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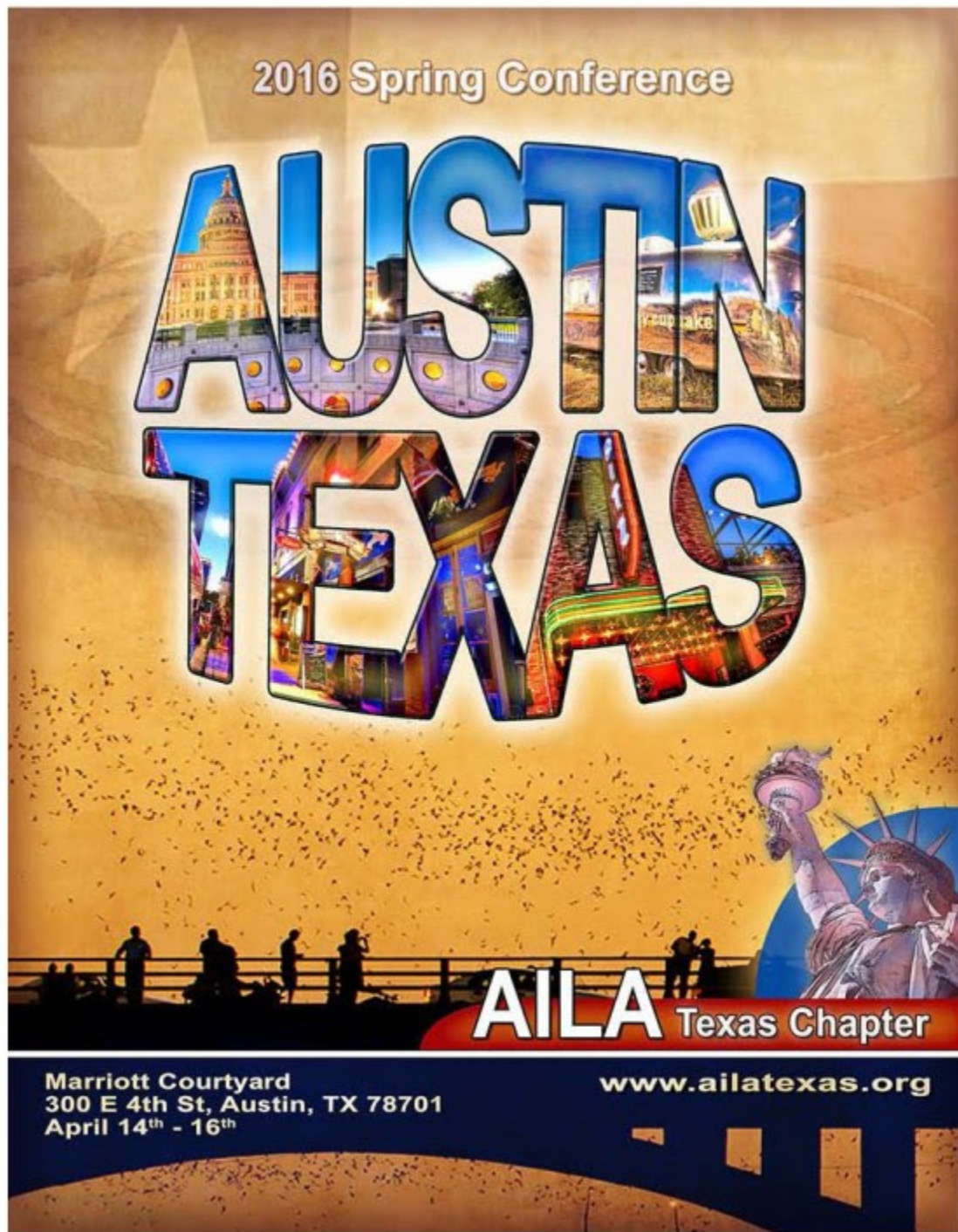
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Chapter Spring 2016 Conference, Austin, TX - April 14-16, 2016.

AILA Texas, Oklahoma & New Mexico Chapter 2016 Spring Conference – Austin, TX DATE: APRIL 14-16, 2016 LOCATION: COURTYARD MARRIOTT IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN. [Click here](http://www.ailatexas.org) for more information.

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March 28 family detention event - Austin

FAMILY DETENTION UPDATE WHEN: Monday, March 28 from 6-8 p.m. (doors open at 5:30) WHERE: The North Door, 502 Brushy Street, Austin WHO: Co-sponsored by RAICES, Immigrant Justice Corps, Grassroots Leadership, Justice for Our Neighbors Austin, and UT Law Immigration Clinic RSVP: <http://goo.gl/forms/6LIZqzAwXr> March 28 Family Detention Free Event

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DFO March 2016 Inquiry/Interview Guide and Q & A from AILA meeting with DFO 03022016

March 2016 Inquiry Interview Guide AILA Q & A March 2016

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Texas March New Member Notification

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Dallas OCC Schedule for Week of 03/14/2016

Dallas OCC Schedule 03142016

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Dallas OCC Schedule for Week of 03/07/2016

Dallas OCC Schedule 03072016

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Dallas OCC Schedule for Week of 2/29/2016

Dallas OCC Schedule 02292016

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Texas February Chapter Roster

Please find attached an updated AILA Membership Chapter roster. This list is intended to give the most up to date contact information we have on file for each member, and to alert members to utilize myAILA (<http://myAILA.aila.org>) to make any updates to their information as needed.

****Please be aware that some of the individuals on this list have applied for Membership after ...**

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USCIS SADO Meeting Reminder

Please be advised that the next AILA-USCIS Liaison Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the San Antonio District Office. Please RSVP to bammer822@aol.com.

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Fair Day in Court for Kids Act: A Message from Congressman Doggett

From our colleague Paul Parsons: Dear Paul: Knowing of our shared concern that children and other vulnerable immigrants are treated fairly in court, I write today to share with you my sponsorship of the Fair Day in Court for Kids Act, which will be introduced in Congress tomorrow. This important bill provides counsel, legal orientation programs, and case management for children ...

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Reminder: Pro Bono Appreciation Reception

Dear Pro Bono Volunteers, We're only one week away from our pro bono attorney appreciation reception. This is a great opportunity for existing attorneys to meet with their fellow volunteers and for new attorneys to learn more about our work and how it impacts the lives of our clients. The event particulars are below. Thursday, March 3 ...

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2016 AILA Chicago Midwest Regional Conference - Monday March 14, 2016

Dear Colleagues: As a reminder, the AILA Chicago Chapter's 2016 Annual Midwest Regional Conference (MRC) entitled "Piercing the Veil to Raise the Bar" is open for registration. Attached please find the updated semi-final program, with the instructions for registration, showing a great line-up of topics along with speakers who are outstanding practitioners and government officials from the local, regional ...

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Consumer Protection and UPL Survey: U Visas for Victims of Notario Fraud

From AILA National: Dear Chapter Pro Bono Liaisons, I invite you to share this survey, which went out in AILA8 today (item #3), with your chapters and networks. The goal of the survey is to collect information from members who have filed an I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, for a victim of notario or immigration services fraud. Regardless ...

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CARRP Litigation Interest Group Meeting at Chapter Conference

From our colleague John Wheat Gibson: Litigation by the Southern California ACLU against the Department of Homeland Security's secret CARRP policy to bury adjustment and naturalization applications by disfavored minority groups, instead of adjudicate them, is spilling over to Texas. If you have not yet litigated a mandamus action to compel adjudication of an adjustment application

that has been pending ...

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USCIS Houston Liaison Meeting Minutes

Minutes for February 2015 meeting. AILA LIAISON FEBRUARY 2016

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Texas Mid-Month New Member Notification

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UPDATED Meeting notes from Asylum Liaison meeting

From our colleague Samantha del Bosque: Note that there is an important update regarding the derivatives in the first part of the notes. The update was sent to me by the asylum office and corrects their previous response, which was quite controversial. 02-04-16 Meeting Notes

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Upcoming Dallas CLE-AILA

CLE Title: "Taking Your Case to Federal Court" Sponsored By: Dallas Bar Association Immigration Law Study Group Date: Monday, February 22, 2016 Time: 12pm-1pm Place: Winstead Room at the Belo 1 CLE Hour \$30 for non DBA-members, free for DBA members Speakers: Daniel Stewart, The Law Office of Daniel Stewart This CLE will provide information on when to ...

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Dallas OCC Schedule for week of 2/15/16

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Jodi Goodwin Featured in the ABA Public Interest Law and Policy Update

Get to know our dear South Texas colleague, Jodi Goodwin, and all the tremendous work she does to further access to justice nationwide. Public Interest Law and Policy Update Winter2016

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Volunteers needed for Citizenship Event on April 2 and phonebanking on March 31

Education Austin and other organizations are sponsoring a citizenship drive on April 2, 2106, at Allan Elementary, 4900 Gonzales, in Austin. See attached flyer. In connection with the citizenship drive, Univision is sponsoring a phone bank on March 31. If you can, please volunteer to help at one of the events. For the event on April 2, we need ...

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April 8 Joseph A. Vail Asylum Law Workshop Save the Date

Dear Clinic alums, friends and supporters: The Immigration Clinic at the University of Houston Law Center is happy to invite you to the day-long April 8, 2016 Joseph A. Vail Asylum Law Workshop, with a focus on families and children. Please also take a look at our latest newsletter reflecting the great work of our students and staff! In the ...

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Retirement party for TA (Houston EOIR)

Retirement Celebration in honor of Charlotte Lang, Asst. Chief Counsel, Houston, Texas, on Friday, March 4, 2016, 5-8 pm at Los Cucos Signature Café, on 1111 Studewood. Hosted by Olsa Alikaj-Cano.

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Help Needed - AILA MAP Case Placement

I am writing because the cases below were posted on the last AILA Military Assistance Program's presentation. Unfortunately, we are having trouble placing them with any of our MAP volunteers. I wanted to know if it was possible for you to forward these case to your members, by posting it on your chapter's listserv in the hopes that an AILA ...

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DFO AILA Large Group meeting March 2, 2016 @ 11.00 a.m.

The upcoming large group meeting will be held on Wednesday March 2, 2016 , at 11: 00 A.M. at the Dallas Field Office. The DFO is located at 6500 East Campus Circle Drive, Irving, Texas 75063. All questions for the DFO are due by February 16, 2016. Please email all questions to Irene Mugambi at advocate4@aol.com. These large group meetings do not happen often and are ...

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Travis County U Visa Certifications

From our Austin colleague, Jennifer Walker-Gates (via Erin Martinson, Chief of the Protective Orders Unit of the Travis County Attorney's Office): The criminal court 4 prosecutors have created a special email address for their UVisa requests: Cc4uvisa@traviscountytx.gov

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DFO Feb 2016 Inquiry Guide

February 2016 Inquiry Interview Guide

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Register now for National Day of Action - Thursday, April 7, 2016 - Washington, D.C.

What: AILA's National Day of Action is Thursday, April 7, 2016 in Washington, D.C. Why: Congress needs to know America needs immigration reform, not rhetoric Where: The event will be held at Washington Court Hotel on Capitol Hill, 525 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001. The rate is \$249/ per night. If you haven't attended before, we will team up experienced with those who haven't ...

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IRS Gains the Power to Revoke U.S. Passports for Tax Debts

From our colleague Paul Parsons: <http://www.castroandco.com/Blog/2016/January/IRS-Gains-the-Power-to-Revoke-U-S-Passports-for-.aspx>

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El Paso Joint Liaison Meeting- CIS/CBP - March 16, 2016.

A joint meeting with CIS and CBP has been scheduled for WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016 at 9:00 am at the CIS offices, 1545 Hawkins. Please let me know if you will be attending. You may forward all questions to me by February 25, 2016. This meeting is for AILA attorneys only. Thank you and look forward to seeing all of ...

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San Antonio EOIR Update

Non-detained and non-priority dockets in San Antonio are still not moving forward in February and will be rescheduled. We will update the membership as soon as we receive any information about the resumption of these hearings. Sincerely, Jennifer Walker Gates Attorney* OFFICE 512-270-2912 FAX 512-615-3366 Email: jennifer.wg@walkergatesvela.com *Board Certified Immigration and Nationality Law I ...

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AILA New England Spring Conference - March 4, 2016

About the Conference With government, national, and local expert panelists, this one-day advanced conference offers answers and practice strategies for winning challenging cases. Come and learn the latest news and practice. Morning plenary sessions include a hot topics panel and our perennial favorite inter-agency panel with representatives from USCIS, ICE, and CBP. We will also have a full panel devoted ...

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Bilingual brochures for aspiring immigrants who might be arrested

From our colleague Paul Parsons: Hi Paul - I am finally digging out and getting back to you regarding broader distribution of the brochures we have for non-citizens regarding their rights if arrested or charged with a crime. Because the information in the brochures is tailored to Texas law, I'd like to focus on Texas lawyers and

accredited agencies if ...

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IJs Sworn in at EOIR Headquarters- EOIR News Dallas Immigration Court

From our colleague Michelle Saenz Rodriguez: Dallas Immigration Court has two new Immigration Judges that were recently sworn-in by EOIR. Both IJ's will begin hearing cases in the Dallas Courts on February 17, 2016. They are currently undergoing training in other courts and will return to Dallas the week of the 17th. Below is a short summary of the background ...

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Looking for stories for refugee coffee table book of stories

Dear AILA Members: Do you want to be a part of creating a coffee table book on refugee stories? We are looking for 35 interesting refugee stories from all over the world that set out, with warmth, the refugee journey (not the asylum case). For example, a 12 year old girl who traveled all the way from Guatemala by herself and what she experienced on her journey; ...

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MALDEF Files Lawsuit Challenging Texas Immigrant Harboring Law

From MALDEF: Dear friends, I write to share an update on MALDEF's work on the Texas immigrant harboring law. Last week, MALDEF filed suit in federal court challenging the immigrant harboring provisions in Texas' House Bill 11 (press release attached). This litigation is the outgrowth of community organizing and legislative advocacy conducted by MALDEF on HB 11's harboring provisions. Following ...

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Hines and Gilman, working to end family detention

Sharing this well-deserved coverage of my colleagues Barbara and Denise's constant efforts to bring justice, fairness and caring to the women and children at Karnes and Dilley.

<http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/crime-law/duo-from-ut-immigration-clinic-plays-key-role-at-d/nqGYb/> The article recognizes the contributions of many of you in providing legal services at the jails. Thanks to all who continue in the fight! Elissa Elissa Steglich | ...

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No easy answers as Texas weighs fate of immigrant detention...

From our colleague Paul Parsons: <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/no-easy-answers-as-texas-weighs-fate-of-immigrant-/nqFmz/>

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St. Mary's University - The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice Immigration Symposium

I just wanted to take the opportunity to spread the word about the Scholar's annual Symposium.

This year's theme is Immigration Law at a Crossroads: The Path Forward. There will be several speakers, among them Barbara Hines, Steven Schulman, and Dennis Windscheffel, who have all been involved in the work at Karnes to end family detention. It's a great way to ...

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