won't be eight hours straight of CLE each day - we know you want to get out and have fun :) This CLE will be in addition to our chapter conference (anticipated to be in February 2019) and the Florida chapters' respective conferences.

We should open up registration soon and will start finalizing the program material shortly. The cruise's itinerary is attached for your review and pricing options and deadlines are listed below. Thank you to Bridgette Bennett for organizing the cruise arrangements and to Chapter Chairs Sui Chung and Stan Walker for helping put this amazing event together.

- Oceanview Balcony (15 rooms available) for \$997.86 per person – balcony overlooking the ocean
- Boardwalk View Balcony (17 rooms available) for \$923.86 per person – balcony overlooking the ship's boardwalk area

- Central Park View Balcony (18 rooms available) for \$892.86 per person – balcony overlooking the central park neighborhood

\$250/person deposit due: May 15, 2018

Final payment due: August 31, 2018

For questions about the cruise, please contact Bridgette Bennett at
bridgette@bennettlawcenter.com

<https://www.royalcaribbean.com/cruise-ships/harmony-of-the-seas> (Link to Harmony of the Seas) for more information about the ship

Chapter News

Nominations for Georgia-Alabama Executive Committee Announced Run By Petition - Due by May 2, 2018

Thank you to our Nominations Committee (Sarah Owings, Carolina Antonini and Aimee Clark) for selecting the following candidates to lead us for 2017-2018.

Chair: Eli Echols

First Vice Chair: Elizabeth Matherne

Second Vice Chair: Janora Hawkins

Secretary: Rachel Effron Sharma

Treasurer: RUN-OFF Joy Smith or Olesia Gorinshteyn

Additionally, any member in good standing may run by petition for any office, notwithstanding the Nominating Committee's selections. Your petition must be in writing, endorsed by five other chapter members in good standing, and submitted to me our Secretary, Elizabeth Matherne, no later than Wednesday, May 2, 2018. This is in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.3 of the Chapter's by-laws, which you can access anytime via this link:

<http://www.ga-al.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/AILA-GA-AL-bylaws-08-2015.pdf>

On or before Saturday, May 12, 2018, our Secretary will publish the final slate of nominees. Any member in good standing may cast a secret ballot after that date for any nominee who is opposed to an office. Voting by secret ballot will commence from May 12 until the close of the Annual Meeting on June 1, 2018.

You may cast your ballot at the Annual Meeting, but for those who are unable to attend, we will set up some sort of mechanism to allow you to vote prior to the meeting. Instructions for accessing that mechanism will be provided after the time for nominations closes on May 12. The results of the election will be announced after the close of the Annual Meeting.

National News

Immigrant Justice Campaign Announcement on LOP Funding Decision

Did you hear? Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced yesterday that the Department of Justice (DOJ) will continue the Legal Orientation Program (LOP) while the department undergoes a review of the program, rather than halt it immediately, as planned.

- Read our blog by the Council's policy expert Josh Breisblatt, [Justice Department Will Not Halt Legal Orientation Program for Detained Immigrants, Reversing Course for Now](#)
- Read the [joint press statement](#) by AILA and the Council

Common sense – and the whole community's successful advocacy – prevailed with respect to LOP, at least for now! Thank you to everyone who tweeted or otherwise spoke out on this important issue. **Now it's our turn to steer the conversation where it should have been all along:** how to make due process a reality in immigration court, not how to undermine it. We have a long way to go, but I look forward to working with you in this effort.

I hope you are as energized as I am to do more. [Volunteer to take a case today](#). Write a brief, handle an appeal, go to a bond hearing. Become an active part of the nationwide movement standing up for due process, inside the courtroom and out.

AILA News and Events

Annual Conference in San Francisco Early Bird Rate Ends May 1

[Register now](#) and save \$250 off the advance rate for the 2018 Annual Conference to be held June 13-16, 2018, in San Francisco. In addition, if you haven't booked your hotel room, the AILA room rate will also end on May 1. The Parc 55 is already sold out so be sure you reserve your room at the Hilton today!

The 2018 AILA Global Immigration Forum: "Disrupting Business as Usual in the City by the Bay: Global Immigration Practice in a Restrictionist Era" June 11 – 13, 2018.

We are pleased to announce that the consulates of *Canada, India, Israel, Mexico and the United Kingdom* have generously agreed to participate on this year's consular panel! This is a golden opportunity to gain valuable insights from these consular officials.

To register for the Forum, please click the registration link below:

Early Bird Registration ends May 1, 2018. [AGORA REGISTRATION](#)

AILA's Global Migration Section is pleased to announce that our Annual Immigration Forum will be held on June 11-13, 2018 in San Francisco, California at the luxurious JW Marriott San Francisco Union Square. The conference will take place prior to AILA's Annual National Conference at a location within easy walking distance of that conference venue. Early bird registration ends May 1, 2018

The GMS 2018 conference is titled "Disrupting Business as Usual in the City by the Bay: Global Immigration Practice in a Restrictionist Era" and will provide practitioners with cutting edge information and practical advice on managing clients' global mobility needs in an environment of change.

We are pleased to announce that this year we have a fun-filled schedule planned including:

- An all-day private, chauffeured wine tour to Napa Valley and Sonoma wineries on Monday, June 11. Advance purchase is required for this tour.
- Our conference dinner will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at the Bistro Boudin, located on iconic Fisherman's Wharf. Dine with us on the Bay while you reconnect with friends and colleagues. Please remember that when you register for the conference you need to register separately for the dinner.
- On Wednesday, June 13, we have the consular tours and a cocktail reception and networking event. Advance sign-up is required for the Consular tours.

Save 25% of Kurzban's Through May 1st

There's just one month left to save on the new edition of [Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook](#)! After May 1, the discount will be gone and rates will rise – so take advantage of your chance to preorder and save 25% through the Chapter Purchase Program.

How to Get the Discount - We know this is an extremely busy time for AILA members so we've simplified the process to receive the chapter discount! To save 25%:

- Go to AILA Agora and place your order.

That's it! AILA members will automatically receive the chapter discount when ordering. You don't have to sign up through a chapter coordinator, and you don't need a coupon.

What's New in Kurzban's 16th Edition?

The list of changes to this edition are too numerous to include here! Visit AILA Agora for a more complete list of updates that have been incorporated in the 16th edition so far.

- Updates to Visa Programs and Benefits Adjudications Under the Trump Administration

- USCIS Policy Manual Updates Through May 2018
- Lost PERM Certifications
- Updates to Removal Policies and Humanitarian Programs Under the Trump Administration
- Extreme Hardship Changes
- Particular Social Group Changes for Family and BIA Appeals
- Post-Mathis Aggravated Felony Analysis

Don't be without the book thousands of immigration lawyers and judges turn to first. Use your chapter discount, and preorder your copy of the new Kurzban's today!

Member Price: \$449

Chapter Price: \$335

Chapter Savings: 25%

Latin America and Caribbean Chapter Conference in Lima, Peru November 15-16, 2018

Just announced and open to the first 100 registrants, the LACC has announced “Surviving in Turbulent Times” in Lima. Visit [their website](#) for more information.

Call for Examples: IJs Denying Continuance or Change of Venue Requests

AILA's Government Relations Department is continuing to monitor the implementation of various policy changes in immigration courts across the country. Please review [Call for Examples: IJs Denying Continuance or Change of Venue Requests Due to EOIR Memos or Case Quotas](#)

Job Scene

- Zamani Williams, a 1L at Emory, is looking for a summer position. Please see attached resume for more information.
- Serene Hawasil Kashlan is an attorney (GSU COL 2010) who is moving to Atlanta in July and is looking for an entry-level position in family-based immigration or civil rights advocacy. Please see her attached resume.
- Racquelle James is a 2L at Emory and is seeking a summer experience at a local immigration law firm. Please see attached resume for more information.
- Sol Angela Ochoa seeks a bilingual assistant position at a local immigration law firm. Resume is attached.

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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.

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