



AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION GA-AL CHAPTER

# NEWSLETTER

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### SAVE-THE-DATE: 8/26/2022 CHAPTER LUNCHEON AT MAGGIANO'S BUCKHEAD

Join us at our upcoming Chapter Luncheon on Friday, August 26, 2022. The event will take place at fan favorite Maggiano's Buckhead! Whether you are craving a taste of Italy, hoping to catch up with colleagues, or a little of both, this event promises to deliver on all fronts. Sign-up link will be posted in the upcoming newsletter!

**MAGGIANO'S**  
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**We welcome suggestions for future newsletter content:** Please email [secretary@ga-al.com](mailto:secretary@ga-al.com)

# OPLA & ERO LIAISON UPDATES FROM JESSICA STERN

## CHAPTER LIAISON MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Until further notice, Liaison role will be managed by Vice Chair, Anna Erwin.

Please continue to email [iceliasion.ga.al@gmail.com](mailto:iceliasion.ga.al@gmail.com) with assistance needs:

- Please 1st attempt to resolve on your own through the recommended channels. See google sheet for updated best [Contact Info](#)
- If you have a policy/procedure question (or case specific issue that isn't time sensitive), please include your question as a "comment" in this [Google Sheet](#) by the 1st of every month to be included in that month's meeting with ERO & OPLA. (Check out bottom tabs)

## ERO MANAGEMENT UPDATE

**Patrick Musante** is back – as (a)DFOD - Enforcement and is responsible for anything that happens in N and S Carolina, CAP, Fugitive Operations and Mission Support

### **Detained Biometrics handling:**

Send all Stewart requests to SDDO Limrick: [beth.limrick@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:beth.limrick@ice.dhs.gov) ; ERO is working on contact for Folkston. In the meantime, send to [Atlanta.Outreach@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Atlanta.Outreach@ice.dhs.gov). Ensure that ERO has responded back confirming receipt and in process. Otherwise, forward to [Atlanta.Outreach@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Atlanta.Outreach@ice.dhs.gov) and let Chapter Liaison know of the issue.



**SUBMIT YOUR ERO/OPLA QUESTION [HERE](#)**

## FROM OPLA ATLANTA CHIEF COUNSEL, RYAN MATSUNO

Question presented by liaison: What form or method of PD is being exercised now given the ongoing federal litigation/injunctions/stay of injunctions? PD is still a legitimate function of a prosecuting body/agency such as OPLA, correct?

We are still stuck with 5th circuit injunction, even though 6th circuit dismissed from their district court, because OPLA does not interpret the 6th circuit case binding outside of the 6th circuit. (5th circuit has parallel case in Louisiana where 5th circuit has declined to take up the issue since the 6th circuit dismissal).

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Interpretation of 5th circuit injunction: OPLA can't exercise PD under (Mayorkas/Doyle) priority scheme. However, OPLA always has the inherent discretion to exercise PD. Extremely case by case and up to the ACCs. Will be different per each ACC and that's okay.

Two factors the ACCs are looking at (if that ACC decides they want to pursue without management direction):

1. When is it advantageous to the agency for efficiency of the docket. This most often means there is some other relief that CIS can grant relief and therefore the case does not need to take space on EOIR docket. This is not appropriate in all cases.
2. If otherwise therwise required in the interest of justice. For example, evidence of hardship to family to make evaluation under this rubric; doesn't need to be hardship to QR unless you're asking for stipulation

AreStipulations still ok/happening? YES

Escalations: anytime members receive declination (to request for dismissal or stipulation), email CC <Ryan.H.Matsuno@ice.dhs.gov> directly to do independent review of ACC's declination.

## PD INJUNCTION IN THE NEWS

**6th Circuit** has struck down the Ohio Injunction Blocking ICE's Priority PD Guidance.

**Biden Administration** asks Supreme Court to stay court order blocking it from setting immigration enforcement priorities:

## INFORMATION FOR JOINING CHAPTER SLACK

We have been using Slack and tested its functionality for some time now. We hope that this tool will facilitate communication and be a library of information that we can turn to as we encounter questions in our practice.

WHEN YOU ARE READY TO SIGN ON TO SLACK, PLEASE EMAIL Chapter First Vice Chair <[first.vice.chair@ga-al.com](mailto:first.vice.chair@ga-al.com)> IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AN UPDATED LINK. LINKS EXPIRE AFTER 7 DAYS.

Some of you may already have experience using Slack with other organizations, for the rest of us this will take some time getting used to. In an effort to facilitate the transition. Below is a link for learning the basics of Slack. You can also review Slack Guides, which is a short encyclopedia of Slack, in addition to Slack 101.

CLICK LINK [HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO USE SLACK.



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## IMPORTANT LINKS AND RESOURCES

**American Immigration Council**

<https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org>

**AILA Immigrant Justice Campaign & AILA Fearless Lawyering**

<https://www.aila.org/about/immigration-justice-campaign>

**AILA's Immigration Practice & Professionalism Toolbox**

<https://agora.aila.org/product/detail/3531>

**AILA Member Benefit Guide**

<https://www.aila.org/membership/benefits/membership-benefits-guide>

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EVERYTHING to us.

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