

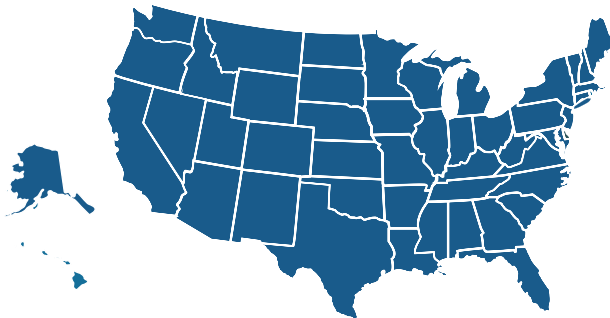
NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROJECT

Lawyers for the Movement

WHO WE ARE & WHERE WE'RE GOING

WHO WE ARE

Since its founding in 1971, the National Immigration Project has worked to defend and extend the rights of all noncitizens in the United States, regardless of immigration status.



Members in all 50 states

Today, we are a membership organization of attorneys, advocates, and community members who believe that all people should be treated with dignity, live freely, and flourish. Our diverse membership - including legal and grassroots organizations, directly impacted people, lawyers, and advocates - ensures our priorities are guided by those who need it the most and that we continue to hold a unique niche in the immigration rights movement.

OUR VISION

We imagine a world where everyone can live freely and flourish without fearing for their lives, health, security, or their ability to remain where they are.

We envision a world where freedom of movement is welcomed and not feared, and where systems of support that honor the experience of migration replace our current policies of enforcement, detention, incarceration, and criminalization.

OUR SUPPORTERS

"NIPNLG pursues the tough cases, bringing sophisticated litigation skills and training to a core of advocates on the front lines. I like that they do a lot with a little. Especially these last few years, they seem to be the tip of the spear pushing back against cruel and illegal immigration policies."

- National Immigration Project Supporter

"NIP provides me everything I need to be my best immigration lawyer self, and I could never continue, and succeed at times, in advocacy without NIP as my 'backup.' I am forever grateful for spot-on incredible intellectually-inspired help for decades. The work is tough, but always, NIP members come from everywhere to help one another. I find that to be critically important for my solo practice, working with the absolute best colleagues! 1000 thanks."

- National Immigration Project Member

SUPPORT OUR WORK



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OUR STRATEGY

(1) Keep Communities Together:

Immigrant communities need protection and relief now. We defend immigrants in removal proceedings, advocate for and support the implementation of laws and policies that provide immigration relief, and incubate projects focused on expanding protection and opportunities for legal pathways. Over the past several years, our staff have:

- Advised hundreds of public defenders on potential immigration consequences for their clients and, where possible, helped resolve cases in ways that protected them;
- Reunited dozens of separated families, won damages for their suffering, and secured protective policies for children in the immigration system; and
- Incubated visionary projects focused on status for immigrant children and immigrant workers.

(2) Resource the Movement

We can't do this work alone. Cultivating and mentoring a deep bench of movement leaders is key to achieving durable change. To support and grow our movement, we provide capacity building, technical assistance, training, and strategic support to both lawyers and advocates in the field, with particular emphasis on issues at the intersection of immigration and the criminal legal system and passing local laws and policies that advance protection and well-being for immigrants in their own communities. Over the past several years, our staff have:

- Provided 500+ instances of strategic support to grassroots and attorney members;
- Created 60+ attorney-facing and 20+ community-facing reports and materials; and
- Designed and conducted 50+ trainings, reaching more than 8,000 people.

(3) Transform Systems

The laws, policies, and discourse that shape immigration in the United States must be fundamentally transformed. We pursue policy, litigation, legal advocacy, and narrative change strategies to undo the worst harms of the criminal and immigration enforcement and detention systems, transform the broader narrative on immigration, and expand opportunities within the immigration system. Over the past several years, our staff have:

- Filed more than 30 lawsuits in coordination with organizers and advocates, resulting in significant reductions in detention, an injunction against a harmful rule restricting asylum, and more;
- Conducted successful administrative advocacy that resulted in dozens of policies more favorable to immigrants and their communities;
- Created dozens of messaging resources, digital media campaigns, movement trainings, and collaborative efforts focused on transforming hearts and minds; and
- Organized more than 43 convenings that led to improvements in policies related to asylum, deferred action, and detention and enforcement.

WHERE WE'RE GOING

In the coming months, the National Immigration Project will continue to:

- engage with our members and partners to plan for what's coming in 2025;
- go deeper in under-resourced states like Louisiana that have high resource needs;
- resolve outstanding litigation to create space for the challenges that are to come;
- provide a robust menu of training offerings for our attorney and grassroots members and partners;
- incubate projects that maximize access to immigration relief; and
- lead and support advocacy on key priorities at the intersection of the immigration and criminal legal systems.