



urage you and other interested colleagues from your bar association, public interest organizations or law firms in your area to join us at the Children's Immigration Summit in Chicago from August 4th to August 6th to address the legal service and advocacy needs of 5,000 children detained annually by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at over 90 sites nationwide, the majority of which are juvenile jails. Please see articles and materials below on the plight of children in INS custody and pending legislation (the Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act S. 121 and H. 1904) recently introduced to remedy the situation. At your request, our office can furnish you with some data on children possibly detained in your area lacking access to counsel. The ABA has provided grants to state and local bar associations including AILA chapters for pro bono representation of these children and looks to help support other new bar-led efforts to launch such programs. Bar entities and public interest organizations in San Francisco, Seattle/Spokane and Virginia are now embarking on undertaking these programs.

Below is an outline of the events in Chicago, including descriptions and locations of the various programs. The Summit begins with "Call to Action: Young Refugees without Justice in America" on Saturday, August 4, 2001 from 3:45--5:15 p.m. at the University of Chicago Gleacher Center, 450 North City Front Plaza. This program will consist of a panel discussion intended to describe the challenges facing unaccompanied children, the need for pro bono representation of this population, and a call for attorneys to come forward and volunteer. Participants include Chief Immigration Judge Michael Creppy, congressional representatives Jan Schakowsky and Luis Gutierrez and ABA and INS officials. The program will be followed by a reception in the same room from 5:15-- 6:15 p.m. to honor the attorneys coming forward to volunteer for children and the recipients of recent ABA mini-grants distributed by the Immigration Pro Bono Development Project.

On Sunday, August 5, 2001 from 8:30 a.m.--3:30 p.m will be the Immigration Summit for the Training of Pro Bono Attorneys in the Representation of Unaccompanied Children at Northwestern University School of Law, 350 E. Superior in Rubloff Room 140. This program is designed to train lawyers to provide legal representation to unaccompanied children. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. If attendees can register for the entire ABA Annual Meeting they are eligible to receive CLE credit, however such official registration is not required. We are asking lawyers who plan to attend to send in a 1 page registration form to me so that I can keep track of those who are coming (if you need a registration form, let me know and I can e-mail one to you). For those not registering for the ABA Annual Meeting there is no fee for this training. Below is an agenda describing the planned training. There will be several substantive panels followed by a mock trial and then a small group exercise.

On Monday, August 6 will be the "Summit for Bar/NGO Participants in the ABA's Detained Immigrant and Refugee Children's Emergency Pro Bono Representation Initiative," in MacChesney Hall at Northwestern University School of Law, 350 East Superior Street, Chicago, IL from 8:30 a.m.--2:45 p.m. This summit is for Bar/NGO participants in the ABA's Detained Immigrant and Refugee Children's Emergency Pro Bono Representation Initiative and other interested entities to convene to discuss the Initiative; strategies for success in developing and institutionalizing

their pro bono programs; and devising strategies for solution for the difficult issues the voiceless constituency of detained immigrant and refugee children contend with. Lunch and breakfast will be provided.

I am also including a list of all immigration-related events in Chicago including our Saturday, August 4th panel on INS detention and the August 6th Naturalization Celebration at Comiskey Park (followed by the ballgame).

Reasonable accommodations in Chicago are provided at Club Quarters 1-888-649-6331 when you ask for the weekend rate and state that you are coming with the ABA. If you would like more information about the Call to Action Program on 8/4 or the training on 8/5 please call Catherine Crebs at 202/547-3060 or e-mail catherinekrebs@prodigy.net, and if you would like more information for the 8/6 Summit please call me at 202/662-1008. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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FROM PROGRAM FLYER:

Children, even more than adults, have immense difficulty tackling the complexities of the asylum system without the assistance of counsel. Despite this reality, most children in INS detention are unrepresented. Without legal representation, children are at risk of being returned to their home countries where they may face further human rights abuses. --Senator Diane Feinstein, introducing the Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act of 2000, October 2, 2000

What can lawyers do to help?

First learn about the issue of unaccompanied children at
Call to Action: Young Refugees
without Justice in America

University of Chicago Gleacher Center
Saturday, August 4, 2001
3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Approximately 5,000 children arrive in the U.S. each year without a guardian or appropriate documentation and are then taken into custody by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. These "unaccompanied children" may be fleeing conditions of family abuse or neglect, war, child prostitution, bonded labor, female genital mutilation or forced recruitment as child soldiers. Some of these children are detained for years in shelter facilities, and one third of the children are held in regular juvenile jails due to lack of bed space in the shelter care facilities.

Unaccompanied children, who may speak little or no English, have no right to paid counsel at adversarial proceedings before the Immigration Court.

Although their deportation could be to a country where they do not have anyone to support them, or worse, where torture or conscription awaits them, more than half of the children go unrepresented in these high-stakes proceedings.

Then come to the
Immigration Summit for the
Training of Pro Bono Attorneys
in the Representation of
Unaccompanied Children

Northwestern University School of Law
350 E. Superior, Rubloff Room 140
Sunday, August 5, 2001
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This summit will train lawyers who are interested in volunteering to represent unaccompanied children in administrative deportation hearings before Department of Justice Immigration Judges. The training will focus on immigration law and remedies pertaining to children in I.N.S. custody, psychosocial and ethical issues affecting this population and special trial advocacy considerations for I.N.S. hearings.

For more information or to register for the training, contact Catherine Krebs at
202/547-3060 or catherinekrebs@prodigy.net and/or fill out attached registration form

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AGENDA

Immigration Summit for the Training of Pro Bono Attorneys
in the Representation of Unaccompanied Children

Sunday, August 5, 2001

Northwestern University School of Law
350 E. Superior
Room: Rubloff 140
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Welcome/Introduction
Meghan Magruder, Co-Chair, Section of Litigation Children's Law Committee
Robert E. Hirshon, ABA President-Elect

8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Overview Of Immigration Rights And Remedies For Detained Children In Removal Proceedings

This panel will provide an overview of the relevant substantive and procedural rights and remedies pertaining to detained children in removal proceedings including asylum, withholding, and protection from torture under the United Nations Convention against Torture; special immigrant juvenile

visas for abused, neglected or abandoned children; the new T and U visas for child victims of trafficking or exploitation willing to cooperate with the authorities in prosecuting the perpetrators; voluntary departure relief; challenging unconstitutional race-based stops; and using international law in support of your child's cases.

Moderator:

Mary Meg McCarthy, Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center, Chicago, IL

Speakers:

Kathy Brady, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, San Francisco, CA

Lynn Coyle, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights under Law, El Paso, TX

Meredith Linsky, South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project, Harlingen, TX

Bindu Wotorson, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Baltimore, MD

Andrew Painter, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Washington, DC

Mony Ruiz-Velasco, Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center, Chicago, IL

10:15 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Effective Client Interviewing And Psychosocial And Ethical Issues Affecting Children In INS Custody

This panel will discuss effective techniques for lawyers in interviewing children from countries and cultures outside of the United States. The panel will also address the psychosocial issues children contend with and ethical issues attorneys contend with in the course of representing the children.

Moderator:

Tony DeMarco, Juvenile Justice Center, Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, MA

Speakers:

Dona Abbott, Betheny Christian Services, Grand Rapids, MI

Linda Chew, Children's Justice Center of El Paso, El Paso, TX

Chris Kleiser, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center, Miami, FL

11:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.

Special Issues Affecting Testimony And Witness Preparation For Children In INS Proceedings

This panel will discuss how to prepare children effectively to testify and techniques to minimize retraumatization. Panelists will also discuss how to identify and prepare supportive witnesses in children's cases.

Moderator:

Holly Cooper, Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, Florence, AZ

Speakers:

Frank Cervone, Support Center for Child Advocates, Philadelphia, PA

Susan Schmidt, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Baltimore, MD

Sarah Bronstein, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Los Angeles, CA

12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Luncheon-Box lunches will be provided to participants during this session.

Remarks by Ron Cohen, Chair, Section of Litigation

1:00 p.m.- 1:45 p.m.

Special Trial Advocacy Considerations For Children In Immigration Proceedings

This panel will provide pro bono attorneys with information regarding special skills needed for litigating children's cases in removal proceedings including introduction to removal proceedings, handling documentary evidence, dealing with experts, objections, direct and cross examinations, and opening and closing statements.

Moderator:

Meghan Magruder, Hale and Dorr, Washington, DC

Speakers:

Nicole Nehama Auerbach, Katten Muchin Zavis, Chicago, IL

Kenneth Zucker, Pepper Hamilton, Berwyn, PA

Milagros Cisneros, Byran Cave, Phoenix, AZ

1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Mock hearing

This mock hearing before a U.S. Immigration Judge on a child's asylum claim will illustrate the strategies for success outlined during the day as well as salient obstacles pro bono attorneys will need to be aware of.

Moderator:

Steven Lang, Pro Bono Coordinator, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Falls Church, VA

Presenters:

Dorothea P. Kraeger, Chair, Immigration Law Section, Arizona State Bar Association

Ann Durst, Casa Cornelia Law Center, San Diego, CA

Federico Serrano, Law Clerk, ABA Pro Bono Development and Bar Activation Project

Immigration Judge--TBA

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Breakout Exercises

During breakout exercises, participants will be divided into smaller groups with experienced attorneys assisting in a hypothetical exercise to reinforce knowledge and skills. The exercise will be based on real client situations.

3:15 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Closing ceremony

Participants will receive their certificates of CLE participation. Participants may also sign up for immediate case referrals following the close of the session.

Monday, August 6, 2001

Summit for Bar/NGO Participants in the ABA's Detained Immigrant and Refugee Children's Emergency Pro Bono Representation Initiative
MacChesney Hall
Northwestern University School of Law
350 East Superior Street
Chicago, IL
8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

This summit provides an exceptional opportunity for Bar/NGO participants in the ABA's Detained Immigrant and Refugee Children's Emergency Pro Bono Representation Initiative and other interested entities to convene to discuss the Initiative; strategies for success in developing and institutionalizing their pro bono programs; and devising strategies for solution for the difficult issues the voiceless constituency of detained immigrant and refugee children contend with.

8:30 a.m.
Welcome

8:35 a.m. -9:30 a.m.
Resources and techniques to develop, expand and institutionalize your pro bono program.

Facilitator of Discussion:

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Chris Nugent, ABA Pro Bono Development and Bar Activation Project,
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9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Break

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Elements for an effective pro bono representation program in training, referral, mentor/co-counseling, interpretation and mental health services.

Facilitator:

Steve Scudder, ABA Center for Pro Bono, Chicago, IL
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Co-Facilitator:

Mary Meg McCarthy
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10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Model strategies for orientation sessions and the creation of age- and culturally-sensitive materials for children.

Facilitator:

Susan Schmidt

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Co-Facilitator:

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Bernardine Dohrn

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12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Flores settlement, correcting conditions in juvenile detention centers affecting the child client's wellbeing and issues regarding children's release.

Lunch will be served during this panel due to the exigencies of the schedule.

Facilitator:

Steve Schulman

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1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Future directions for children's advocacy including SIJV, Unaccompanied Alien Children's Protection Act (S. 121).

Facilitator:

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Co-Facilitator:

Wendy Young
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ALL IMMIGRATION-RELATED EVENTS IN CHICAGO AT ABA ANNUAL MEETING
Please RSVP to Federico Serrano, Tempimp@staff.abanet.org tel. 202/662 1679
Friday, August 3

1:00- 3:00 p.m. Immigration Pro Bono Development and Bar Activation
Project
Lunch and Business Meeting
Location: Skyway Suite 284, Level 2, East
Tower, Hyatt Regency

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. CLE Program: Criminal Convictions and their
Immigration Consequences: Representing Noncitizen Defendants
Location: Grand Ballroom F, Ballroom Level,
East Tower, Hyatt Regency
Sponsors: Coordinating Committee on
Immigration Law, Sections of Criminal Justice, General Practice, Solo and
Small Firm and Individual Rights and Responsibilities

Criminal defense attorneys and immigration law experts will examine the
criminal defense counsel's role and options for preventing deportation and
mitigating the consequences of criminal convictions. Part I will provide an
overview of immigration law and process. Part II will emphasize practice
tips for criminal defense lawyers and provide an opportunity to discuss
issues arising in their cases. Speakers include experts on immigration and
criminal law. Panelists: Maria Baldini-Potermine, Chicago, IL; Robert
Gevirtz, Northfield, IL; Daniel Naranjo, Chicago, IL; Lisa Palumbo, Chicago,
IL.

5:00-6:30 p.m. President's Reception Honoring Immigration
Pro Bono Chair Llewelyn Pritchard
Location: Monarch Suite
3474, Hyatt Regency

Saturday, August 4

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. CLE Program: Immigration Detention: Perversities and
Prospects
Location: Columbus Hall C/D, Ballroom
Level, East Tower, Hyatt Regency
Sponsors: Immigration Pro Bono Development
and Bar Activation Project, Section of Individual Rights and
Responsibilities, International Law and Practice, Commission on Mental and
Physical Disability Law, Coordinating Committee on Immigration Law, National
Lesbian and Gay Law Association.

This panel of national and local experts will address recent developments in law and policy related to the extensive hidden world of immigration detention. Panelists will discuss the challenges and opportunities posed by the new INS Detention Standards, people with disabilities and gays and lesbians and people with HIV/AIDS; strategies for success in representing detained clients. The panelists will provide the audience with concrete ways that attorneys and law students can become involved in supporting advocacy and representation efforts for detainees including participating in ABA-sponsored delegation tours of INS detention facilities. Panelists: Blake Chisam, Paul Hastings, Atlanta; Mary McCarthy, Midwest Immigrant & Human Rights Center, Chicago, IL; Christopher Nugent, ABA Immigration Pro Bono Development and Bar Activation Project, Washington, D.C.; Andrew Painter, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Washington, D.C.; Andrew Morton, Latham & Watkins, Washington, D.C.; Pradeep Singla, Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force; David Venturella, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D.C.. Moderator: Arthur C. Helton, New York, NY.

11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Coordinating Committee on Immigration Law Lunch and Business Meeting
Location: Skyway Suite 265, Level 2, East Tower, Hyatt Regency

3:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Call to Action: Young Refugees without Justice in America
Location: University of Chicago Gleacher Center
Sponsors: Children's Law Committee of the Section of Litigation, Immigration Pro Bono Development and Bar Activation Project, Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, and Section of International Law

Thousands of unaccompanied children arrive in the U.S. each year and are taken into custody by the I.N.S. They have no right to paid counsel, although their deportation could be to a country where they do not have anyone to support them, or worse, where torture or conscription awaits them. This program will focus on the problem through a video and a panel discussion, and examine pending legislation, which would give these children the right to counsel. Panelists: U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Chicago, IL; Hon. Michael J. Creppy, Falls Church, VA; Jennifer Gong, Chicago, IL; U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, Chicago, IL; Chris Nugent, Washington, D.C. Moderator: Prof. Bernardine Dohrn, Chicago, IL.

5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Reception to follow the Call to Action Program

Sunday, August 5

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Immigration Summit for the Training of Pro Bono Attorneys in the Representation of Unaccompanied Minors
Location: Northwestern University School of Law
350 E. Superior, Room: Rubloff 140
Sponsors: Section of Litigation Children's

Law Committee, Immigration Pro Bono Development and Bar Activation Project, Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, and Section of International Law.

During the ABA mid-year meeting in February, 2001, the ABA House of Delegates approved Resolution 106A which supports the appointment of counsel at government expense for unaccompanied minors, however, until Congress recognizes the right to counsel, pro bono attorneys must stand in the gap and deliver justice to these children. This summit will train lawyers who are interested in volunteering to represent unaccompanied minors in administrative deportation hearings before Department of Justice Immigration Judges. The training will focus on immigration law and remedies pertaining to children in I.N.S. custody, psychosocial and ethical issues affecting this population and special trial advocacy considerations for I.N.S. hearings.

Monday, August 6

8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Training for ABA Initiative Grantees and Cooperating Agencies in Developing and Expanding Their Capacity and Resources for Pro Bono Representation Programs and Advocacy Efforts for Detained Immigrant and Refugee Children

Location: Northwestern University School of Law

350 E. Superior, Room: Rubloff 140

Sponsored by: Immigration Pro Bono

Development and Bar Activation Project

12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Naturalization Celebration at Comiskey Park (followed by the ballgame)

Location: 333 West 35th Street, Chicago, IL

(312) 674-1000

Sponsor: Coordinating Committee on

Immigration Law

An All American Event at Comiskey Park: Come celebrate two enduring American traditions: baseball, our national pastime, and naturalization, the time-honored institution through which we have built one nation out of immigrants from many nations. The ABA Coordinating Committee on Immigration Law is throwing a Naturalization Celebration at Comiskey Park immediately before a Chicago White Sox game to honor children born around the world who recently became naturalized United States citizens. These children represent the future of America and this event will recognize them and the contributions of immigrants to this great country. Please join us for this Celebration and then stay for the game. Tickets to the game can be purchased through the ABA Meetings Department, or by going to www.whitesox.com or calling 312/831-1SOX.