



Quality counsel
changes everything.



OUR STORY

The late Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit originated the idea for Immigrant Justice Corps as a response to the crisis in legal representation for immigrants that he saw every day as a federal judge. The Robin Hood Foundation recognized IJC's unique potential to help individuals escape a life of poverty and enabled IJC to develop its model in 2014. Since then, IJC has trained over 550+ immigration law advocates who have served over 135,000 immigrant clients and their families.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



KATHERINE KIM

2014 JUSTICE FELLOW
URBAN JUSTICE CENTER

"The most rewarding part of an IJC Fellowship was the relationships and community with other colleagues and Fellows in the program. To this day, I remain close with Fellows who I can turn to when I have questions. It's wonderful to have those connections through this network."

KATHERINE NOW SERVES AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
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What sets us apart

1

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Each IJC Fellow forms a crucial link in an expansive web of advocates across the country. When you join IJC, you instantly become connected to your cohort, our staff, board, alumni, and host organizations.

2

RIGHT TO COUNSEL

The very existence of IJC has raised awareness of both the crisis of representation and the dramatic difference representation makes in immigration cases.

3

TRAINING & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

We will train you to be the best immigration advocate you can be. IJC offers high-quality, ongoing training, and skills development. Fellows foster lifelong professional connections during the program.

4

EXPANDING CAPACITY

IJC focuses on efficiently increasing representation by placing Fellows with host organizations that are leading non-profit legal services providers and community-based organizations.

5

CREATING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

IJC expands access to justice for underrepresented communities while advocating quality representation for these populations.

JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP



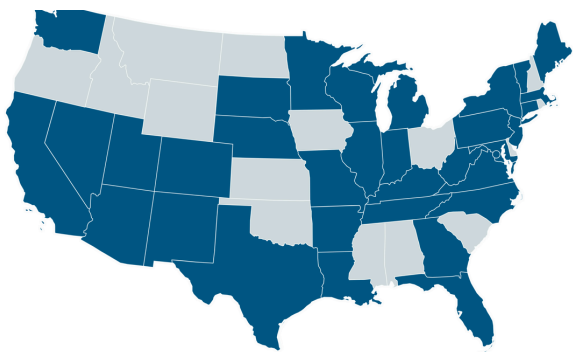
JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

For immigrants facing the threat of deportation or pursuing lawful status and citizenship, skilled legal representation can make all the difference. Inspired by the gross systemic failings of our legal system, Immigrant Justice Corps mobilizes quality counsel to meet the needs of immigrants nationwide.

As we work to help thousands of individuals in need each year, IJC is developing the next generation of immigration lawyers and advocates. Together, we represent access to justice, hope for the future, and the courage to stand up for immigrants' rights.

JUSTICE FELLOW PLACEMENTS 2014-2025

*AS OF JULY 2025



400+ ACTIVE & ALUMNI JUSTICE FELLOWS

140+ HOST ORGANIZATIONS

135,000+ CLIENTS & THEIR FAMILIES SERVED

90% OF ALUMS STAY IN IMMIGRATION

Defining our future, defending what's right.

IJC awards two-year Justice Fellowships to recent law graduates from around the country - individuals with tremendous talent, promise, and a demonstrated commitment to social justice work and immigrant rights.

IJC matches selected Fellows with our partnering host organizations based on each applicant's interests, gaps in services within the community, location preference, and partnering host organizations' demands. IJC Fellows are provided with a full salary and benefits.

2026 ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants may be enrolled in a JD or LLM program as long as they graduate law school by the Spring of the Fellowship start year. For example, if you graduate in Spring 2026 you will be eligible to apply to the Class of 2026.
- Applicants may have graduated from a JD or LLM program up to two years prior to the start of the Fellowship (no earlier than Spring 2024).
- At the time of selection, applicants must be eligible for work authorization in the U.S. for the full two years of the Fellowship.



WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Immigrant Justice Corps seeks Fellows who are strategic, compassionate, and committed to legal justice for immigrants. Fellows must be dedicated to our Fellowship program: for two years you will serve on the frontlines of immigrant representation while IJC provides you with substantive training, wellness resources, and professional development.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

July

Justice Fellowship applications open.

October

Justice Fellowship applications close.

Early November

Selection Committee reviews applications.

Mid November

IJC staff schedule interviews with prospective Fellows.

December

IJC selects a group of finalists and host organizations.

January

Finalists and host organizations engage in a matching process by providing input regarding placement preferences.

February

Offer letters are sent to matched Fellows.