

Monthly Membership Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020
12:15
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

New Members Division: 11:15 a.m.

NMD Topic: U-Visa Basics

Speaker: Brittini Rivera, Kriezeman Burton & Associates, LLC

Agenda

Educational Presentation: Litigation Update

Speaker: Jesse Bless, AILA, Director of Litigation

- I. Educational Presentation
 - a. AILA is there to help you with any litigation – litigation taskforce
 - b. Resources on second page of materials provided
 - c. Two april proclamations that pretty much shut down consular system
 - i. Were able to stop this with DV lottery cases and age out children
 - ii. Trying to strike them down
 - iii. Non-immigrant visa proclamation – was struck down if you were a member of two orgs that sued
 - iv. They're still fighting them
 - v. They think they're going to be extended and then Biden will have to dela with them
 1. some of the travel restrictions may stay in place because of covid
 2. it will take some time – biden does have a person assigned to each one
 3. not sure which one will be changed right away
 4. confident that public charge ones will be gone
 - d. fee rules
 - i. currently enjoined
 - ii. gov filed a notice to appeal – think it's a placeholder
 1. not sure if biden doj will follow through
 - iii. because it's a PI appeal its on an expedited schedule – gov's brief is due the end of this month
 - e. public charge policy manual
 - i. changed the burden of proof for public charge
 - ii. Biden has said they will want to get back to the 99 standard as quick as possible
 - iii. New rule is in effect right now
 - iv. Only judgment that's final is the NDIL –

- v. We may see people intervene to stop the resolution of the lawsuits
 - vi. State's attempt to apply the rule have been enjoined for months –
- f. Health insurance proclamation
 - i. Has been argued at the 9th
 - ii. Not a good panel
- g. Market Research Analyst H1Bs
 - i. Government was taking the denials they had and just approved them
 - ii. Magistrate found that all named plaintiffs could stay
 - iii. When the judge certified the class – she cut it off as of dec 7 because of the IFR –
- h. Purdue v. Scalia
 - i. DOL was told good cause exception was wrong for the procedures in enacting the rule
 - ii. DOJ knew that the rules were going to get thrown out
 - iii. Still waiting for this decision – other two were decided already
 - iv. People think that the gov is going to issue new final rules this week and make them effective within 30 days
- i. Break the backlog campaign
 - i. File mandamus cases if delayed
- j. EOIR rules
 - i. Feel good that asylum rule will be struck down
 - ii. Some may take it on if its challenged without gov involvement
- k. H1B lottery adjustment
 - i. Don't know if they'll be able to publish in time
 - ii. Will be litigated
- l. Venue
 - i. Discouraging filing in DC
 - 1. DC is inundated with lawsuits
 - 2. US Atty are filing m to change venue
 - 3. Don't file mandamus in DC – could get it delayed if mtv
 - ii. Service center v. client
 - 1. Vermont is a good court
 - 2. Always good to file in employers court
 - 3. US Attorneys don't always know the law or what's going on
 - 4. Also you can develop relationships with the US Atty's office

II. New Business

- a. FOIA Lawsuit Update – Erin Cobb
 - i. GSA released documents
 - ii. EOIR is attempting to open 5 new Immigration Adjudication Centers
 - iii. Seems like this is what they're doing in Chicago
 - iv. AIC released this month in government transparency
 - 1. A lot of information to review

- v. Let Erin know if you see something that would be of interest
- b. Business Plan Workshop – Mario Godoy
 - i. Workshop is scheduled for 1/14/21 at 9am
 - ii. Via zoom
 - iii. Will walk out with a plan as to how to better manage your practice
- c. Ethics Brown Bag – 1/29 – Elizabeth Rompf Bruen
 - i. By zoom
 - ii. It will be hosted over the lunch hour
 - iii. Diversity and inclusion committee will talk about different ways to incorporate them into your practice
- d. RefugeeOne – Melineh Kano and Helen Sweitzer
 - i. Agency around since the early 1980s
 - ii. 75000 refugees on average normally , this year there were 15000
 - iii. As of January they also started helping asylum seekers
 - 1. They have a case management program to help people access resources while they are waiting on adjudication of their asylum application\
 - 2. They will also provide monetary help – pay rent, etc.
 - 3. Mental health services
 - iv. Review their website refugeeone.org
 - v. hsweitzer@refugeeone.org – Helen Sweitzer for questions
 - vi. No geographical limitation – as long as they can contact them

III. Committee Reports

- a. DD – Kate Radder
 - i. Stakeholders meeting on 11/17 –
 - ii. Kevin Riddle did answer some questions
 - iii. Unofficial notes should be coming out this week
 - iv. They will be asking for a list of long pending cases
 - v. Hoping that liaison relationship will be back with a new Admin
- b. CVLS – Gina Reynolds
 - i. Have been doing phone intakes
 - ii. No no shows over the last few months
 - iii. They have a few asylum cases to hand out
- c. SOS – Christina Murdoch and Olga Rojas
 - i. Met with them on 11/19
 - ii. The offices are closed until 1/5/21

- iii. All dls are extended to 6/1/21 – does not include CDL
 - iv. Facilities are open for CDLs
 - v. If you've never had a DL they are open for those
 - vi. I-751 If you have a client whose card is expired and the receipt is expired – they still have to provide proof of ongoing status
 - 1. They will check in SAVE to see if people are still listed as being in status – where the person doesn't have a passport stamp
 - 2. Check with Olga and Christina if you need help with this
 - 3. They don't have a liaison with USCIS anymore
 - 4. They are looking for someone who has 751 pending – with an expired receipt and no 551 stamp
 - vii. If they have to provide proof of status they have to go in person – TVDL may be able to be renewed online.
- d. AILA Detained Services – Chris Elmore
- i. They have gotten at least 2 people released
 - ii. Always can use more volunteers
 - iii. They have started the habeas sub committee
 - 1. They have 3 cases
 - 2. First case was released
 - 3. Are looking for one more case
- e. Diversity and Inclusion – Sharon Shi
- i. We are signature members of the racial justice coalition under the CBA
 - 1. They will be sending us events to attend – most of them will be free
- f. Law Students – Rudy Monterrosa rudy@monterrosalawgroup.com
- i. Aila membership is now available at no cost to law students in 1/21
 - ii. We want to increase law student involvement
 - iii. We had 28 now we have 34
 - iv. Encourage interested law students to join
 - v. They will have free access to AILA link
 - vi. We will be having lunch panels on the topic of immigration at the area law schools
 - 1. These will be in 3/21
 - 2. If you're an alum please reach out if you're interested in speaking
 - vii. Planning a regional event in the late spring
 - viii. Finalizing google forms for mentorship opportunities
- g. EOIR –
- i. Klosowsky has changed to detained
 - ii. Schedule for remainder of December released
 - iii. Webex is now available – if you would like to appear you can request that hearing – have to file a motion in advance

- iv. The December 1 memo is not being implemented in Chicago yet
 - 1. This may be rolled back
- v. No masters are scheduled yet
- vi. Judge has to grant permission to do it on detained masters

IV. Announcements

- i. AILA national wants examples of non-receipt of biometrics

b. Please save the date for the next Chapter Meeting January 11, 2020 at 12:15 PM

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JANUARY 2019 Schedule - Chicago

	ERO	*BCC*	*JAL*	*SNA*	*CDE*	*JIP*	*ESS*	*SMN*	*MLK*	*PKM*	*KSA*	*KLD*	*RJR*	*SBC*	*DutyA*	*DutyB*	*DutyC*	*DutyD*
1/4/2021	Keeley	XXXX	XXXX	Steed	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Crites	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Alexopoulos	Corcoran	McNulty	Pennix	Hollander	Keeley
1/5/2021	Greene	XXXX	XXXX	Krupp	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Keeley	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Kostich	Keung	Steed	Pennix	Oduala	Greene
1/6/2021	Greene	XXXX	XXXX	Young	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Corcoran	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	McNulty	Venci	Alexopoulos	Burrows	Kostich	Greene
1/7/2021	Corcoran	XXXX	XXXX	Pennix	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Hollander	Greene	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Oduala	Keeley	Zeld	Keung	Krupp	Corcoran
1/8/2021	Greene	XXXX	XXXX	Keung	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Venci	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Burrows	XXXX	Crites	Pennix	Young	Greene
1/11/2021	Venci	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Steed	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Zeld	Prillaman	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Greene	Lonquist	Burrows	Scheidt	Venci
1/12/2021	Greene	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Kostich	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Bayly	Fleming	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Venci	Steed	Johnson	Hollander	Greene
1/13/2021	Greene	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Hollander	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Burrows	Young	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	Keeley	Zeld	Keung	Fleming	Greene
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WHAT IF YOU COULD PREDICT YOUR REVENUES AND WORKLOAD?

BUSINESS PLAN WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 15, 2021

Three years ago, I was up to my eyeballs in work and had a nagging worry about how I would get new clients. I was consistently working 50-55 hours a week. My answer to what I would earn in the following year was always ... “we’ll see.” (Maybe this sounds familiar to you?)

I knew there had to be another way.

While practicing law is an art, running a business is different. Whether you are a solo practitioner or an owner of a small law firm you truly run a small business. Once I accepted this, I felt an assurance that is indescribable. Instead of wondering what the future would hold I started forging my future from my hopes and aspirations.

Three years ago, I started taking management classes on how to run a small law firm. **I learned that every successful and unsuccessful law firm has the same seven parts.** Today I continue to work with a professional management team and continue taking classes every quarter on running a firm.

I was able to use these seven parts to grow my immigration practice (Godoy Law Office) and to open a new law firm focused on estate planning and probate law (Estate and Probate Legal Group). I now average 36-40 hours a week in between both practices. I take 30-45 days off throughout the year.

If I could do it, you can too.

I have seen firms and owners from all walks of life, age, and locations use this same system to improve their lives.

This is the workshop for you if you are at all interested in:

- Achieving your definition of success;
- Having more control over your practice;
- More time for yourself or family;
- Improving your finances;
- Working smarter and not harder; or
- Having the ability to make a bigger difference in the world.

At this member-only workshop I am going to teach you how to harness the seven parts of a law firm. We will actively be filling out a business plan as we go along throughout the day. By the end you should walk out with a plan that will start you on the path to the practice of your dreams.

My management company (How to Manage A Small Law Firm) charges \$3,500 for a two-day class like this. They have given me permission to use their materials to teach this class. As an AILA Chicago member you are getting this for free! Do not let this opportunity pass you by.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Register on this zoom registration page by clicking [HERE](#)

You can also paste this link into your browser:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArc-upqTwqHNKwWYsSoiAIE59_qe-oxg3S

As a bonus to early registrants, I will host a “foundation” meeting where we can discuss what numbers you will need to know. This will help ensure you get the most out of the January 15th business plan workshop. You must register before 12/22/20 to be invited to this “Foundation” meeting.

AGENDA

Friday Jan 15

9:00-10:30 am - **Session 1: Intro to 7 parts of a law firm. Deciphering Your Goals.**

10:30-10:45 am - Break

10:45-12:30 pm - **Session 2: Marketing and Sales**

12:30 - 1:30 pm - Working Lunch

1:30-3:00 pm - **Session 3: Factory and People**

3:00-3:15 pm - Break

3:15 - 5:15 pm - **Session 4: Physical Plant and Financial Controls.**