



AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION GA-AL CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

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GA-AL AILA CHAPTER REPRESENTED AT AILA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING



Aloha! Our very own Chapter Second-Vice Chair Hiba Ghalib represented us at this year's annual fall AILA Board of Governors ("BOG") Meeting held on September 12, 2022 in Hawaii. To read more about what the BOG does, to find its meeting schedule, and meeting minutes, please click [HERE](#).



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We welcome suggestions for future newsletter content: Please email secretary@ga-al.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONORABLE IMMIGRATION JUDGE AMY F. HAER

Congratulations to our former chapter member who was recently appointed to the role of Immigration Judge! Amy F. Haer was appointed as an Immigration Judge to begin hearing cases in August 2022. Judge Haer earned a Bachelor of Science in 2003 from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Juris Doctor in 2008 from the George Washington University Law School. From 2017 to 2022, she was the Director of Immigration Legal Services at Catholic Charities Atlanta. From 2015 to 2017, she was the Associate Director for Immigration and Refugee Services at Catholic Community Services - Tucson (CCS-T). From 2012 to 2015, she was the Program Director for the Immigrant Survivors Legal Assistance Program at CCS-T. From 2008 to 2012, she was a staff attorney with Catholic Charities Atlanta. Judge Haer is a member of the State Bar of Georgia.

CHAPTER DONATION TO IMMIGRANT'S LIST

Your chapter dollars are hard at work - thanks to your involvement and contributions, our chapter was able to make a \$15,000 donation to Immigrant's List. Immigrants' List is composed of Immigrants' List PAC, a federal political action committee, and Immigrants' List Civic Action, a 501 (c)(4) non-profit organization. Immigrants' List Civic Action works to educate voters on immigration reform and reinforce the importance of voting with low propensity voters in minority populations. Immigrants' List PAC primarily works to elect pro-reform and defeat anti-immigration candidates for public office. Immigrants' List PAC and Immigrants' List Civic Action are separate organizations.



WOULD YOUR PRO BONO ORGANIZATION LIKE TO RECEIVE A DONATION?

Apropos donations, the GA-AL AILA Chapter is committed to supporting organizations whose focus is to assist individuals seeking immigration benefits and related assistance in the U.S. on a pro bono basis. If your organization provides such services and you wish to be considered for a donation, head to [**THIS SIGNUP SHEET**](#). Our chapter will tentatively announce donation recipients at this year's annual holiday happy hour!



CHAPTER LUNCHEON 10/21/2022

Charles Spry, who is Senator Raphael Warnock's congressional staffer (and our very helpful congressional liaison) has kindly agreed to headline this event. We hope to see you there - location and time to be announced shortly.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR 12/1/2022

Our annual Chapter Holiday Happy hour will be held on December 1, 2022. We look forward to mixing, mingling, and closing out another year with you! Location and time will be announced soon.

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> 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.

LOOKING TO HIRE? LOOKING TO POST A RESUME?

Our chapter has transitioned our daily communications to Slack and we invite all members to check out the [#employment_opportunities](#) channel for posting resumes or looking for resumes. Meanwhile, please check out the resume of Ms. Joselyne Nicole Constante, who is looking for immigration experience by clicking [HERE!](#)



REMINDER: CHECK YOUR CLE STATUS BY 9/30/2022

Consider this your friendly reminder to check your CLE status by logging in to your [Georgia CLE Portal](#). The deadline for correcting any CLE deficiencies is 9/30/2022!

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

Small-Midsize office space for rent near USCIS Atlanta. Office Park hosts many for-profit and non-profit businesses. Secured building with many office suites available. Property manager is onsite. Sizes range from 140 to 450 square feet and can be combined. Key Card entry. Conference room available for rental. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

STAY TUNED - COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING SOON!

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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