

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

NYU students and alumni do a wide variety of work on behalf of immigrants in diverse fields, including immigration, employment and criminal justice. They are engaged in direct legal services, such as representing asylum seekers, trafficking victims and immigrants in removal proceedings; representing immigrants in unpaid wages and discrimination cases; representing immigrants in the criminal justice system; international refugee work; policy advocacy and impact litigation.

GET INVOLVED

Join: the Anti-Trafficking Advocacy Coalition, Law Students for Human Rights (which often has relevant research and advocacy projects), the National Lawyers Guild (whose Detainee Working Group sends student observers to immigration court proceedings to monitor immigration judges and lawyers) and/or the NYU Law Immigrant Rights Project. Sign up for list serves on NYU Home.

The Bickel & Brewer Latino Institute for Human Rights is housed at NYU Law and hosts events throughout the year that address immigrant rights and other issues affecting Latino communities. Contact law.bblihr@nyu.edu to learn more about the institute.

The Migration Policy Institute also has an office in Furman Hall, and sometimes hires RAs. Contact Muzaffar Chishti at muzaffar.chishti@nyu.edu to get more involved. (He is also a great contact generally!)

Often there are opportunities to provide translation services to legal service organizations. It's a good way to get your feet wet in the field without making too much of a time commitment.

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SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Be sure to look at Appendix 7 of the PILC's 1L and 2L handbooks, and also search funding resources and paid internships on PSJD to find opportunities with extra funding and / or mentorship.

SELECTED POST-GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

Equal Justice Works Fellowships: <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/post-grad/equal-justice-works-fellowships>

US Dept of Justice Honors Program – Executive Office for Immigration Review:

<http://www.justice.gov/careers/legal/entry.html> (DOJ's Office of Immigration Litigation in the Civil Division also hires honors attorneys on the other side.)

Chadbourn Fellowship at The Door: <http://www.chadbourn.com/thedoor/>

A few organizations that represent immigrants occasionally hire entry level, such as the **National Immigrant Justice Center in Chicago** and **Texas Rural Legal Aid**.

Intern Reports

Be sure to read PILC Intern Reports from students who have worked on related issues, see <https://its.law.nyu.edu/pilc/reports/search.cfm>.

TERM TIME INTERNSHIPS

The **Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)** awards students funding for term-time internships every semester. PILC posts term-time internship opportunities on **Simplicity/CSM**. Also, be sure to check out **PSJD**.

LEARN ABOUT CLINICS

Detailed information, including descriptions and how to apply, may be found at <http://www.law.nyu.edu/academics/clinics/index.htm>.

TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS TO CONSIDER:

- **Direct Immigration Services Providers**
 - These are organizations that directly represent clients in immigration proceedings. Examples include Legal Aid Society—Immigration Law Unit, The Door, New York Legal Assistance Group Immigration Unit, and Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project (Arizona).
- **Public Defenders**
 - As criminal law and immigration law become increasingly intertwined, many public defender offices have in-house immigration practices. Examples include the Brooklyn Defenders and the Federal Defenders in San Diego.
- **Impact Litigation Organizations**
 - These organizations use litigation to enact broad-scale changes to improve the lives of immigrants. Examples include the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, the Immigrant Defense Project, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF).
- **Civil Legal Service Providers That Work With Immigrant Communities**
 - There are also a lot of organizations that provide other types of legal services (in areas like housing or employment) to immigrant communities. Examples include Make the Road New York, Legal Aid Society—Employment Law Project (San Francisco), Queens Legal Services—Family Law Unit and the New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice.
- **Government—Immigration Enforcement**
 - There are opportunities to work in immigration enforcement in the Department of Homeland Security, including in the Department's Refugee Affairs Division or Human Rights Law Division.
- **Government—Immigration Courts**
 - You can get a behind-the-scenes look at immigration courts by working for immigration judges in the DOJ's Executive Office of Immigration Review.
- **International**
 - There are also international organizations that work on migration issues from a global perspective (either from within the U.S. or abroad). Examples include the International Organization for Migration and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as non-governmental organizations like the MAP Foundation in Thailand and Refugee Law Project in Uganda.

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