



AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION GA-AL CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER

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CHAPTER HOLIDAY MIXER RECAP



Thank you for joining us at Iberian Pig for our winter holiday mixer in November! We had a wonderful turnout and it was a special treat to kick off the holiday season with colleagues new and old. We are delighted to share that during the event, the GA-AL chapter was able to donate \$1,000 to eight organizations (RAKSHA, Saris to Suits, GLAHR, CAIR Georgia, ASISTA, LAA, Global Village Project, Team Libertad). All recipients are immigration-related nonprofits who will be putting the chapter's donations to use for a worthy cause!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM TEAM LIBERTAD

Thank you and AILA so much for your donation. It literally 'kept the lights on' this month. If you have anyone interested in volunteering, ICE is planning to drop 30-50 people a day at the airport for the next several weeks.

I'm sure you all have your eyes on the end of Title 42 as well. I think we're all waiting to see how chaotic things might become.

Maggie Burgess
Team Libertad Administrator



KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE

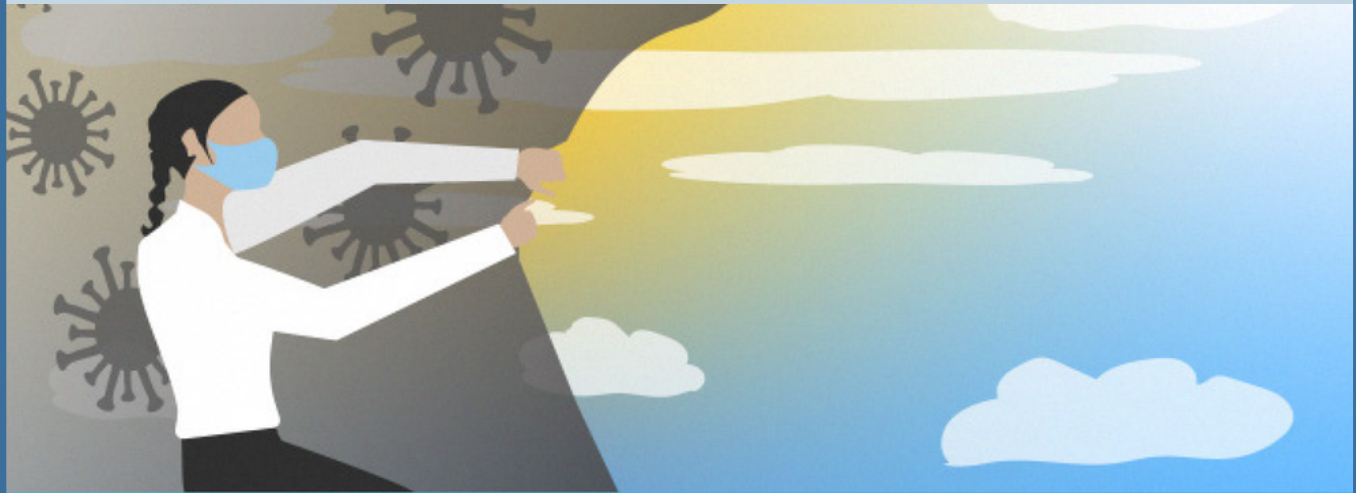
PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES WITH KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE (KIND)

KIND (Kids in Need of Defense) has a tremendous challenge at the start of this year. Under one of our grants, we are required to place a certain number of cases each year. The year started in March of 2022 and given the slow return to work post-pandemic, we have seen a huge decrease of interest by firms and attorneys to take on pro bono cases. We have around 30 cases that we still need to place with volunteers by March. The challenge is simply to match each child's case with a volunteer and make sure that the volunteers get KIND support in the long term, as they would always get with our office.

As background, we have placed several cases in 2022 but not enough to meet the high expectation by this funder. We have also taken on a similar number of cases that we have taken on direct representation through our team locally. However, we can really use the support of AILA to help us achieve our numbers. Even if we could get some of these cases placed with AILA attorneys willing to take on a case pro bono, that would be a huge achievement.

If you are able to help, please contact Sarah Katz at [<skatz@supportkind.org>](mailto:skatz@supportkind.org) or Christina Iturralde at [<citurralde@supportkind.org>](mailto:citurralde@supportkind.org) for more information!

SAVE THE DATE: 3/17/2023



GA-AL AILA Chapter 2023 CONFERENCE

EMERGING FROM THE PANDEMIC

50+

Speakers and Experts

8

CLE Credits

3

Topic Tracks: Family,
Business, & Removal

SAVE THE DATE:

March 17, 2023

Georgia State Law Center

Registration coming soon!

AILA Wellness Committee Presents January 29, 2023 Kickoff Event

Sunday, Jan 29- Urban Hike and Coffee, at the Beltline.

Join your friends and colleagues for a refreshing walk on the Beltline through many of Atlanta's historical landmarks and finish with a sense of satisfaction and a hot cup of coffee (or chai tea if that's your preference!)

THE DETAILS:

We will meet at 8:45 am and begin our walk at 9 am from the Telephone Factory Lofts, located at 828 Ralph McGill Blvd NE, Atlanta, GA 30306 (where we have it under good authority there is ample free street parking) and head towards Ponce City Market (and beyond!). We anticipate one hour for the walk.

For questions or comments (but no criticisms), please feel free to call or text Dara Berger at 404-234-1619. This includes if you are interested in motivating speeches or are lost or late to our meeting spot because Waze has failed you. Looking forward to seeing you there!!

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-ai.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!](#)



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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