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We have landed.

Dear Friends,

We are now at our full strength. In our second year, our corps of Justice and Community Fellows is **serving immigrant families in New York, New Jersey, and Texas.**

In September our second class joined the inaugural class in the field – together they are 70 strong, **doubling the size of the program.** We expanded their placements to include the counties surrounding New York City, where client need is just as big as within the city itself.

As I watch our fellows challenge themselves to serve more clients and serve them better, **I am:**

Pleased with what the fellows are accomplishing in New York. Our inaugural class screened more than 4,000 people for relief in just one year. They opened cases and filed applications for more than 1,500 of those New Yorkers. They have won almost every case that has closed. They have moved mountains to reunite families, like the one you will read about inside.

Proud that they have made the journey to Texas to serve those who need their help urgently.

Satisfied that we didn't just talk about serving our neighbors on Long Island, the Lower Hudson Valley, and northern New Jersey – we are doing it.

Appreciative of the collaborative work we are doing with the city and Robin Hood and so many other colleagues and partners to bring tens of thousands of almost-Americans into the mainstream.

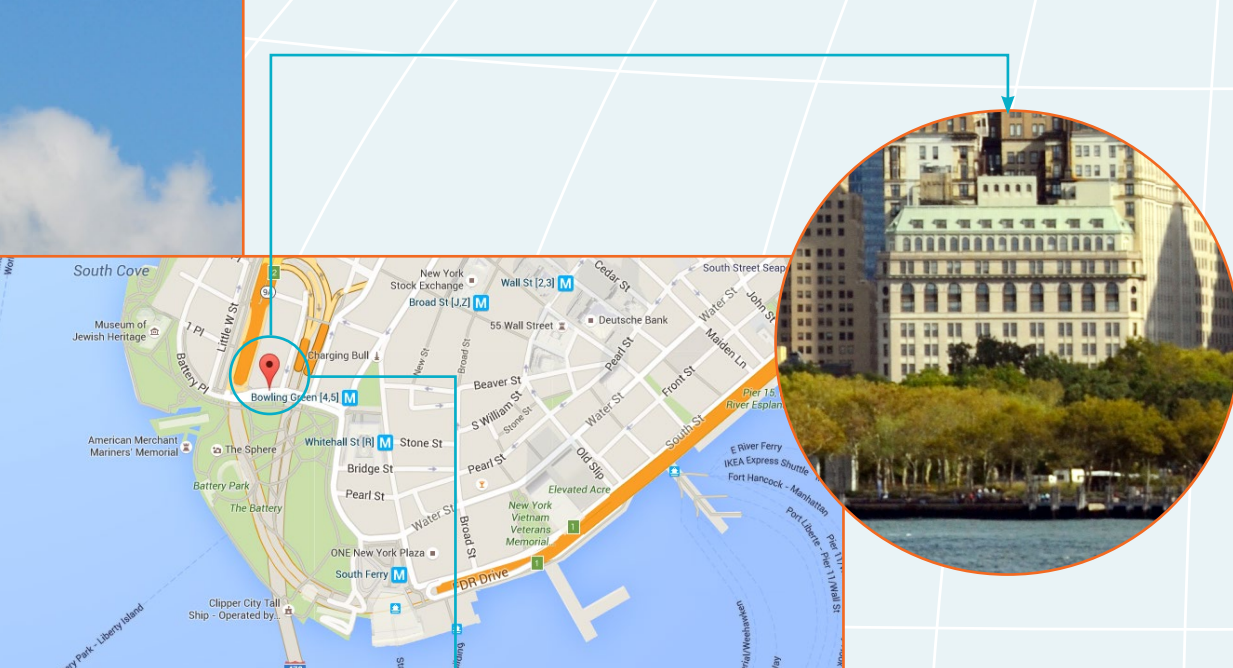
Yet I am so frustrated that the number of people in immigration court continues to grow. **More than 450,000 of our friends and colleagues and neighbors are in court and at risk of deportation, and most of them will not be represented by a good lawyer.** That is what Immigrant Justice Corps was created to change.

In the meanwhile, thousands of families are safer and more secure in their lives in America because of our work and your partnership.

Onward,



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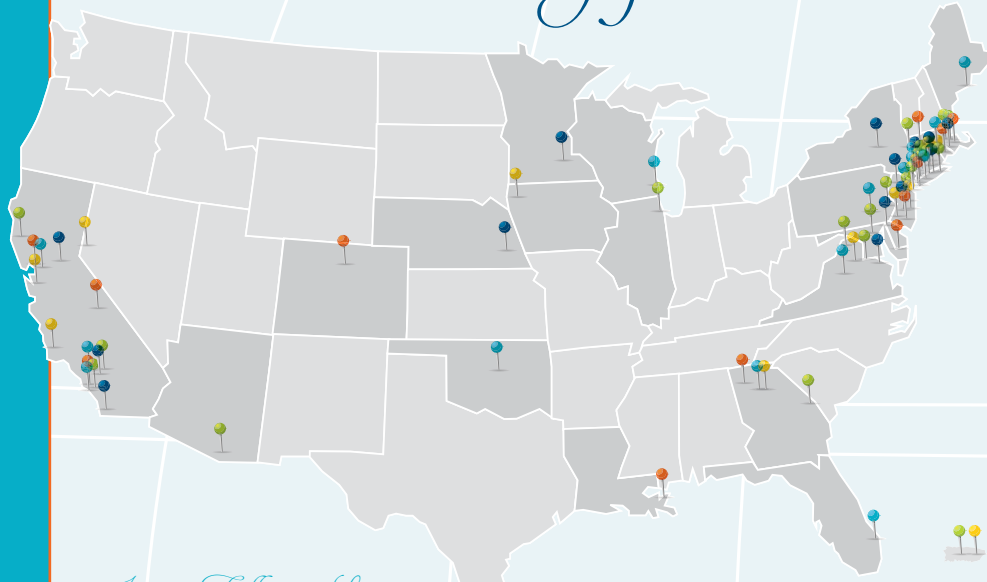
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With new headquarters facing New York Harbor, IJC is right where it belongs. From the spot where new Americans have arrived for hundreds of years, 70 fellows fan out across the region to serve, advocate, and inspire. They show us what innovative immigration representation and service can look like.

—Judge Robert Katzmann



Where are they from?



Justice Fellows - Lawyers

Danielle Alvarado | Northeastern
Matthew Boaz | Georgetown
Kristen Cates | Georgetown
Gloria Chacon | New York Law School
Janice Chua | Fordham
Scott Coomes | Harvard
Stephanie Cordero | Cardozo
Victor Cueva | Cardozo
Samuel Dillon | Rutgers
Christina Elhaddad | American University
Scott Foletta | Brooklyn Law School
William Giacomci | Roger Williams
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Caitlin Miner-Le Grand | Yale
Jonathan Mulligan | UC Davis
Nhu-Y Ngo | UCLA
Kendal Nystedt | NYU
Anna Oguntimein | Clarke School of Law
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Karla Ostolaza | Cardozo
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Natalia Renta | Stanford
Laura Rodriguez | Emory
Jessica Rofé | NYU
Faiza Sayed | Columbia
Michael Shannon | Boston College
Nabila Taj | CUNY
John Travis | Boston University
Paola Uriarte | Brooklyn Law School
Tanika Vigil | Harvard
Dave Wilkins | Georgetown

Community Fellows - College Graduates

Alain Balan | NYU
Whitney Braunstein | Tulane
Milli Chapado | Florida State
Omar De Los Santos | Yale
Karla Diaz | UC San Diego
Melissa Escano | Lehman College
Kimberly Fayette | Brown
Joan Fernandez | Princeton
Allison Gao | Franklin & Marshall
Paula Garcia-Salazar | Macaulay Honors at City College
Allison Mandeville | Yale
Aseem Mehta | Yale
Mayra Melendez | Salisbury
Anahi Mendoza | Harvard
Leslie Montes | Harvard
Stephanie Ji Won Park | Macaulay Honors at Hunter
Jennifer Pérez | UC Berkeley
Danyeli Rodriguez Del Orbe | John Jay
Ethan Schneider | Yale
Hong Tran Furdock | Yale

Where do they work?



New York

70
FELLOWS

30
HOSTS

4000+
PEOPLE SCREENED

1500+
CASES OPENED

98%
WIN RATE

IJC Fellows collaborate to help a Bronx family reunite

Today “Cathy” is living with her mother and her grandmother in the Bronx and receiving the help she needs after being abused by her mother’s ex-boyfriend. Her mother, “Ellen,” could not protect her because she was deported four years ago, when Cathy was 11. When Ellen found out about the abuse, she tried to reenter the country to protect her daughter.

Ellen was apprehended at the border and placed in immigration detention in Louisiana.

Cathy and her grandmother sought help at **Part of the Solution**, an IJC partner agency in the Bronx. There, Community Fellow Laura Garbes did an intake and quickly reached out to the network of fellows for help. IJC Justice Fellow Luis Mancheno jumped in to represent Ellen.

That very night, Laura received a call saying that Ellen would be deported to Mexico the next evening. Luis and Laura spent all the next day gathering documents and advocating for Ellen.

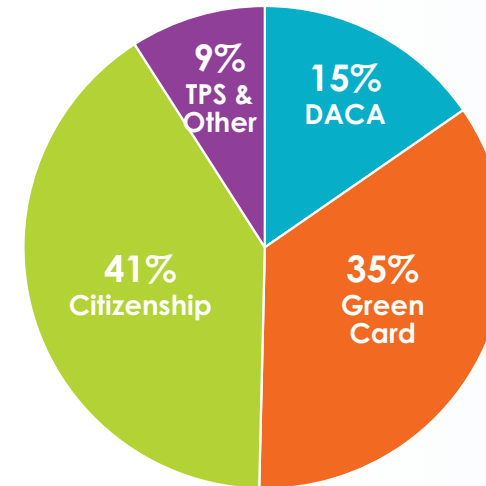
At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Ellen was pulled off the plane to Mexico, **deportation averted. This is very, very rare.**

Ellen was out of danger, but still detained. Luis, with the support of his host, **The Bronx Defenders**, applied for a U visa for the family, and persuaded the government to release Ellen while the case is pending. Luis was at LaGuardia airport when Ellen got off the plane – mother and daughter had not seen each other in four years. This is the difference that having an attorney makes. This is what IJC is all about.

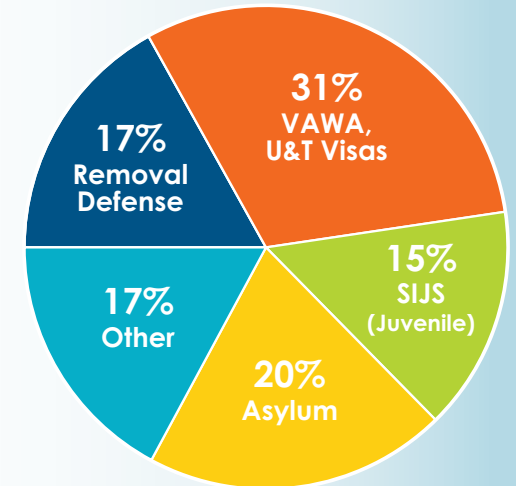
Two determined IJC fellows reunited a daughter with her mother, who was literally sitting on the runway awaiting deportation.

By the Numbers

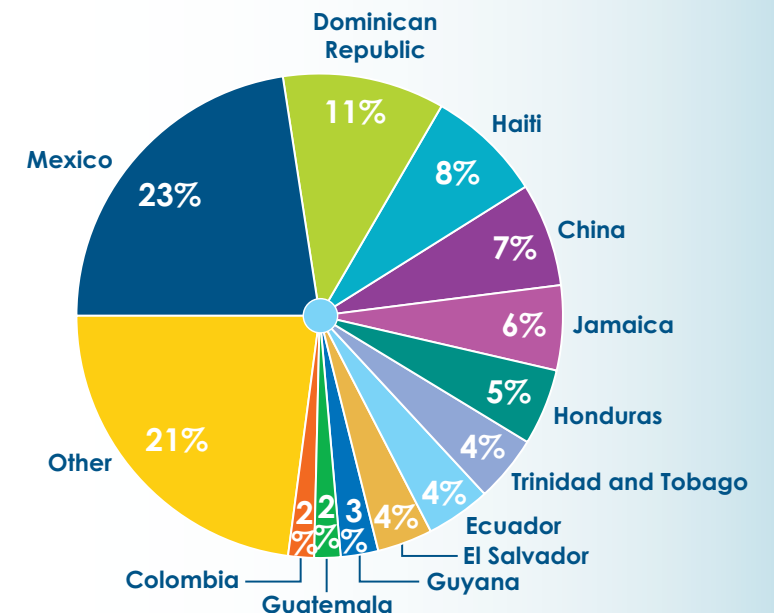
APPLICATIONS FILED BY COMMUNITY FELLOWS



CASES OPENED BY JUSTICE FELLOWS



CLIENT COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



Texas

30

IJC FELLOWS (YTD)

2

weeks each

500+ women and children released from jail

IJC Sends Fellows to Texas to Represent Jailed Mothers and Children

Nearly 2,000 mothers and their young children are in jail in south Texas right now. They have committed no crime, and most are eligible for asylum. After a few weeks in jail, they will be led to a trailer or a cinderblock room where they will stand alone before a judge on a video monitor. That judge will order them and their children deported back to the countries they risked their lives to leave. **Thanks to the generosity of IJC board member Steve Kuhn, we reassigned our fellows from their regular placements and sent them to Texas for two weeks each.** One Community Fellow, Aseem Mehta, spent the entire summer helping run the national pro bono program.



Photo and text by Justice Fellow Wilson Osorio

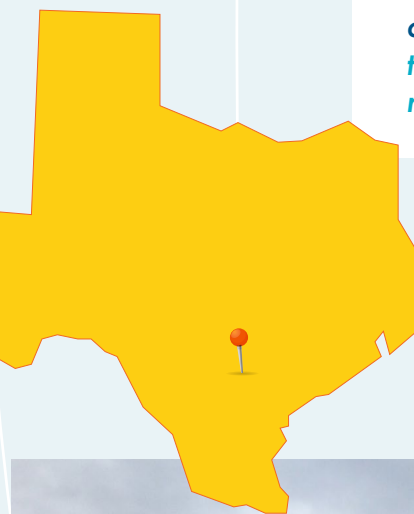
This is what “freedom” looks like after women and children are released from family detention centers (with our help). Women gathered around the power outlets at the bus station – many were sitting on the floor for hours at a time – in order to charge the ankle monitors (“grillettes”) before continuing their long voyage home. They feared that their grillettes would die en route and that ICE would come looking for them to apprehend and deport them. The grillettes serve as reminders that even though they have been released, they are still not free.

Unrepresented mothers will win their case less than 2% of the time. With a lawyer, they are at least 14 times more likely to win.

Justice Fellow Katherine Park took two weeks away from her regular placement at Urban Justice Center.

Some of my most frustrating moments in Texas occurred at immigration court where I would argue with clerks about what documents I needed to submit. I repeatedly received conflicting information from official court personnel about what procedures to follow. If even a trained immigration attorney cannot obtain accurate information about how to navigate the courts, how will a detained mother have a fair shot?

Despite the inhumanity of our system, I saw incredible individuals fighting for themselves and their families. I met one mother and her teenage daughter who had witnessed a brutal gang murder. The gangs started threatening them at gunpoint, so they fled. The mother told me, “If it were just me who saw the murder, it would be okay. But my daughter—I feel so terrible that she had to see that. I know that she often thinks about what she saw. My daughter has a birthday soon. I don’t want her to spend her birthday in detention.” This family and I worked together to win their release. They left detention about two weeks before the daughter’s birthday.



Operational Highlights

We grew to full strength – **70 fellows** – when our second class started. Like the inaugural class, our new fellows come from **Harvard, Yale, Georgetown, Cardozo, CUNY**, and more. They speak Spanish, French, Mandarin, Arabic, and Korean. Half are first-generation Americans; one-fifth are DACA recipients.

The new class spent September in intensive training, taught by 40 New York immigration experts who volunteered their time. Training was graciously hosted by **Temple Emanu-el, Museum of Jewish Heritage, Wachtell Lipton**, and **Fried Frank**.

14 agencies were awarded their first IJC fellows, including **Human Rights First, Catholic Charities**, and **Kids in Need of Defense**. Six agencies received an additional fellow to complement those now in their second year. For many host organizations, IJC fellows double their immigration law capacity.

After a year at **Robin Hood** – literally and figuratively our incubator – we moved into our own space. We miss having the Robin Hood team's wisdom in the next office, but our new office allows for more collaboration among fellows and supervisors.

We added four new board members: **Judge Sarah Burr, Prof. Alina Das, Steve Kuhn**, and **Stephanie Khurana** of the **Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation**.

The **Selection Committee** – 50 lawyers, supporters, advisors, and friends – **volunteered their time** to read hundreds of applications and choose our new class.

We hired our permanent Operations Director, **Jesus Infante**, and new supervising attorneys **Harold Solis** and **Samuel Palmer-Simon**.

Press coverage included **The New York Times** and **Newsday**; extensive coverage of our Texas presence appeared in the **San Antonio** and **Austin** papers; blogs like **Think Progress**, **Fusion**, and **Daily Kos** highlighted our work.

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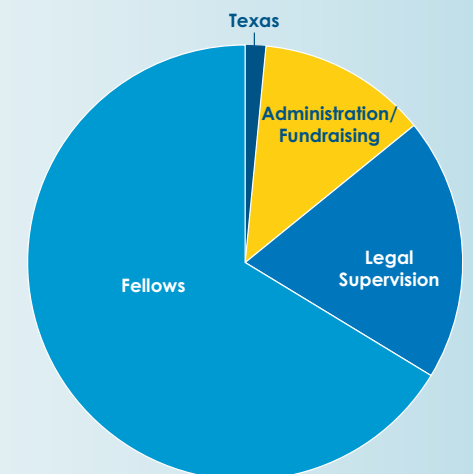
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Finance

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Program	
Fellows	66%
Legal Supervision	20%
Texas	1%
Administration/Fundraising	13%



2015 REVENUE VS. EXPENSES

Revenue	
Total Revenue	\$ 3,912,038
Expenses	
Total Fellowship	\$ 2,118,139
Total National Expansion	\$ 98,578
Total OTPS	\$ 252,014
Total Space	\$ 40,803
Total Staff	\$ 685,049
Total Expense	\$ 3,194,582
Excess (or Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 717,456*

* 2015 was the first full program year for IJC: 35 fellows began their two-year commitment. Excess funds were placed in reserve for subsequent years, when the program will cover 70 fellows at a time.

For the full audited financial statement and report from Grant Thornton, our independent certified public accountant, visit www.justicecorps.org.



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