

Advocates for Justice



**TRAINING LAWYERS,
EMPOWERING IMMIGRANTS**

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“I am encouraged by the perseverance, joy, and courage of the children I work with and am thankful for the opportunity to be part of their stories.”

Jacob Foor, 2024 Justice Fellow

“Even when a legal victory is far off, the work of showing up, in a trauma-informed, client-centered way, creates safety. And safety builds trust. And trust paves the way to justice.”



Fatima Khan, 2024 Justice Fellow



“Advocacy doesn’t always happen in a courtroom. Sometimes it means quietly and methodically challenging a decision. Sometimes it looks like hope disguised as paperwork.”

Hesley Gonzalez, 2024 Justice Fellow

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Message from the Chief Executive Officer



At Immigrant Justice Corps, we believe that every immigrant deserves due process. In a year marked by growing uncertainty and political volatility, our mission to empower advocates and the immigrants they serve has taken on a new urgency. This annual report, “Advocates for Justice: Training Lawyers, Empowering Immigrants” tells the story of how empowerment creates lasting change – for our Fellows, our clients, and our communities.

Since inauguration day, our Fellows have continued to represent immigrants with steadfast commitment—uninterrupted, undeterred, and uncompromising. Spread across 34 states, they show up every day to stand beside families and children, transforming their fears

into hope and confusion into clarity. Through their work, we empower immigrants to understand their rights, navigate complex systems, and reclaim their agency in the face of uncertainty.

The past few months have tested us, but IJC was built for this moment. We are the living legacy of our late founder, Judge Robert A. Katzmann, who understood that justice must be for everyone, not just those who can afford it. Judge Katzmann envisioned an organization that would not only provide representation to immigrants but also give them knowledge, dignity, and hope. We honor that vision every day our Fellows walk into court, visit a detention center, or sit beside a frightened child and say, “You have rights. You have worth. You are not alone.”

We’re building something unprecedented: a pipeline of career immigration advocates in a field starved for passionate public servants. This year’s cohort of Fellows joins a growing network of over 400 alumni who remain committed to immigration law. They’re shaping policy and mentoring the next generation of

immigration champions. The ripple effect is profound. Our pipeline of career immigration advocates is restoring faith in a system that too often fails the most vulnerable.

With immigrants under attack, IJC’s work has never been more critical. Our Fellows help immigrants see themselves as worthy of justice. Their work ensures that families stay together, children dream about their futures, and communities stand stronger.

In these pages, you will see the faces and stories behind our impact. You will understand why our work isn’t just necessary, it’s transformational. And hopefully you will recognize that this impact multiplies with every new partner who joins our mission.

Let us continue to narrow the representation gap one Fellow at a time, one case at a time, one life at a time. With your support, we can close it completely.

With determination and hope,

Jojo Annobil
Chief Executive Officer, IJC

About IJC



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.

Our Impact



September 2014 - August 2025

135,000+

Number of immigrants and their family members served by IJC Fellows

90%+

Percentage of immigration cases won by IJC Fellows

550+

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

Past Year

September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025

225 Active Fellows & 110 Host Orgs



in 34 States:

Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida

Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine

Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska

Nevada
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
Pennsylvania

South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia

Washington
Washington, D.C.
West Virginia
Wisconsin

**IJC Fellows handled 8,841 matters
& successfully closed 1,211 cases.**

FALL TRAINING



Building Community

IJC kicked off the 2024 Justice Fellowship by bringing together staff and Fellows in Montgomery, Alabama in September 2024. During the long weekend, Fellows had the opportunity to meet each other and IJC staff, while exploring the history of the southern city.



IJC 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. Katzmman, and four of our long-time funders: the Robin Hood Foundation, Emerson Collective, Leon Levy Foundation, and Oak Foundation.



ALUMNI CONVENING



This spring, IJC brought together eleven classes of Fellows to connect and feel the power of our community in defending immigrants. The convening, in collaboration with Fordham University School of Law's Feerick Center for Social Justice, featured panels and speakers exploring different areas of immigration work, including movement lawyering and emerging issues.

Training Lawyers, Empowering Immigrants

At a time when the legal programs that immigrants have relied on for decades are under attack, IJC has remained steadfast in keeping advocates in the field to ensure that immigrants—especially children—continue to receive the legal representation that is their right.

Bridging the gaps in rural representation



"This case reminded me what truly matters: a child's future. Not my preference for in-person meetings. Not a perfect environment."

DOUG BARTEL
2023 Justice Fellow
Asylum Clinic Kansas City



"To be resourceful in a place where resources are scarce is to be a collaborator. And that collaboration bears opportunities to create an impact in our communities that will last far beyond my fellowship."

CAMERON BRIGGS RAMOS
2024 Justice Fellow
Vermont Asylum Assistance Project



"Our office may be small, but we are mighty. We are willing to put in the hard work to help the immigrants in our community and we have a village of volunteers supporting us."

MARLENE PIERCE
2023 Justice Fellow
Catholic Charities of Central Colorado

IJC is proud to launch its first Rural Fellowship Cohort, a pioneering initiative designed to close critical gaps in representation for immigrants living in America's most insular and underserved communities. Partnering with the Vermont Asylum Assistance Project, IJC has placed four Justice Fellows working to dismantle barriers to information

and advocacy in a region long defined as a legal desert. This initiative has the potential to transform access to justice nationwide by embedding sustainable pipelines of trained advocates in the communities where immigrants are most isolated and demand is greatest.

Defending immigrant children



"Our clients, unaccompanied minors, are just children. We must stand up, advocate, and pool resources together to help these children."

ANDREA FAULKNOR
2024 Justice Fellow
CARECEN D.C.



"Immigration lawyers for children should not be a privilege, but a right, and fully funded."

ELSA RAKER
2024 Justice Fellow
Florence Immigrant and
Refugee Rights Project



"The bravery of these children is unmatched, and I am continually inspired by my clients' stories to continue fighting for them."

KENNETH TEA
2023 Justice Fellow
Immigrant Defenders

Immigrants—including children—aren't guaranteed a lawyer if they can't afford one, leaving many to face complex legal proceedings alone. Without a lawyer, four out of every five children are deported back to the violence they escaped. Over 150 IJC Fellows

work exclusively with thousands of unaccompanied immigrant children, upholding their due process rights and ensuring they receive the safety and protection they deserve.

Alumni Report

Years after they graduate, IJC alumni continue to champion immigrant justice, working tirelessly in direct services, policy, academia, and more. Here is what some of our alumni have been up to:



Gloria Chacon
2014 Justice Fellow

Director of Immigration
at Brooklyn and
Manhattan Legal
Services



Stephanie Cordero
2014 Justice Fellow

Senior Counsel for
Immigrant Rights at
LatinoJustice, PRLDEF



Jill Martin Diaz
2016 Justice Fellow

Executive Director
at Vermont Asylum
Assistance Project



Cindy Ramirez
2019 Justice Fellow

Legal Program
Director at Mission
Action



Dave Wilkins
2014 Justice Fellow

Director of Immigration
and LGBTQ/HIV+
Advocacy at Staten
Island Legal Services

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 (USCIS).

Class of 2024: First-Year Fellows

NAME	PROGRAM	HOST ORGANIZATION	SCHOOL
Caroline Abramovici	Justice Fellow	Central West Justice Center	Emory University School of Law
Eman Ali	Justice Fellow	Social Justice Collaborative	University of California, Berkeley School of Law
Myranda Alonso	Justice Fellow	American Bar Association - South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project	Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Ximena Altamirano	Justice Fellow	New Mexico Immigrant Law Center	Mitchell Hamline School of Law
Geovanny Amaya	Justice Fellow	CARECEN NY	Roger Williams University School of Law
Larisa Antonisse	Justice Fellow	Amica Center for Immigrant Rights	Columbia Law School
Alma Aquino	Justice Fellow	Safe Passage Project	City University of New York School of Law
Carmen Arias	Justice Fellow	New York Legal Assistance Group	Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University
Trez Ataia	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities of Dallas	Washington University School of Law
Woorod Atiyat	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark	Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University
Kelvin Ayora	Justice Fellow	Nationalities Service Center	Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law
Allison Baal	Justice Fellow	Lutheran Social Services of New York	Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center
Brooke Bacchus	Justice Fellow	Prisoners' Legal Services of New York	Albany Law School
Sarahelena Barrios	Justice Fellow	Organización Latino Americana of Eastern Long Island	William & Mary Law School
Kayla Sunshine Bell	Justice Fellow	William S. Boyd School of Law at University of Nevada, Las Vegas Immigration Clinic	St. Thomas University College of Law
Bella Bjornstad	Justice Fellow	New Mexico Immigrant Law Center	University of New Mexico School of Law
David Bonagurio	Justice Fellow	Volunteer Lawyers Project of Central New York	Syracuse University College of Law
Cameron Briggs Ramos	Justice Fellow	Vermont Asylum Assistance Project	Vermont Law and Graduate School
Dara Brody	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	Seton Hall Law School
Javi Burdette	Justice Fellow	Just Neighbors	University of California, Berkeley School of Law
Emily Burgess	Justice Fellow	Connecticut Legal Services	Vanderbilt University Law School
Emily Burke	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	New York University School of Law
Stephanie Burke	Justice Fellow	Journey's End Refugee Services	University at Buffalo School of Law
Leah Burnett	Justice Fellow	Florida Legal Services	Stetson University College of Law
Ulises Campeche	Justice Fellow	Safe Passage Project	Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University
Sara Cano Zuleta	Justice Fellow	Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project	University of South Carolina School of Law
Chelsea Caplinger	Justice Fellow	Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center	Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law

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Tanner Carlson	Justice Fellow	Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement	University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law
Nicole Carter	Justice Fellow	Community Immigration Law Center	University of Minnesota Law School
Theresa Cephas	Justice Fellow	Tahirih Justice Center	Florida A&M University College of Law
Alayna Connolly	Justice Fellow	Community Immigration Law Center	University of Wisconsin Law School
Edgar Cordano	Justice Fellow	CARECEN DC	George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School
Madelyn Cox-Guerra	Justice Fellow	The Immigration Project	University of Minnesota Law School
Torrey Crim	Justice Fellow	CARECEN NY	Brooklyn Law School
Natalie Dess	Justice Fellow	Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts	Northeastern University School of Law
Niko Dimitrakopoulos	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark	Fordham University School of Law
Jonathan Eduardo Escobar Valencia	Justice Fellow	Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project	University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
Nathaly Espinoza	Justice Fellow	New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children	Rutgers University Newark School of Law
Erin Mo Ferber	Justice Fellow	Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University
Jeffrey Foor	Justice Fellow	University of Arkansas School of Law Immigration Clinic	University of Arkansas School of Law
Caroline Golub	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	Brooklyn Law School
Guadalupe Isabel Gonzalez	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Defenders Law Center	University of Massachusetts School of Law
Hesley Gonzalez	Justice Fellow	Public Counsel	Western State College of Law
Noa Gutow-Ellis	Justice Fellow	CARECEN NY	Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Thanina Haddadi	Justice Fellow	Prisoners' Legal Services of New York	Fordham University School of Law
Karem Lizbeth Herrera	Justice Fellow	Lutheran Social Services of New York	City University of New York School of Law
Lauren Iosue	Justice Fellow	Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project	Georgetown University Law Center
Clara Jergins	Community Fellow	Central American Legal Assistance	Bowdoin College
Coryn Johnson	Justice Fellow	Prisoners' Legal Services of New York	University of Minnesota Law School
Andrea K. Junco	Justice Fellow	Florida Legal Services	Tulane University School of Law
Tatum Kawabata	Justice Fellow	Vital Immigrant Defense Advocacy and Services	University of Washington School of Law
Deirdre Kerins	Justice Fellow	Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement	Michigan State University College of Law
Fatima Khan	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	Harvard Law School
Micaela Kitchen	Justice Fellow	Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center	Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law
Ben Kline	Justice Fellow	New York Legal Assistance Group	University of Connecticut School of Law
Anika Lillegard-Bouton	Justice Fellow	University of Wisconsin Law School Immigrant Justice Clinic	University of Wisconsin Law School
Angelina Lin	Justice Fellow	Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	Boston University School of Law
Jaya Loharuka	Justice Fellow	University of Southern California Gould School of Law Immigration Clinic	University of Southern California Gould School of Law
Enrique Lopez Ramirez	Justice Fellow	Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center	University of Connecticut School of Law
Israel Lopez	Justice Fellow	Building One Community	City University of New York School of Law
Samantha Lopez	Justice Fellow	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University
Mariah Ann Mantzke	Justice Fellow	RAICES	California Western School of Law
Kimberly Mariano	Justice Fellow	Tahirih Justice Center	University of Baltimore School of Law
Valeria Martinez	Justice Fellow	University of Wisconsin Law School Immigrant Justice Clinic	University of Wisconsin Law School
Katarina Martucci	Justice Fellow	New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children	New York University School of Law
Ivan Matute	Justice Fellow	Make the Road New York	City University of New York School of Law
Nina McKenna	Justice Fellow	Make the Road New York	City University of New York School of Law
Rich McKeon	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark	New York Law School
Geovanna Medel	Justice Fellow	American Bar Association Immigration Justice Project	University of California, Davis School of Law
Yonique Myrie	Justice Fellow	Nationalities Service Center	Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law

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Nancy Nansubuga	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities' St. Frances Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance	Michael E. Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University
Jeremy Nelson	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	Brooklyn Law School
Daniel Ochea	Justice Fellow	Safe Horizon	Fordham University School of Law
Marlene Pierce	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities of Central Colorado	University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Ashley Andrea Pinilla	Justice Fellow	The Bronx Defenders	City University of New York School of Law
Janet Pischke	Justice Fellow	South Dakota Voices for Peace	Creighton University School of Law
Derek Potts	Justice Fellow	Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic	Michael E. Moritz College of Law at Ohio State University
Neena Z. Qureshi	Justice Fellow	Tulane Law School's Immigrants' Rights Law Clinic	University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law
Elsa Raker	Justice Fellow	Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project	City University of New York School of Law
Graciela Ramirez	Justice Fellow	Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	Texas A&M University School of Law
Matt Regan	Justice Fellow	Mountain State Justice	West Virginia University College of Law
Marissa Rosenberg-Carlson	Justice Fellow	Mission Action	University of California, Los Angeles School of Law
Leasly Salazar	Justice Fellow	Public Law Center	Southwestern Law School
Alyssa Shea	Justice Fellow	North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic	Vermont Law and Graduate School
Roxana Sierra Aguirre	Justice Fellow	Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project	American University Washington College of Law
Samuel Sketers	Justice Fellow	Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project	University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law
Taylor Smith	Justice Fellow	West Virginia College of Law Immigration Law Clinic	West Virginia University College of Law
Haidee Sol	Justice Fellow	Social Justice Collaborative	University of California, Berkeley School of Law
Rebecca Sparks	Justice Fellow	Safe Passage Project	Northeastern University School of Law
Glenna St-Fort	Justice Fellow	Florida Legal Services	Stetson University College of Law
Erik Tacam	Justice Fellow	Safe Passage Project	City University of New York School of Law
Ma. Fides C. Talaria	Justice Fellow	Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants	Northern Illinois University College of Law
Kristin Mae Talens	Justice Fellow	Human Rights Initiative of North Texas	University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law
Destiny Taylor	Justice Fellow	Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project	Northeastern University School of Law
Katherine Tello	Justice Fellow	American Bar Association Immigration Justice Project	California Western School of Law
Varshaa Thorali	Justice Fellow	Social Justice Collaborative	New York Law School
Jacqueline Tovar-Bernal	Justice Fellow	American Bar Association Immigration Justice Project	California Western School of Law
Gözdener Ur	Justice Fellow	Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project	William & Mary Law School
Virginia Vanegas	Justice Fellow	Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center	University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law
Emma Watson	Justice Fellow	Empire Justice Center	St. John's University School of Law
Jaclynette Williams	Justice Fellow	Commonwealth Catholic Charities	University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law
Elizabeth Yoder	Justice Fellow	RAICES	Georgetown University Law Center
Rafaella Zobot-Hall	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark	Georgetown University Law Center
Grace Zipperer	Justice Fellow	Empire Justice Center	University of Virginia School of Law
Isabel Beatriz Zúñiga Matos	Justice Fellow	Brooklyn Defender Services	Columbia Law School
Tim Zurcher	Justice Fellow	Safe Passage Project	St. John's University School of Law

Class of 2023/22/21: Second-, Third-, and Fourth-Year Fellows

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Genesis Aguirre Guerra	Justice Fellow	Amica Center for Immigrant Rights	University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law
Rachel Alexander	Justice Fellow	Amica Center for Immigrant Rights	American University Washington College of Law
Daniel Andrade	Justice Fellow	Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy	Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University

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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	CARECEN NY	American University Washington College of Law
Doug Bartel	Justice Fellow	Asylum Clinic Kansas City	University of Kansas School of Law
Isaac Bloch	Justice Fellow	The Door	Georgetown University Law Center
James Brickson	Justice Fellow	Immigration Project	University of Minnesota Law School
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 Marisol Cherbosque	Justice Fellow	University of California, Los Angeles School of Law Immigrant Family Legal Clinic	University of California, Los Angeles School of Law
Kayla M. Chisholm	Justice Fellow	International Rescue Committee – Dallas, TX	Tulane University School of Law
Chris Creech	Justice Fellow	International Rescue Committee – Silver Spring, MD	Boston University School of Law
Elly Cruz	Justice Fellow	Cornell Law School's Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic	Syracuse University College of Law
Claudia Cuesta Garibay	Justice Fellow	United Farm Workers Foundation	University of the District of Columbia 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 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 of Baltimore	Brooklyn Law School
Natalie Eberts	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities of Baltimore	Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Kay El-moussaoui	Justice Fellow	Michigan Immigrant Rights Center	Wayne State University Law School
Andrew Magno Freire	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Defenders Law Center	University of Southern California Gould School of Law
Nick Gargano	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	Chicago-Kent College of Law
Nicole Gasmen	Justice Fellow	Ayuda	American University Washington College of Law
Allison Gilroy	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	Tulane University School of Law
Micaela Gold	Justice Fellow	The Door	Fordham University School of Law
Maria Sofia Gomes	Justice Fellow	Safe Passage Project	University of Washington School of Law
Cristian G. Gonzalez Perez	Justice Fellow	William S. Boyd School of Law at University of Nevada, Las Vegas Immigration Clinic	William S. Boyd School of Law at University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Tasha Gottschalk-Fielding	Justice Fellow	Cornell Law School's Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic	Cornell Law School
Cassandra Griglock	Justice Fellow	Children's Legal Center	Roger Williams University School of Law
Sherene Grinage-Gotoy	Justice Fellow	Immigration Center for Women and Children	University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
Darcy E. Guio	Justice Fellow	Make the Road New York	Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University
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Michael W. Hannum	Justice Fellow	HIAS Pennsylvania	Temple University Beasley School of Law
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Karla Jasmin Manzanares	Justice Fellow	Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy	American University Washington College of Law
Vivian M. Martinez	Justice Fellow	Immigration Center for Women and Children	Loyola Marymount University Loyola Law School
Emily N. Massell	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project	Northeastern University School of Law
Cecelia Rose Masselli	Justice Fellow	Michigan Immigrant Rights Center	St. John's University School of Law
Emma K. Matters-Wood	Justice Fellow	Immigration Center for Women and Children	American University Washington College of Law
Mariah Melena	Justice Fellow	Mid-South Immigration Advocates	University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Kaitlin Moran	Justice Fellow	Lutheran Social Services of New York	Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law
Jennifer Morton	Justice Fellow	Ayuda	Columbia Law School
Jazmin Moya	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	American University Washington College of Law
Melinda Nguyen	Justice Fellow	Orlando Center for Justice	Georgia State University College of Law
Chapman Noam	Justice Fellow	William S. Boyd School of Law at University of Nevada, Las Vegas Immigration Clinic	William S. Boyd School of Law at University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Abby Nyberg	Justice Fellow	National Immigrant Justice Center	New York University School of Law
Vivian Oguejiofor	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Defenders Law Center	University of Washington School of Law
Jessica Olave	Justice Fellow	Project Ishmael	Lewis & Clark Law School
James Packs	Justice Fellow	New York Legal Assistance Group	University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
Alejandra Paramo	Justice Fellow	Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project	Northern Illinois University College of Law
Cesar Paz	Community Fellow	Immigrant Justice Corps	York College of Pennsylvania
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Julia Ramirez	Justice Fellow	Central American Legal Assistance	University of Connecticut School of Law
Ezra Rash	Justice Fellow	Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy	St. John's University School of Law
Zaynab Said	Justice Fellow	Brooklyn Defender Services	New York University School of Law
Chi Sawyer	Justice Fellow	International Rescue Committee – Baltimore, MD	Florida International University College of Law
Melissa Segarra	Justice Fellow	University of Chicago Law School Immigrants' Rights Clinic	University of California, Los Angeles School of Law
Uma Sen	Justice Fellow	Catholic Charities Community Services	University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
Anjani P. Shah	Justice Fellow	The Bronx Defenders	Brooklyn Law School
Noor Zara Sheikh	Justice Fellow	Building One Community	City University of New York School of Law
Stephanie Sorquira	Justice Fellow	The Door	City University of New York School of Law
Julie Stavarski	Justice Fellow	HIAS Pennsylvania	City University of New York School of Law
Jennifer Sturman	Justice Fellow	New Mexico Immigrant Law Center	University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Sarah Subramanian	Justice Fellow	The Advocates for Immigrant Rights	Texas A&M University School of Law
Aleela Taylor	Justice Fellow	Americans for Immigrant Justice	University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Kenneth Tea	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Defenders Law Center	University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law
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Anna Waltar	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Defenders Law Center	University of Washington Law School
Lorraine Watkins	Justice Fellow	International Rescue Committee – Silver Spring, MD	Northeastern University School of Law
Kate Weaver	Justice Fellow	Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project	Duke University School of Law
Cedar S. Weyker	Justice Fellow	The Advocates for Human Rights	University of Minnesota Law School
Bria Leigh Yazic	Justice Fellow	University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice	Northeastern University School of Law
Marshawn Young	Justice Fellow	Estrella del Paso	Florida State University College of Law

Our Host Organization Partners

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

*Denotes a host organization partner during the 2025 fiscal year.

The Advocates for Human Rights*	Cornell Law School's Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic*	New York Legal Assistance Group*
Al Otro Lado*	Mission Action*	New York Public Library
African Communities Together	The Door*	North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic*
American Friends Service Committee	Erie County Volunteer Lawyers Project	Northwest Immigrant Rights Project*
American Bar Association Immigration Justice Project*	Empire Justice Center*	Open Door Legal
American Bar Association - South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project*	Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project*	Organización Latino Americana of Eastern Long Island*
Americans for Immigrant Justice*	Estrella Del Paso*	Orlando Center for Justice*
Amica Center for Immigrant Rights*	Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project*	Pace Community Law Practice
Arab American Association of New York	Florida Legal Services*	Part of the Solution
Asylum Clinic Kansas City*	Galveston-Houston Immigrant Representation Project*	Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center*
Atlas: DIY	HIAS Pennsylvania*	Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project*
Ayuda*	Human Rights Initiative of North Texas*	Prisoners' Legal Services of New York*
BakerRipley (Houston)	Human Rights First	Project Hospitality
University of Arkansas School of Law Immigration Clinic*	Immigrant Defenders Law Center*	Public Health Solutions
The Bronx Defenders*	Immigrant Justice Corps*	Project Ishmael*
Brooklyn Defender Services*	Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project*	Public Counsel*
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FY25 REVENUE

Foundation: \$9,219,446.53

Government: \$16,509,601.18

Individual: \$347,298.71

Corporate: \$68,338.00

TOTAL:
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FY25 EXPENDITURES

Program: 75%

Admin: 20.1%

Fundraising: 4.9%

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