

# 10 Years of Transforming Immigrant Justice









## Message from the Chief Executive Officer



**Jojo Annobil**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS

**As we celebrate our tenth anniversary, we reflect on our remarkable journey from a bold idea started in New York City by our late founder, Judge Robert A. Katzmann, to a national powerhouse building a strong community of immigration professionals and transforming immigrants' lives. With over 500 trained lawyers and advocates and more than 125,000 immigrants and their families served, our impact is a testament to the power of collective action.**

Ten years ago, the immigrant justice landscape was bleak. Recent law school graduates struggled to find entry-level employment in the immigration field, and immigrants in deportation proceedings lacked representation, leading to frequent deportations and separation of families. In many of these unrepresented cases, access to an attorney would have made a critical difference.

It was under these circumstances that IJC emerged as a solution. A fellowship program ensuring high quality representation for immigrants pursuing their American dreams and populating the immigration field with highly trained advocates who are raising the level of competency and compassion in the immigration field.

Today, ten years later, IJC Fellows have become beacons of hope, winning over 93% of their cases. But what I am most proud of is that nine out of every ten graduates continue in the immigration field each year to help close the representation gap and advocate for systems change. Graduates like Aaron Melnick-Reichlin, an expert immigration policy analyst in Washington, D.C.; Jill Martin Diaz who is leading a nonprofit serving asylum seekers in Vermont; and D.

Michelle Martinez, an immigration judge in New York City, are part of the next generation of advocates to restore humanity to the immigration field.

While we celebrate a decade of transforming immigrant lives across 30+ states, challenges persist. Cynical politicians, a staggering 3.8 million case backlog in immigration court, and 120,000+ unaccompanied children without counsel, underscore the critical need for quality counsel.

Thanks to our supporters' unwavering belief in IJC's audacious vision, we're ready to face the next decade. Together we will continue empowering talented young lawyers and advocates to bolster nonprofit legal services and provide quality representation to immigrants across all 50 states as they build lives in their new home.

Our mission endures: dignity and respect for every immigrant.

Here's to the next ten years of championing immigrant justice!

Sincerely,





## Because hope depends on **justice**

Immigrant Justice Corps champions access to justice for immigrants. The only fellowship of its kind, IJC mobilizes promising new lawyers and advocates and partners them with non-profit organizations around the country to provide high-quality legal services to immigrants in need.

**IJC's mission is to recruit, train, and populate the immigration field with the highest quality legal advocates to create a new generation of leaders with a lifelong commitment to immigrant justice.**

For immigrants facing the threat of deportation or pursuing lawful status and citizenship, nothing makes a greater difference than skilled legal representation. Unlike criminal and family court proceedings, immigrants facing

deportation in immigration court do not have a right to counsel if they cannot afford one.

Without counsel, most immigrants face a complex and inhumane system by themselves. Those with representation are six times more likely to have a successful outcome, and IJC's free counsel has delivered a 90% success rate in completed cases, in contrast to a 16% success rate if an immigrant is unrepresented.

As we help thousands of immigrants in need of legal assistance each year, IJC is developing the next generation of immigration advocates and the shared knowledge of our growing coalition.

Together, we represent access to justice, hope for the future and the courage to stand up for immigrants' rights.



## Quality counsel changes **everything**.



**Jessica Arana**

2023 JUSTICE FELLOW

“Quality attorneys can help simplify the immigration process and ensure the wellbeing and safety of individuals, families, and communities.”



**Sofia Aslan**

2023 COMMUNITY FELLOW

“Unlike other programs, IJC offers extensive training and hands-on experience in the field to prepare the next generation of legal representatives.”



**Sadaf Hasan**

2022 JUSTICE FELLOW

“The IJC fellowship is aligned with my interests of increasing access to justice for immigrant communities and seeking to create a more fair and humane immigration system.”



**Kay El-moussaoui**

2023 JUSTICE FELLOW

“Navigating the legal system isn’t easy. Immigrants shouldn’t be expected to navigate a country and an immigration system alone.”



**Casey Doyle**

2023 JUSTICE FELLOW

“Legal representation is absolutely crucial for immigrants because all immigrants fundamentally deserve due process rights, including the right to counsel, especially in a broken and arbitrary system.”



**Sherene Grinage-Gotoy**

2023 JUSTICE FELLOW

“The fellowship offers a unique opportunity to work directly with immigrants, gain practical experience in immigration law, and contribute to the cause of immigrant justice.”



**Cesar Paz**

2023 COMMUNITY FELLOW

“IJC and I share the same goals and values in seeking to help immigrants. This fellowship will also help my long term goal of becoming an attorney to continue helping immigrants.”





# A decade of impact

September 2014  
– August 2024

**120,000+**

IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILY  
MEMBERS SERVED BY IJC  
FELLOWS

**90%+**

PERCENTAGE OF IMMIGRATION  
CASES WON BY IJC FELLOWS

**400+**

NUMBER OF FELLOWS TRAINED  
AND MOBILIZED TO PROVIDE  
QUALITY COUNSEL

**Nearly \$5m**

MONEY THAT COMMUNITY  
FELLOWS SAVED THEIR LOW-  
INCOME CLIENTS BY SECURING  
FEE WAIVERS

**90%+**

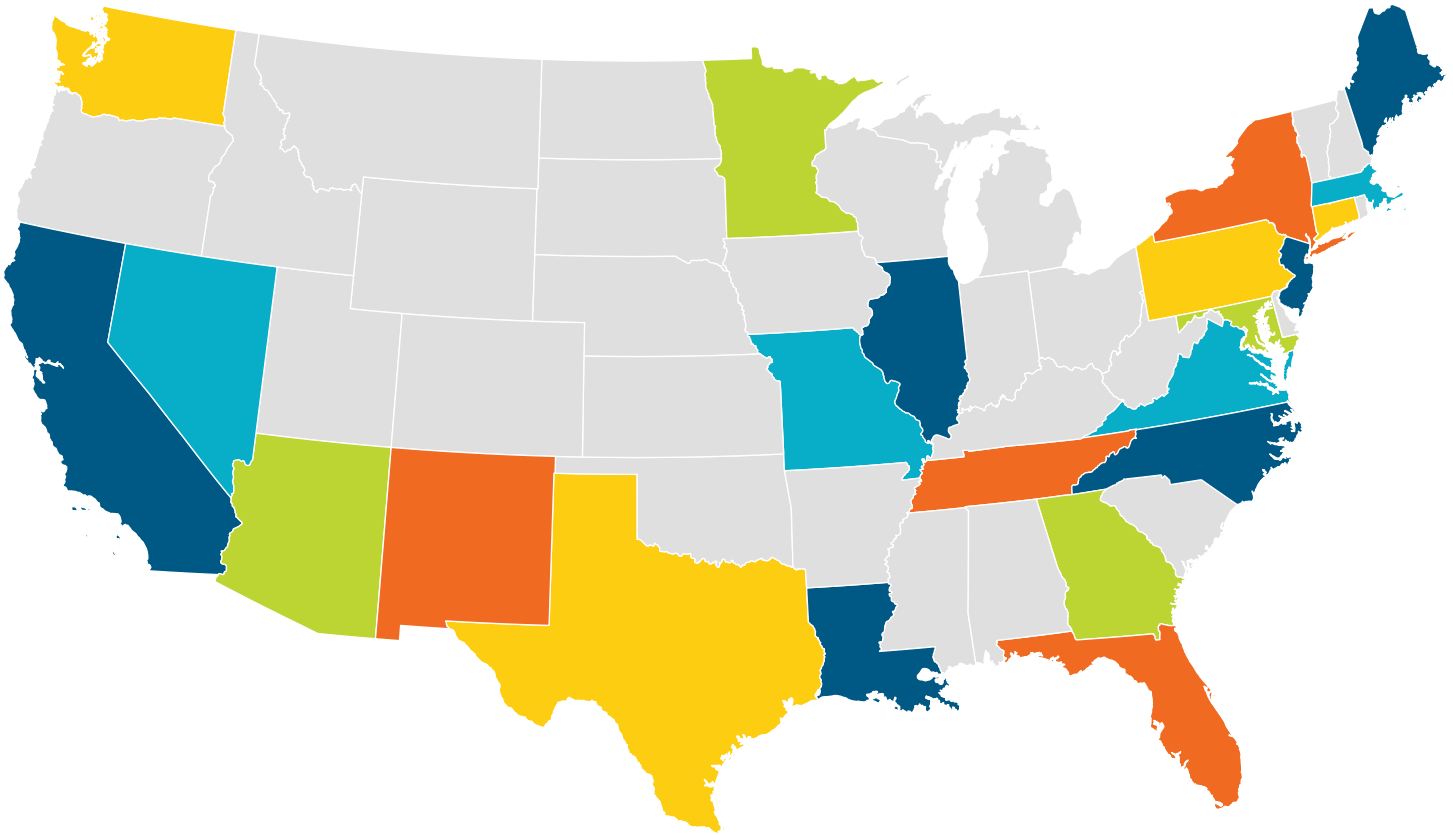
PERCENTAGE OF GRADUATED  
FELLOWS PRACTICING IN THE  
IMMIGRATION FIELD



## Justice for Unaccompanied Children

Nationwide, over 100,000 children in deportation proceedings currently lack counsel. IJC has positioned itself as a trusted source of legal talent for municipal, state, and federal universal representation programs. In September 2022, because of our impressive track record across the country as a talent pipeline, we received a 4.5-year, \$53.8 million federal subcontract, funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), through the Vera Institute of Justice and Acacia Center for Justice. IJC will recruit, train, and support 200 Justice Fellows for this new partnership, to ensure that all unaccompanied immigrant children have person-centered, zealous, high-quality legal representation in immigration court and the best possible chance for a better life. Our 2024 recruitment efforts yielded 107 successful Justice Fellow matches serving unaccompanied immigrant children in 34 states.





## Our impact **September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024**

**135**

ACTIVE FELLOWS

Justice Fellows handled  
**4,490** cases and opened  
**2,494** new cases.

Community Fellows handled  
**1,831** cases and opened  
**1,066** new cases.

All Fellows closed over  
**1,016** cases successfully.

**22**

U.S. STATES

**Arizona**  
**California**  
**Connecticut**  
**Florida**  
**Georgia**  
**Illinois**  
**Louisiana**  
**Maine**  
**Maryland**  
**Massachusetts**  
**Minnesota**

**Missouri**  
**Nevada**  
**New Mexico**  
**New Jersey**  
**New York**  
**North Carolina**  
**Pennsylvania**  
**Tennessee**  
**Texas**  
**Virginia**  
**Washington**

**64**

HOST ORGANIZATIONS



## Immigrant Justice Corps' 10th Anniversary Celebration

On November 13, 2024, IJC commemorated our ten-year anniversary at a celebration in downtown Manhattan. We honored our inaugural class of Fellows, our late founder Judge Robert A. Katzmann, and four of our long-time funders: the Robin Hood Foundation, Emerson Collective, Leon Levy Foundation, and Oak Foundation.

### HONOREES



IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS  
VISIONARY AWARD  
**Judge Robert Katzmann**

THE ROBERT A. KATZMANN  
INCUBATOR AWARD  
**Robin Hood Foundation**

THE ROBERT A. KATZMANN  
VANGUARD AWARDS  
**Emerson Collective  
Leon Levy Foundation  
Oak Foundation**



THE ROBERT A. KATZMANN DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP AWARD  
**Immigrant Justice Corps Inaugural Class of 2014**



IJC is ten years old! As we celebrate a decade of transforming immigrant justice, here is a look back at all of our Fellow classes. To date, IJC has trained over 500 advocates to provide quality counsel to over 120,000 immigrants and their families. Over 90% of our alumni have stayed in the immigration field long after they graduated, helping to change our immigration system.

**IJC Fellows** ❶ Class of 2015 ❷ Class of 2016  
 ❸ Class of 2017 ❹ Class of 2018 ❺ Class of 2019 ❻ Class of 2020  
 ❼ Class of 2021 ❽ Class of 2022 ❾ Class of 2023  
 ❿ Class of 2024





## The next generation of immigration advocates

Ten years ago, we opened our doors to a pioneering group of Fellows. These 35 dedicated individuals, IJC's inaugural class of 2014, embarked on a journey to provide quality legal counsel to thousands of New York City immigrants in need. Over the past decade, these Fellows have not only honed their craft but also become leaders in the immigration field. **Today, 100% of our inaugural Justice Fellows continue to champion immigrant justice, working tirelessly in direct service, policy, academia, and more. And 40% of our inaugural Community Fellows have graduated law school, exponentially expanding access to justice for immigrants across the United States.** The inaugural 2014 class of Fellows has paved the way for generations of Fellows, inspiring a movement to ensure a universal right to counsel for all immigrants. Join us in honoring the inaugural class of 2014 Fellows, true heroes in the fight for immigrant justice. Their selfless dedication, perseverance, and passion have created a lasting legacy, transforming lives and shaping the immigration landscape. Here is what some of our inaugural Fellows have to say about their fellowship experience.

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

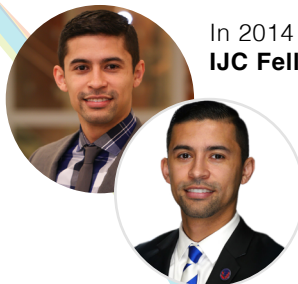
**Nhu-Y Ngo**



In 2014  
IJC Fellow

In 2024  
**Senior Legal Counsel in the Immigration Practice, Bronx Defenders**

**Wilson Osorio**



In 2014  
IJC Fellow

In 2024  
**Associate Counsel with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Office of the Chief Counsel**

**Rebecca Popuch**



In 2014  
IJC Fellow

In 2024  
**Kinship Care & Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Attorney, Bet Tzedek Legal Services**





**Gloria Chacon**

**2014 JUSTICE FELLOW**  
SUPERVISING ATTORNEY, NEW  
YORK LEGAL ASSISTANCE GROUP

"Being part of IJC's 2014 inaugural class allowed me to start my career alongside peers whose work ethic, values and, capacity for compassion changed the lives of countless immigrant families. It has been incredible to witness that legacy continued and multiplied across the country with every class thereafter."



**Miriam Lacroix**

**2014 JUSTICE FELLOW**  
DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY  
AND INCLUSION, CARDOZO  
LAW SCHOOL

"To this day, I reach out to some of those Fellows who are working in areas that I'm not familiar with, and they're always willing to give information. Having made those connections is the most fulfilling part of the Fellowship."



**Aaron Reichlin-Melnick**

**2014 JUSTICE FELLOW**  
SENIOR FELLOW, AMERICAN  
IMMIGRATION COUNCIL

"The opportunities I got at IJC are directly responsible for why I arrived at this position...Give it 20 years and there won't be any immigration organization in the United States that isn't touched in some way by IJC's fellowship."



**Stephanie Cordero**

**2014 JUSTICE FELLOW**  
DIRECTOR OF THE IMMIGRANTS'  
RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY PROJECT,  
BROOKLYN LEGAL SERVICES

"What I really liked was being part of a cohort. I was really inspired by the other Fellows and their stories. We're connected for life in a way - the way we started our careers."



**Aseem Mehta**

**2014 COMMUNITY FELLOW**  
LITIGATION STAFF ATTORNEY,  
ASIAN LAW CAUCUS

"It is a unique privilege and deeply meaningful responsibility...to represent people in your community in their immigration proceedings."



**Jessica Rofé**

**2014 JUSTICE FELLOW**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF  
LAW, DIRECTOR OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS CLINIC,  
RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL

"IJC created a community of mutual support, people we can lean on at different moments for their expertise and for their experiences."

# IJC Fellows

IJC's **Justice Fellowship** identifies promising lawyers who are passionate and committed to immigrants' rights, places them with organizations where they can make the greatest difference and supports them with training and expert insights as they directly assist immigrants in need. Some Justice Fellows handle a broad range of immigration matters, while others work exclusively with unaccompanied migrant children.

IJC's **Community Fellowships** are awarded to recent college graduates with the linguistic skills, passion, and cultural competency to work with diverse immigrant communities. Community Fellows become partially accredited representatives through the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Access Programs, allowing them to represent clients in legal matters before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

## First-Year Fellows

NAME	FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM	HOST ORGANIZATION	SCHOOL
Yessenia Acosta Terrazas	Justice Fellow	Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project	University of Massachusetts School of Law
Genesis Aguirre Guerra	Justice Fellow	Amica Center	David A. Clarke School of Law
Rachel Alexander	Justice Fellow	Amica Center	American University Washington College of Law
Daniel Andrade	Justice Fellow	Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy	Hofstra - Maurice A. Deane School of Law
Jessica Arana	Justice Fellow	ABA - South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project	Drexel Kline School of Law
Sofia Aslan	Community Fellow	Volunteers of Legal Service	Wesleyan University
Sofia Azpúrua	Justice Fellow	Safe Passage Project	Florida State University College of Law
Antonella Banegas	Justice Fellow	Central American Refugee Center	American University Washington College of Law
Doug Bartel	Justice Fellow	Asylum Clinic KC	University of Kansas School of Law
Isaac Bloch	Justice Fellow	The Door	Georgetown University Law Center
James E.L. Brickson	Justice Fellow	Immigration Project	University of Minnesota School of Law
Emily Bushman	Justice Fellow	Immigration Services and Legal Advocacy	University of Iowa College of Law
Sarah Butterfield	Justice Fellow	Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project	New York University School of Law
Ashley S. Cevere	Justice Fellow	Catholic Migration Services	Florida State University College of Law
Lynette Chen	Justice Fellow	Project Ishmael	Tulane University School of Law
Tiana Cherbosque	Justice Fellow	UCLA Immigrant Family Legal Clinic	UCLA School of Law
Kayla M Chisholm	Justice Fellow	International Rescue Committee – Dallas	Tulane University School of Law
Chris Creech	Justice Fellow	International Rescue Committee – Silver Spring, MD	Boston University School of Law
Claudia Cuesta Garibay	Justice Fellow	UFW Foundation	David A. Clarke School of Law
Samantha Davis	Justice Fellow	Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project	Texas A&M University School of Law
Margery Deibler	Justice Fellow	Sanctuary for Families	City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law
Vanessa Demaral	Justice Fellow	Church World Service	Vanderbilt University Law School
Julia Yujie Deng	Justice Fellow	Make the Road New Jersey	Harvard Law School
Casey Doyle	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities – Baltimore	Brooklyn Law School
Natalie Eberts	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities – Baltimore	Case Western Reserve, University School of Law
Kay El-moussaoui	Justice Fellow	Michigan Immigrant Rights Center	Wayne Law
Marisol Estrada Cruz	Justice Fellow	Cornell Law School's Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic	Syracuse University College of Law
Andrew Magno Freire	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Defenders Law Center	USC Gould School of Law



<b>Nick Gargano</b>	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	Chicago-Kent College of Law
<b>Nicole Gasmen</b>	Justice Fellow	Ayuda	American University Washington College of Law
<b>Allison Gilroy</b>	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	Tulane University School of Law
<b>Micaela Gold</b>	Justice Fellow	The Door	Fordham University School of Law
<b>Maria Sofia Gomes</b>	Justice Fellow	Safe Passage Project	University of Washington School of Law
<b>Cristian G. Gonzalez Perez</b>	Justice Fellow	UNLV Immigration Clinic	William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV
<b>Tasha Gottschalk-Fielding</b>	Justice Fellow	Cornell Law School's Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic	Cornell Law School
<b>Cassandra Griglock</b>	Justice Fellow	Children's Legal Center	Roger Williams School of Law
<b>Sherene Grinage-Gotoy</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigration Center for Women and Children	University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
<b>Darcy E. Guio</b>	Justice Fellow	Make the Road New York	Hofstra – Maurice A. Deane School of Law
<b>Luke Hancox</b>	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	American University Washington College of Law
<b>Michael W. Hannum</b>	Justice Fellow	Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society PA	Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law
<b>Elizabeth Harrington</b>	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	Boston College Law School
<b>Erin Hoff</b>	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	American University Washington College of Law
<b>Amanda Klay</b>	Justice Fellow	New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc.	Quinnipiac University School of Law
<b>Michelle Lenze</b>	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	George Washington University Law School
<b>Dawa Lhamo</b>	Justice Fellow	Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law
<b>James Lopez Olvera</b>	Justice Fellow	Make the Road New York	Boston College Law School
<b>Juliana M. Lopez</b>	Justice Fellow	Catholic Legal Services – Miami	Brooklyn Law School
<b>Davis Lovvorn</b>	Justice Fellow	Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy	Notre Dame Law School
<b>Karla Jasmin Manzanares</b>	Justice Fellow	Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy	American University Washington College of Law
<b>Vivian M. Martinez</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigration Center for Women and Children	LMU Loyola Law
<b>Emily Massell</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project	Northeastern University School of Law
<b>Cecilia Rose Masselli</b>	Justice Fellow	Michigan Immigrant Rights Center	St. John's University School of Law
<b>Emma Matters</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigration Center for Women and Children	American University Washington College of Law
<b>Mariah Melena</b>	Justice Fellow	Mid-South Immigration Advocates	University of Denver Sturm College of Law
<b>Kate Moran</b>	Justice Fellow	Lutheran Social Services	Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law
<b>Jennifer Morton</b>	Justice Fellow	Ayuda	Columbia Law School
<b>Jazmin Moya</b>	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	American University Washington College of Law
<b>Melinda Nguyen</b>	Justice Fellow	Orlando Center for Justice	Georgia State University College of Law
<b>Chapman Noam</b>	Justice Fellow	UNLV Immigration Clinic	William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV
<b>Abigail Nyberg</b>	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	New York University School of Law
<b>Vivian Oguejiofor</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Defenders Law Center	University of Washington School of Law
<b>Jessica Olave</b>	Justice Fellow	Project Ishmael	Lewis and Clark University School of Law
<b>Jamie Packs</b>	Justice Fellow	New York Legal Assistance Group	University of Pennsylvania Law School
<b>Alejandra Paramo</b>	Justice Fellow	Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project	Northern Illinois University College of Law
<b>Cesar Paz</b>	Community Fellow	Immigrant Justice Corps	York College of Pennsylvania
<b>Phoebe Quinteros</b>	Justice Fellow	International Rescue Committee – Baltimore	Northeastern University School of Law
<b>Julia Ramirez</b>	Justice Fellow	Central American Legal Assistance	University of Connecticut School of Law

<b>Ezra Rash</b>	Justice Fellow	Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy	St. John's University School of Law
<b>Zaynab Said</b>	Justice Fellow	Brooklyn Defender Services	New York University School of Law
<b>Chi Sawyer</b>	Justice Fellow	International Rescue Committee – Baltimore	Florida International University College of Law
<b>Melissa Segarra</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Rights Clinic at University of Chicago Law	UCLA School of Law
<b>Uma Sen</b>	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
<b>Anjani P. Shah</b>	Justice Fellow	Bronx Defenders	Brooklyn Law School
<b>Noor Zara Sheikh</b>	Justice Fellow	Building One Community	City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law
<b>Stephanie Sorquira</b>	Justice Fellow	The Door	City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law
<b>Julie Stavarski</b>	Justice Fellow	Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society PA	City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law
<b>Jennifer Sturman</b>	Justice Fellow	New Mexico Immigrant Law Center	University of Denver Sturm College of Law
<b>Sarah Subramanian</b>	Justice Fellow	Advocates for Immigrant Rights	Texas A&M University School of Law
<b>Aleela Taylor</b>	Justice Fellow	Americans for Immigrant Justice	University of Denver Sturm College of Law
<b>Kenneth Tea</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Defenders Law Center	University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law
<b>Priscila Venzor</b>	Justice Fellow	UNLV Immigration Clinic	William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV
<b>Caitlyn Wallace</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigration Center for Women and Children	University of Denver Sturm College of Law
<b>Anna Waltar</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Defenders Law Center	University of Washington Law School
<b>Lorraine Watkins</b>	Justice Fellow	International Rescue Committee – Silver Spring, MD	Northeastern University School of Law
<b>Kate Weaver</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project	Duke Law School
<b>Cedar S. Weyker</b>	Justice Fellow	Advocates for Human Rights - Minnesota	University of Minnesota School of Law
<b>Bria Leigh Yazic</b>	Justice Fellow	Chacon Center for Immigrant Justice	Northeastern University School of Law
<b>Marshawn Young</b>	Justice Fellow	Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services, Inc.	Florida State University College of Law

## Second-, Third-, and Fourth-Year Fellows

NAME	FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM	HOST ORGANIZATION	SCHOOL
<b>Olivia Abrecht</b>	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	New York University School of Law
<b>Mana Aliabadi</b>	Justice Fellow	Nationalities Service Center	Temple University Beasley School of Law
<b>Mario Alvarez</b>	Justice Fellow	Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project	New York University School of Law
<b>Marian Anaya Castillo</b>	Community Fellow	New York Public Library	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
<b>Jaime Balbuena Hernandez</b>	Justice Fellow	Volunteers of Legal Service	New York Law School
<b>David Blitzer</b>	Justice Fellow	UNLV Immigration Clinic	New York University School of Law
<b>Martina Carrillo</b>	Community Fellow	New York Public Library	Lehman College
<b>Lorena Castillo</b>	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities - San Francisco	University of California, Davis School of Law
<b>Alexandra Castro</b>	Justice Fellow	Al Otro Lado	Washington and Lee University School of Law
<b>Jose-Romarah Chery</b>	Community Fellow	Brooklyn Public Library	SUNY Buffalo
<b>Gabriela Cruz</b>	Justice Fellow	Tulane Immigrants' Rights Law Clinic	Tulane University School of Law
<b>Grace Day</b>	Justice Fellow	The Door	Washington University School of Law
<b>Claudia Flores-Montesinos</b>	Justice Fellow	ABA - South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project	University at Buffalo School of Law



<b>Brandon Galli-Graves</b>	Justice Fellow	Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services	BYU J. Reuben Clark Law School
<b>Tosca Giustini</b>	Justice Fellow	African Communities Together	Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
<b>Pamela Guerrero</b>	Justice Fellow	Advocates for Human Rights - Minnesota	Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University
<b>Jessica Gutierrez</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigration Services and Legal Advocacy	Lewis and Clark University School of Law
<b>Sadaf Hasan</b>	Justice Fellow	Brooklyn Defender Services	City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law
<b>Emily Hauck</b>	Justice Fellow	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid	University of Minnesota School of Law
<b>Karla Hernandez</b>	Justice Fellow	Neighborhood Defender Services	City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law
<b>Philip Issa</b>	Justice Fellow	Legal Aid Services of Broward County	Stanford Law School
<b>Fatima Khan</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigration Services and Legal Advocacy	George Washington University Law School
<b>Lisa Ledvora</b>	Justice Fellow	Safe Horizon	Georgetown University Law Center
<b>Joseph F. Lin</b>	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	Rutgers Law School
<b>Miy Mahran</b>	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University
<b>Vanessa Martinez-Chacon</b>	Justice Fellow	Amica Center	American University Washington College of Law
<b>Camelia Metwally</b>	Justice Fellow	Nationalities Service Center	University of Michigan Law School
<b>Julia Miller</b>	Justice Fellow	Central American Refugee Center	New York Law School
<b>Maria Nava Palma</b>	Community Fellow	Immigrant Justice Corps	University of California, Santa Barbara
<b>Austin Nielsen-Reagan</b>	Justice Fellow	Al Otro Lado	Harvard Law School
<b>Andréa Nunes</b>	Justice Fellow	Lutheran Social Services	University of Connecticut School of Law
<b>Andrew Patterson</b>	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	Harvard Law School
<b>Daniela Pena</b>	Justice Fellow	New York Legal Assistance Group	City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law
<b>Claudia Pepe</b>	Justice Fellow	Safe Passage Project	Northeastern University School of Law
<b>Chrisline Pierre</b>	Community Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
<b>Stephanie Powers</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Defenders Law Center	Harvard Law School
<b>Fatima Rahman</b>	Community Fellow	Center for Safety and Change	Case Western Reserve University
<b>Vanessa Reyes</b>	Justice Fellow	Amica Center	University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
<b>Teresa Reyes Flores</b>	Justice Fellow	Immigration Services and Legal Advocacy	Texas A&M University School of Law
<b>Diana Rosen</b>	Justice Fellow	UnLocal	New York University School of Law
<b>Andrea Sacasa</b>	Justice Fellow	Central American Refugee Center	Hofstra - Maurice A. Deane School of Law
<b>Caya Simonsen</b>	Justice Fellow	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid	Harvard Law School
<b>Michelle Shen</b>	Community Fellow	Immigrant Justice Corps	Wellesley College
<b>Yenifer Soriano</b>	Community Fellow	Immigrant Justice Corps	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
<b>Christy Suquitana</b>	Community Fellow	Volunteers of Legal Service	Queens College CUNY
<b>Jonathan Vallecilla</b>	Justice Fellow	ABA - South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project	Roger Williams University School of Law
<b>Laura Vivaldo Cholula</b>	Justice Fellow	Advocates for Human Rights - Minnesota	Northern Illinois University College of Law
<b>Kayla Walker</b>	Justice Fellow	Texas RioGrande Legal Aid	Boston University School of Law
<b>Kennedy Weathers</b>	Justice Fellow	Kids in Need of Defense	University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law
<b>Osman Yasin</b>	Justice Fellow	Bronx Defenders	Boston College Law School

# A decade of partnerships with host organizations on the frontlines of immigration advocacy.

IJC places Fellows in host organizations on the frontlines of immigration advocacy. We're proud to partner with organizations throughout the United States that directly serve immigrant communities in need. Since our founding in 2014, we've expanded from 18 locations in the New York City area to 100+ different host organizations in over 30 states.

*\*Denotes an active host organization partner as of September 2024.*

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\$8,084,988

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\$20,239,232

Expenditures

81%

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16%

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