FAMILIES FOR FREEDOM

Founded in September 2002, Families for Freedom is a New York-based, multi-ethnic, defense network by and for immigrants facing and fighting deportation. We are immigrant prisoners (detainees), former immigrant prisoners, their loved ones, or individuals at risk of deportation. We come from dozens of countries, across continents. Families for Freedom seeks to repeal the laws that are tearing apart our homes and neighborhoods, to build the power of immigrant communities as communities of color, and to provide a guiding voice in the growing movement for immigrant rights as human rights.

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IMMIGRANT RIGHTS CLINIC

Director: Prof. Nancy Morawetz

The New York University Immigrant Rights Clinic is a leading institution in both local and national struggles for immigrant rights. Our students engage in direct legal representation
of immigrants and community organizations in litigation at the agency, federal court, and, where necessary, Supreme Court levels, and in immigrant rights campaigns at the local, state, and national levels. Each student, along with a student partner, will typically have the opportunity to represent either an individual or set of individuals in litigation (such as a removal proceeding or appeal, detention litigation, or a civil suit) as well as engage with a community organization in a campaign (such as an organizing project or legislative campaign). We choose our docket in consultation with our community partners and engage in work that is responsive to community needs. Students have direct responsibility for these cases and the opportunity to build their understanding of legal practice and the field of immigrant rights law and organizing.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.law.nyu.edu/academics/clinics/year/immigrantrights/index.htm

POST-DEPORTATION HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT

The Post-Deportation Human Rights Project, based at the Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College, offers a novel and multitiered approach to the problem of harsh and unlawful deportations from the United States. It is the first and only legal advocacy project in the country to systematically undertake the representation of individuals who have been deported from the United States.

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NORTHERN MANHATTAN COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights works with more than 6,000 families each year on issues such as immigration, citizenship, deportation, and voter participation with a focus on keeping families together, facilitating integration, and building community power.

Contact Information
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights
665 West 182nd Street, 1st Floor
FAMILY UNIFICATION & RESETTLEMENT INITIATIVE

The objective of the Family Unification & Resettlement Initiative is to offer alternatives that foster faith, hope, and confidence that life can be worthwhile. The organization aims to assist in the reintegration of deported persons by collaborating with other service agencies.

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THE NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

The New Sanctuary Movement is a nonprofit, public interest legal foundation dedicated to furthering and protecting the civil, constitutional, and human rights of immigrants, refugees, children, and the poor. The Center is generously supported by the California Legal Services Trust Fund, the Liberty Hill Foundation, and its many members. Students, lawyers, and other volunteers are encouraged to join the Center’s efforts to protect and promote domestic and international civil and human rights.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.newsanctuarymovement.org

THE NEW SANCTUARY COALITION OF NEW YORK CITY

The New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City is an interfaith network of immigrant families, faith communities, and organizations, standing together to publicly resist unjust deportations, to create a humane instead of a hostile public discourse about immigration, and ultimately to bring about reform of the United States’ flawed immigration system.

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239 Thompson Street
New York, NY 10012  
Phone: (646) 395-2925  
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DETENTION WATCH NETWORK

Detention Watch Network is a coalition that addresses the immigration detention crisis head on. Together we work to reform the U.S. detention and deportation system so that all who come to our shores receive fair and humane treatment.

Contact Information  
1325 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
Website: http://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org

NEW YORK STATE DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION: IMMIGRANT DEFENSE PROJECT

The Immigrant Defense Project, formerly an initiative of the New York State Defenders Association, defends the legal, constitutional, and human rights of immigrants facing criminal or deportation charges. We are the nation's first project founded to respond to the devastating 1996 immigration laws that placed hundreds of thousands of immigrants at risk of mandatory detention and deportation for virtually any interaction with the criminal justice system.

Contact Information  
Website: http://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org

THE NEW YORK IMMIGRATION COALITION

The New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) is an umbrella policy and advocacy organization for more than two hundred groups in New York State that work with immigrants and refugees. As the coordinating body for organizations that serve one of the largest and most diverse newcomer populations in the United States, the NYIC has become a leading advocate for immigrant communities on the local, state, and national levels. The NYIC’s membership includes grassroots community organizations, not-for-profit health and human services organizations, religious and academic institutions, labor unions, and legal, social, and economic justice organizations. With its multiethnic, multiracial, and multisector base, the NYIC provides both a forum for immigrant groups to share their concerns and a vehicle for collective action to address these concerns.
THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY

The Legal Aid Society’s Criminal Practice is the largest public defender program in the country and serves as the primary provider of indigent defense services in New York City. The Criminal Practice includes criminal defense trial offices in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens; a Criminal Appeals Bureau; a Parole Revocation Defense Unit; and a Special Litigation Unit. Representation is provided in 225,000 cases each year. There are also special units to address the needs of specific client populations, including mentally ill and chemically addicted clients; adolescents who are prosecuted in criminal proceedings; and incarcerated clients. Society social workers in the Defender Services Program provide comprehensive services in conjunction with our defense representation. The Rikers Island Paralegal Program deploys paralegal staff directly in the City jails to assist in our client representation.

Areas of practice: Noncitizen New Yorkers detained by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the Bergen, Monmouth, Hudson, and Sussex County Jails in New Jersey and/or their family members, may call for advice and possible legal representation in their cases. Immigrants detained at other immigration detention facilities and in upstate New York prisons and/or their family members can call the hotline for advice only.

When to call: The hotline operates on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Collect calls from detention facilities and prisons are accepted. Noncitizens with pending Immigration court cases at 26 Federal Plaza or 201 Varick Street (non-detained) should go to the Immigration Representation Project (IRP) on the 12th floor at 26 Federal Plaza, room 1207. Screening is held one week a month, Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Call (212) 577-3300 to obtain the schedule for IRP screening days. Appointments for all noncourt cases are made through the Immigration Law Unit’s Legal Assistance outreach program (212) 577-3300.

Contact Information
Immigration Law Unit Hotline: (212) 577-3456
Website: http://www.legal-aid.org

UNITED STATES

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION—IMMIGRANTS’ RIGHTS FREEDOM NETWORK

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is our nation’s guardian of liberty, working daily in courts, legislatures, and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties that the Constitution and laws of the United States guarantee everyone in this country.
Contact Information
Website: http://www.aclu.org

AMERICAN GATEWAY

Founded in 1987 as the Political Asylum Project of Austin (PAPA), American Gateways began as a response to the legal needs of the large number of Central American refugees arriving at the Texas border in the 1980s. Like the thousands of others American Gateways has helped through the years, these refugees were fleeing violence and war in their home countries in search of a safe haven. American Gateways offers safety and hope for a new life to hundreds of men, women, and children every year, from approximately seventy-five countries around the world.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.americangateways.org

HEARTLAND ALLIANCE’S NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER

Heartland Alliance’s National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) is dedicated to ensuring human rights protections and access to justice for all immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. NIJC provides direct legal services to and advocates for these populations through policy reform, impact litigation, and public education. Since its founding three decades ago, NIJC has been unique in blending individual client advocacy with broad-based systemic change.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.immigrantjustice.org

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

Human Rights Watch is one of the world’s leading independent organizations dedicated to defending and protecting human rights. By focusing international attention where human rights are violated, we give voice to the oppressed and hold oppressors accountable for their crimes. Our rigorous, objective investigations and strategic, targeted advocacy build intense pressure for action and raise the cost of human rights abuse. For thirty years, Human Rights Watch has worked tenaciously to lay the legal and moral groundwork for deep-rooted change and has fought to bring greater justice and security to people around the world.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.hrw.org
IMMIGRATION EQUALITY

Immigration Equality is a national organization fighting for equality under U.S. immigration law for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and HIV-positive individuals. Founded in 1994 as the Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force, we have grown to a membership of 10,000 people in cities all over the country. We are run by a Board of Directors and have full-time staff in our National Headquarters in New York. Immigration Equality is funded by donations from our members as well as by generous support from private foundations.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.lgirtf.org

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LA RAZA

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) is the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States and works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. Through its network of nearly 300 affiliated community-based organizations, NCLR reaches millions of Hispanics each year in forty-one states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. To achieve its mission, NCLR conducts applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy, providing a Latino perspective in five key areas: assets/investments, civil rights/immigration, education, employment and economic status, and health. In addition, NCLR provides capacity-building assistance to its Affiliates who work at the state and local levels to advance opportunities for individuals and families. Founded in 1968, NCLR is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, tax-exempt organization headquartered in Washington, DC. NCLR serves all Hispanic subgroups in all regions of the country and has regional offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix, and San Antonio.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.nclr.org

NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROJECT

National Immigration Project is a national nonprofit organization that provides legal assistance and technical support to immigrant communities, legal practitioners, and all advocates seeking to advance the rights of noncitizens. For nearly forty years, the National Immigration Project has been promoting justice and equality of treatment in all areas of immigration law, the criminal justice system, and social policies related to immigration. We are especially committed to working on behalf of disenfranchised and vulnerable populations, including battered women, people with HIV/AIDS, children, and noncitizen criminal offenders. Members of the National Immigration Project...
Project include lawyers, law students, legal workers, judges, jailhouse lawyers, and all those seeking to defend and expand the rights of immigrants in the United States.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.nationalimmigrationproject.org

THE CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER

The Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) is a community-based organization that seeks to foster the comprehensive development of the Latino community in the Washington metropolitan region. CARECEN was founded in 1981 to protect the rights of refugees arriving from conflict in Central America and to help ease their transition by providing legal services. Today our programs provide direct services in immigration, housing, and citizenship while also promoting empowerment, civil rights advocacy, and civic training for Latinos.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.carecendc.org

THE CENTER FOR GENDER & REFUGEE STUDIES

The core mission of the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies (CGRS) is to protect the basic human rights of refugee women and girls by advancing gender-sensitive asylum laws, helping advocates successfully represent women in need of protection, and preventing these refugees from being forcibly returned to the countries from which they have fled. In addition to engaging in scholarly research, policy work, and impact litigation, CGRS carries out original research and advocacy initiatives around human rights violations in specific countries or regions of the world. CGRS also seeks to address root causes for migration flows, including injustices and human rights violations against women in refugee-producing countries.

Contact Information
Website: http://cgrs.uchastings.edu

THE NATIONAL IMMIGRATION FORUM

Established in 1982, the National Immigration Forum is the leading immigrant advocacy organization in the country with a mission to advocate for the value of immigrants and immigration to the nation. The Forum uses its communications, advocacy, and policy expertise to create a vision, consensus, and strategy that leads to a better, more welcoming America—one that treats all newcomers fairly. Ultimately, our vision is to create U.S. immigration policy that honors our nation’s ideals, protects human dignity, reflects our country’s economic demands, celebrates family unity, and provides opportunities for progress. For
over two decades, the Forum has occupied a unique role, knitting together alliances across diverse faith, labor, immigrant, nonimmigrant, and business constituencies in communities across the country. These alliances come together under the Forum’s leadership to develop, execute, and evaluate legislative and administrative advocacy strategies.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.immigrationforum.org/about

HOMIES UNIDOS

Homies Unidos believes in the inherent right of youth, families, and their communities to pursue their dreams and achieve their full potential in a just, safe, and healthy society. For ten years, Homies Unidos has been a catalyst for change, working to end violence and promote peace in our communities through gang prevention, the promotion of human rights in immigrant communities, and the empowerment of youth through positive alternatives to gang involvement and destructive behavior. In fact, we are living proof that prevention works and that peace is possible.

Contact Information
Website: http://homiesunidos.org/about

CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION INITIATIVE OF GRANTMAKERS CONCERNED WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES (GCIR)

California Immigrant Integration Initiative (CIII) seeks to develop a comprehensive immigrant integration agenda and to strengthen the immigrant integration infrastructure in local communities across California. The initiative was organized in 2007 and currently involves twenty-seven statewide and local funders. Through a partnership with the Institute for Local Governments, CIII also engages municipal and county governments in its efforts. In a time of significantly reduced public and philanthropic resources, CIII provides funders a forum to identify strategic partnership and funding opportunities and work together to leverage the influence and impact of their leadership and grant dollars.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.gcir.org/about/ciii

IMMIGRATION CLINIC–UCLA LAW

The Immigration Clinic at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) is a joint venture between the UCLA law school and the Public Counsel's Immigrants Rights Project (IRP). This five-unit course will be graded P/U/NC. Students will spend four hours each week in the classroom and an additional eight hours per week on casework at IRP offices. The classroom portion of the course will include both substantive immigration law topics that
are related to the student’s clinical work and skills training such as interviewing, research and writing declarations, fact development, and some trial advocacy. Students are likely to engage in tasks such as client intake; preparation of asylum petitions, applications for relief under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Victim of Trafficking and Violent Crime Prevention Act (VTVPA); and possibly appearances before the asylum office and the immigration court. The precise work conducted in any semester will depend on the clients who need representation and the posture of their cases.

CASA CORNELIA LAW CENTER

Casa Cornelia Law Center is a public interest law firm providing quality legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations at no charge. The Center has a primary commitment to the indigent within the immigrant community in Southern California. Casa Cornelia strives to educate others regarding the impact of immigration law and policy on society and the public good.

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LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO

Legal Aid is available to low income individuals and disadvantaged communities for a variety of legal problems, including consumer, family disputes, welfare and health benefits, immigration and poverty law issues such as landlord/tenant disputes, disability support, and family benefits payments. Federal Poverty Income Guidelines determine eligibility for free legal services.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.lassd.org

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

CENTRO BONÓ

Programa-proyecto: Servicio Jesuita a Refugiados/Migrantes
Ciudad: Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana

SERVICIO DE VOLUNTARIADO IGNACIANO DE REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA (SERVIR-D)

- Se presenta a la sociedad dominicana, el 1 de diciembre de 2004.
- Como un ESPACIO PARA UNIR a quienes buscan la manera de cambiar nuestra realidad, a quienes sueñan con una tierra de hermandad y amor.
Donde cada persona sea tratada como tal y alcance sus derechos de vivir en plenitud su dignidad: en educación, salud, alimentación, vivienda, arte y creatividad, trabajo, deporte, descanso, participación civil, fe.

- Como una RED DINAMIZADORA de todos los esfuerzos que ya se están haciendo en muchas partes para llevar a cabo este sueño.
- Como un APOYO Y PUENTE para quienes buscan modos de poner su vida, sus estudios, su profesión, su trabajo, sus capacidades, su tiempo, su corazón al servicio de los demás.
- Como una MÍSTICA Y PEDAGOGÍA de acercamiento entre personas que se descubren hermanas en este ayudarse y servirse mutuamente, en este vivir y ser fraternidad.
- Como un DESEO DE DESCUBRIR JUNTOS los tesoros y dones de esta tierra y de toda la tierra, en cada una de las personas a quienes se sirve.
- Como una NUEVA MANERA DE VIVIR Y DE CREER, buscando en todo amar y servir.

SERVIR-D coordina y anima el trabajo de voluntarias y voluntarios que quieran disponer de su tiempo y persona para colaborar gratuitamente en un servicio de bien social a través de alguna de las instituciones que dirige la Compañía de Jesús de República Dominicana y de otras instituciones hermanas. Por medio de su red de apoyo empresarial busca además los recursos económicos necesarios para realizar esta misión.

Contact Information
Website: http://www.servird.org/servird.php?p=documentos

FUNDACIÓN BIENVENIDO SEAS

Una fundación que ayuda a los repatriados que llegan a la República Dominicana. This foundation helps deportees who arrive in the Dominican Republic.

Contact Information
Website: http://bienvenidoseasrd.blogspot.com

NOTE:

Retrieve all immigration forms from:
English: http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis
Spanish: http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis-es