



# AILA *Dispatch*

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## Where's My ILT?

By Randy P. Auerbach

The Great Bifurcation has begun.

You are excused if you're puzzled by this stand-alone *AILA Dispatch*. Maybe now, slowly, it's all coming back to you—weren't they telling us about a new format for *Immigration Law Today*? Does this have something to do with it?

Indeed. The new *Immigration Law Today* (ILT) makes its debut this month, and one of its features is that the association newsletter, the *AILA Dispatch*, will no longer be bound in with it.

Here, then, is the "new" *Dispatch*, which, aside from being a bit lonesome, retains the same look and mission as the "old" *Dispatch*—to communicate to AILA members the association's news, products, and services.

The "President's Page" has been moved from the *Dispatch* to ILT, so each issue of the *Dispatch* will lead with a column written by a department director from the National Office. This month's column comes to you from the Director of Publications; future columns will be written by Jeanne Butterfield (Executive Director); Amy Novick (Deputy Director, Programs); Susan Quarles (Deputy Director, Finance and Administration); Judy Golub (Senior Director, Advocacy and Public Affairs); or Crystal Williams (Director, Liaison and Information).

The "Recent InfoNet Postings," formerly found near the back of ILT, has been renamed "Recent Developments in Immigration" and has been relocated to the *Dispatch*. This reformatted and reorganized feature is a way for you to see, on hard copy and at a glance, all the recent developments in immigration law for the past month. Similar types of news will be grouped together—legislation, agency activity, new regulations, etc.—and each item will contain a reference to the Document Number on the InfoNet where more details can be ascertained.

The *Dispatch* will be mailed to members monthly, except for a combined issue covering July and August.

### Where the Changes Are

While the "new" *Dispatch* still retains the look, feel, and content of the old version, the revamped *Immigration Law Today*, which will arrive at your desks later this month, is a whole new ball of wax.

The new ILT is designed to be the bar magazine for immigration practitioners and others interested in developments in the field. The visually pleasing 48- to 64-page bimonthly journal will contain four to seven feature articles, plus several shorter columns or departments. The feature articles will primarily consist of practice-oriented analyses (similar to the old ILT's Practice Advisories), but will also include, occasionally, policy pieces and other items of interest.

The upcoming March/April issue will include articles on the Homeland Security Act and Special Registration, O & P Premium Processing, the Asylum One-Year Deadline, and an interview with long-time AILA member and author Ira Kurzban.

The regular or semi-regular columns to be included in ILT will cover pro bono practice, ethics, technology, news about members ("Status Checks"), legal updates, and more.

The complete transformation may take some time, as we evaluate your feedback and tweak the product. But we are confident that the "new ILT" will be a product that will more effectively serve you and your practice.

### Publishing Opportunities

With ILT becoming more article- and feature-rich, we welcome news about you or your practice, and ideas for columns, practice-oriented analyses, and other feature ar-

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# CONFERENCES & MEETINGS UPDATE

By Carol Hobson

## Looking Ahead: News From AILA Conference Update

**H**omeland Security! Special Registration! Interviews of your clients conducted in your absence! Are these recent changes in the name of national security making it difficult for you to keep abreast of the law and meet the demands of your daily practice? AILA conferences are constantly being organized to help keep you up-to-date on recent legislative and policy changes so you can maintain your daily immigration practice and keep in tune with the constant changes that are taking place in the field of immigration policy and practice. I take this opportunity to draw your attention to a few upcoming AILA Conferences that you may find worthwhile. Please mark your calendars to attend one or all of these future AILA conferences.

### **AILA Spring CLE Conference**

*March 28, 2003, Washington, DC*

The AILA Spring Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Conference provides AILA members with a wonderful opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with representatives of the various federal agencies that enforce and modify immigration law and policies. At a time when so many changes are originating from Washington, DC that will have long-term impacts on your immigration practice, the nation's capital provides the ideal venue for this one-day CLE program. The AILA Spring CLE Conference is one part of the 2003 AILA Spring Meetings, which is comprised of the CLE Conference, the Annual Lobby Day on Capitol Hill on Thursday, March 27, 2003, and the American Immigration Law Foundation's (AILF) Eighth Annual Washington Immigrant Achievement Awards on the evening of March 28. Both March 28 events will take place at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel.

A special compilation of important recent agency cables, memos, letters, and memoranda is being prepared as the handbook for this Conference. Additional copies will be available from AILA Publications

after the Conference. Don't miss this important conference.

### **AILA Basics Conference**

*April 25, 2003, Los Angeles, California*

Recognizing the need to train recent graduates entering the field of immigration law, seasoned attorneys changing to an immigration law practice, or immigration lawyers who need a refresher course, AILA frequently schedules basics conferences at different locations around the country to help satisfy that need. Our next Basics Conference will take place in Los Angeles, CA on Friday, April 25, 2003, at the Los Angeles Marriott Downtown. Visit [www.aila.org](http://www.aila.org) for registration, hotel, and airline information. This one-day conference will emphasize the important elements of immigration law to help you get started. This is the perfect conference to which you can send your new associate or paralegal to learn the law. View the preliminary program on [www.aila.org](http://www.aila.org) to get a better idea of what is being offered.

### **2003 Annual Conference**

*June 18–22, 2003, New Orleans, Louisiana*

It is time to register for the AILA 2003 Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA. Once again we will be using a housing bureau to help manage AILA's hotel room block at the two conference hotels—the New Orleans Marriott and the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. If you have not already done so, please visit the AILA Web site at [www.aila.org](http://www.aila.org) to download a copy of the Conference Registration form, as well as the Housing Bureau form. You must first register for the Conference before you can make your hotel reservations at the AILA rate. You may also register and make your hotel reservations online.

This year's Annual Conference promises to be very informative. Sessions will focus on the latest immigration law changes as well as the impact of restructured federal

agencies on your daily immigration practice. The program committee is putting together five substantive tracks along with various other roundtables and smaller workshops. New this year is a seasoned practitioners track (the Masters Program) for the very experienced (15 plus years) immigration law practitioner. These small sessions will allow for active participation. There will be sessions for everyone's interest. Register now and secure your housing accommodation as early as possible.

### **2003 Midyear Conference**

*Cancun, Mexico*

We have just completed a very successful Midyear Conference in Cancun, Mexico. Besides the warm climate that gave participants a chance to thaw from the recent frigid North American temperatures, the sessions at the Midyear Conference generated some heated discussions. Thanks to the Program Committee members for putting together such a thought-provoking conference.

If you missed the Midyear or any other conference, please note that audiotapes of the sessions are available for sale. To order cassettes please visit contact Convention Audio Cassettes at (805) 526-5436 or (800) 526-4010, or visit [www.aila.org](http://www.aila.org) and click on "Events and CLE." In addition, specially prepared handbooks for each conference are also available for sale. The Midyear handbook, *Homeland Security, Business Insecurity: Immigration Practice in Uncertain Times*, is especially timely as it includes the latest information available on special registration.



*Carol H. Hobson*

*Carol Hobson is AILA's Associate Director of Continuing Legal Education.*

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# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Diane Kolbe

## ILRS Utility Bodes Future Success

**A**ILA's Immigration Lawyer Referral Service (ILRS) continues to generate a tremendous amount of inquiries. Below is an update on ILRS operations.

### Staffing

ILRS Coordinator, **Joshua Yeagley**, responds to all inquiries for referrals and handles the administrative aspects of the ILRS. **Diane Kolbe**, AILA's Associate Director for Member Services, supervises overall operations and manages problem resolution for the ILRS.

### AILA Attorney Registrants

There are currently 584 AILA members enrolled in the ILRS; this number represents a 48 percent increase in membership from one year ago. There is a high rate of re-enrollment, which is evidence in and of itself of member satisfaction.

### Average Number of Referrals Per Attorney Member

During the past six-month period, the average attorney participant received one referral per month. The number of referrals varies from location to location; some areas have a greater need—primarily the larger cities.



Diane Kolbe

### Total Number of Referrals Given

The ILRS receives an average of 128 requests per week for an attorney and makes, on average, 109 referrals. Over the past six months, the ILRS has provided 2,995 attorney referrals to businesses or individuals.

This number includes people who were victims of the INS Special Registration requirement.

### Type of Inquiries Received

During the prior six-month period, the types of inquiries as a percentage of the total received were as follows.

### Closing Comments

The level of inquiries, as well as the level of AILA member participation in the ILRS, is encouraging; we have a positive outlook for the future of the ILRS in general. We are continually inundated by a large number of calls and e-mails received from organizations and individuals in search of competent legal representation. Hence, as we move forward, we anticipate further success during the coming membership year.

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*Diane Kolbe is AILA's Associate Director of Member Services.*

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H-1B: 8.8%	Marriage: 15.2%	Removal: 11.9%
Labor cert/EB-2: 12.7%	Sibling/parent/child: 6.9%	Naturalization: 4.5%
Work permit: 2.1%	Fiancé(e): 3.2%	Asylum: 4.3%
L-1, E, TN, P, NIW: 2.8%	Adoption: 0.9%	Student: 1.8%
General: 4.6%	General: 4.4%	J-1 waiver: 1.2%
	Remove CPR: 4.4%	§245(i): 1.9%
		General: 12.4%

# AILF REPORT

By Andrew J. Prazuch and Nadine K. Wettstein

## AILF, Immigration Policy, and Legal Action Charge Full Speed Ahead

### Responding to Special Registration

Many AILA members' clients have been directly and adversely impacted by the requirements of Special Registration. AILF's Legal Action Center (LAC) has responded by working with AILA and partners to develop an electronic questionnaire for registrants to report their experiences; by mentoring AILA members with Special Registration questions, and connecting immigration lawyers with similar issues and problems; and by producing and widely distributing an informative, understandable, and ever expanding Practice Advisory in the form of a "Special Registration Q & A."

To view the "Q & A," visit the LAC portion of AILF's Web site: [www.aifl.org/lac](http://www.aifl.org/lac). Click on "September 11 Resources," and then select "911 Legal Resources" from the left sidebar.

To learn more about AILF's response to special registration, visit [www.aifl.org/lac](http://www.aifl.org/lac).

### Immigration Policy Center Begins Operations

AILF's new "think tank" on immigration policy and research is off to a good start with the selection of **Benjamin Johnson** to be AILF's Director of Policy. Ben previously served as AILA's Associate Director of Advocacy and began work at AILF on February 3, 2003.

A new policy focus paper was published in February. Titled "Foreign Students on Campus: An Asset to our Nation," the report reviews the myriad contributions made by international students and scholars to America's colleges and universities. The paper also examines the increasing restrictions placed on foreign students after 9/11, and asks important questions about the impact of these restrictions on the country's ability to attract the best and brightest students in the world. The report is available online at [www.aifl.org/focus](http://www.aifl.org/focus).

### AILF Asylee Adjustment Lawsuit Certified as National Class

A federal district judge on January 14 granted the plaintiffs' motion to certify *Ngwanyia v. Ashcroft* as a national class action, and to designate one class and four subclasses, all as requested by AILF and co-counsel. This litigation seeks relief for asylees seeking adjustment of status, but subject to INS delays. Forty-six named plaintiffs represent more than 100,000 asylees waiting to adjust their status.

After considering AILF's detailed motions, declarations from 25 named plaintiffs, and other exhibits and arguments of counsel, Judge Richard Kyle rejected INS's contentions that the individualized nature of the applications meant that the "commonality" requirement was not met, and further that named plaintiffs could not complain about district offices policies unless they had applied in those offices.

AILF will continue to vigorously litigate this case for our many class members. To view a copy of the court order, visit [www.aifl.org/lac/2003/011503a.pdf](http://www.aifl.org/lac/2003/011503a.pdf).

### Washington, DC Hosts Immigration History Exhibit

AILF will unveil this spring at the American Immigration Law Center in Washington, DC its first originally curated exhibition, titled "America's Heritage: The History of U.S. Immigration." The exhibit provides a timeline of major events in immigration, beginning with the Alien Sedition Act of 1798 and culminating with the immigrant contribution to the economic success of the 1990s. Both an online and travelling version of the exhibit will also be available after our opening on March 27. AILA members are encouraged to assist AILF in finding locations across the nation for display of the exhibit. More information can be found at [www.aifl.org/exhibits](http://www.aifl.org/exhibits).

### AILF Challenges BIA Affirmance Without Opinion Procedure

Even before the Board of Immigration Appeals's new Procedural Reform Rule went into effect in September 2002, the BIA had drastically increased its use of its prior procedures permitting summary affirmance without opinion by a single BIA member. AILF has filed amicus briefs in 25 cases in the federal, circuit, and district courts challenging the summary affirmance without opinion process under both the current and former regulations. None of the cases has been decided at the time of this writing. The first oral argument on this issue in which AILF participated was held in the First Circuit Court of Appeals on December 3, 2002. The Ninth Circuit is scheduled to hold oral argument in four "batched" cases on February 14, 2003. The Third Circuit also is scheduled to hear the issue at an argument in early February. For more information, visit [www.aifl.org/lac](http://www.aifl.org/lac).

### Personnel News

The AILF Board of Directors has promoted **Andrew J. Prazuch** to AILF Executive Director, effective January 1, 2003. **Jeanne A. Butterfield**, who served as AILF's Interim Executive Director, has been named a member of the AILF Board of Directors. Finally, **Matthew T. Vitagliano** has been promoted to Exchange Visitor Program Associate.



Nadine K. Wettstein



Andrew J. Prazuch

*Andrew J. Prazuch is AILF's Executive Director. Nadine K. Wettstein is Director of AILF's Legal Action Center.*

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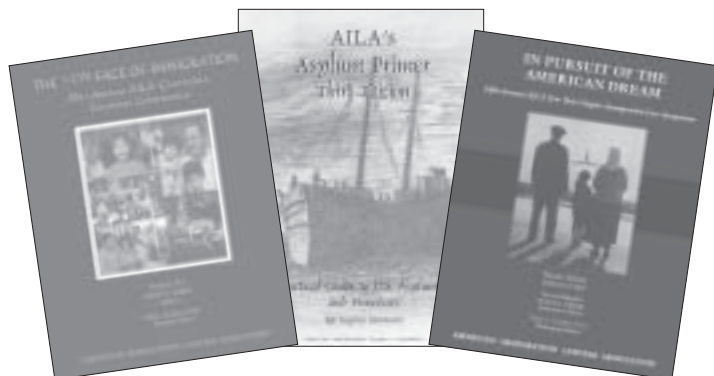
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Here are some of AILA's newest resources. The AILA bookstore has a detailed description and table of contents for each.



- **The New Face of Immigration,** November 2002
- **In Pursuit of the American Dream,** December 2002
- **AILA's Asylum Primer,** Third Edition, January 2003

## Taming Time

A common angst from new attorneys is that there are never enough hours in the day. Truth be told, that will be an angst which will stay with us throughout our whole legal career—comes with the territory.

Mastering the art of time management will probably be your key component to making the most out of your day and, maintaining your sanity. With technology, urgency has become even more urgent—faxes, emails, couriers—they all cry for our attention and can cause priorities to become skewed. In addition to the demands of your job, you cannot neglect your personal life. There is however, a light at the end of the tunnel.

The first step to “taming time” should be realizing your true priorities; decipher what is truly urgent and what appears to be urgent. Don’t just limit your priorities to work—true priorities could even include making doctors appointments, nurturing a relationship, or even getting a haircut. Once

you have decided what your true priorities are, develop a time strategy and create a schedule designated for each task. Soon you will find that you are on your way and you are no longer chasing seconds to savor a minute.

Be realistic about your schedule. If you are scheduling an appointment, be sure to block off enough time so that it will not roll over into your next appointment. If you have a deadline, schedule the task to be completed ahead of the deadline date in order to allow for time to deal with any unforeseen emergencies. If you have a task that is tedious and taking up too much time, assess whether you can delegate it. You should also factor in time for eating, and eating well (a part of the daily routine often taken for granted, eating well will prove to be one of the keys to your success).

You may also want to create long term and short term goals about your time. Are you scrambling to learn new law or to update yourself on the law? Don’t forget your

resources! Allot some time every day to read up on new changes in the law—peruse AILA’s message board on InfoNet—you will be amazed at how much you will learn! Set aside time to speak with other attorneys in your practice, make sure you read your chapter list serve emails, as this is another way to keep yourself updated and will keep you in touch with your legal community and also provide a social network.

Like most attorneys, you probably spend a lot of time at the office. To help limit your stress level, create a pleasant work area and make sure you enjoy your surroundings. Be certain to leave the office at least once during the day to give yourself a break and a change of atmosphere. High stress levels can make you feel disorganized and inhibit your ability to realize your true priorities.

Remember, you control your time; your time does not control you.

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*Courtesy of Hamel Vyas, YLD Chair*

## YLD Chapter Activities and Updates

Here is what some of the YLD chapters have been up to.

### Atlanta

The Atlanta Chapter held a tour and meeting with the Latin American Association to connect with the immigration services offered at its facilities, and discussed issues involving the Latino population. The next planned event is a February Brown Bag luncheon and practice discussion on beginner/intermediate employment-based visas. (Courtesy of Sarah J. Hawk, YLD Chapter Chair)

### Central Florida

Mayra Calo, YLD Liaison from the Central Florida Chapter, recently attended an

Affiliate Outreach Conference (AOC) held by the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar in Hutchinson Island, FL. Young lawyers from all over the state attended. Calo was the only one not from a traditional, local bar association, but rather from a professional association, and it was the first time ever that AILA’s YLD sent a representative.

The AOC held a contest where each attendee presented an idea for an event in his or her area. The attendees presented programs such as a hospital fundraiser, Guardian Ad Litem fundraiser, Big Brother/Big Sister fundraiser, etc. Calo presented a project currently being organized in her area for a citizenship drive, where AILA will work in conjunction with other organizations to

provide free citizenship assessments and assistance in filling out the forms to those who are eligible.

There was one 1st place prize of \$1,500, two 2nd place prizes of \$1,250, three 3rd place prizes of \$800, and ten 4th place prizes of \$500. Calo’s presentation was awarded one of the 4th place prizes and planted a seed for similar citizenship drives to be held around Florida. Congratulations Mayra!

### Minnesota/Dakotas

The Minnesota/Dakotas YLD chapter hosted a happy hour in early November that 25 members attended.

The chapter is hoping to arrange a tour of airport inspections. In recent correspon-

dence with the chapter, the district office also indicated interest in leading a tour for newer members. (*Courtesy of Robert Webber, YLD Chapter Chair*)

### New England

The New England YLD Chapter has been holding meetings prior to the Chapter's monthly meetings during which senior AILA guest members speak on a number of topics. Some recent topics include: (1) DOL

and prevailing wage; (2) immigration courts; and (3) waivers.

The chapter also runs monthly brown bag luncheons. The luncheons are generally hosted at an AILA member's office. The topics vary and cookies are provided by YLD.

The chapter is also organizing the AILF Essay Contest. (*Courtesy of Vincent Lau, YLD Chapter Chair*)

### New York

The New York Chapter held a seminar regarding Social Security mismatch letters in October. (*Courtesy of Julie Krasnogor, YLD Chapter Chair*)

*Courtesy of the Young Lawyers Division Steering Committee*



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