



National  
Immigration  
Project  
of the National Lawyers Guild

40th  
Anniversary  
ANNUAL REPORT

*There are such things in the world as human rights. Among these, is the right of locomotion; the right of migration; the right which belongs to no particular race, but belongs alike to all and to all alike...*

*I have great respect for the blue eyed and light haired races of America. They are a mighty people...But I reject the arrogant and scornful theory by which they would limit migratory rights, or any other essential human rights to themselves, and which would make them the owners of this great continent to the exclusion of all other races of men...I hold that a liberal and brotherly welcome to all who are likely to come to the United States, is the only wise policy which this nation can adopt.*

*- Frederick Douglass  
speaking in defense of Chinese immigrants  
on December 7, 1869*

# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Dan Kesselbrenner  
Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In the recent past, we have seen new gains for immigrants, against a backdrop of increasingly troubling U.S. immigration policies and practices. The National Immigration Project/National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG) is no stranger to difficult and often unpopular immigration issues. These include protecting the rights of noncitizens labeled as “terrorists” because of their ancestry or national origin, those who face criminal charges, immigrants who have survived intimate partner violence or other crimes, those living with HIV/AIDS, and noncitizens who suffer unlawful and discriminatory enforcement practices.

We are encouraged that issues that once caused some to view our work as “extreme,” are now firmly rooted within the U.S. mainstream. We are heartened, for example, that in *Padilla v. Kentucky*, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that failing to advise a noncitizen about the potential immigration consequences of criminal charges falls below accepted standards of criminal defense representation and violates a noncitizen defendant’s constitutional rights – a result only possible due to NIPNLG’s work to elevate the standards of criminal defense representation for so many years.

Still, we have much work ahead of us. Today, immigration remains a political wedge issue. Exploiting fears and anti-immigrant bias, the government claims to target its enforcement efforts against “violent criminals.” Statistics, however, show that the government distorts the facts. In addition, the government continues to advance harsh interpretations of the law to the detriment of productive immigrants and their families. We take seriously our task of exposing these distortions, promoting accountability, and fighting with immigrant communities against policies that needlessly separate families, deny legal rights, and divide working communities. We also advocate for the end of border enforcement policies that contribute to the ongoing tragedy of shocking numbers of immigrant deaths.

Although the DREAM Act is not yet law, we were thrilled to receive the Dreamer Defenders Award from the United We Dream coalition for our support for the DREAM Act to enable children of non-citizens to attend university. We are proud to support immigrants’ right to education.

As the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild marks its 40th Anniversary Year and I enter my twenty-sixth year as executive director, we know that the kind of social change we seek does not come easily. It requires passion, will, courage, organization, and perseverance. We feel that our mission, our voice, our ideas—and your support—are critical. I want to thank all our members and allies working to promote social justice for immigrants. You are central to our success. Rest assured that we will not flinch from future challenges. We hope that you will continue to stand with us in these difficult times.

Many thanks,

Dan Kesselbrenner

# WHO WE ARE

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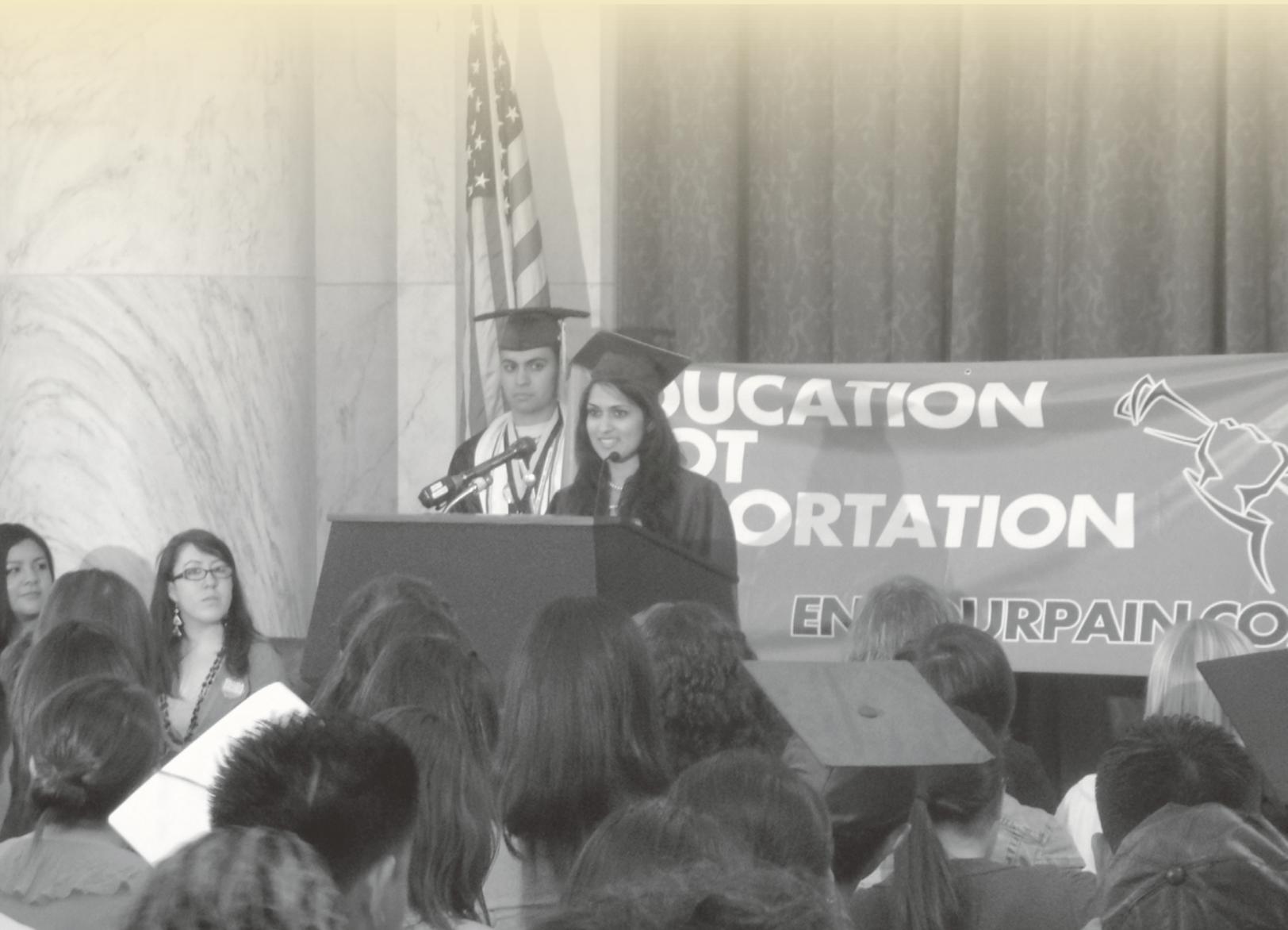
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The National Immigration Project is a national non-profit organization that provides legal and technical assistance to immigrant communities, legal practitioners, and advocates working to advance the rights of noncitizens. We promote justice and equality of treatment in all areas of immigration law, the criminal justice system, and in social policies related to immigration. Marking its 40th Anniversary Year in 2011, the National Immigration Project remains a progressive source of advocacy-oriented legal support on issues critical to immigrant rights.

The National Immigration Project specializes in defending people who are often excluded from society, including detained and incarcerated immigrants, noncitizens living with HIV/AIDS, and noncitizen survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence. Our work also counteracts

the profiling of individuals, as well as punitive immigration enforcement programs that violate basic constitutional rights of noncitizens as well as citizens. We strengthen the technical capacity of immigration professionals, while promoting public policy change through direct advocacy. Our work is based upon a foundation of over 1,000 members nationwide, including immigration practitioners, legal advocates, detainees self-taught in the law, law students, community-based immigrant organizations, and all allies of fair and just U.S. immigration policy.

The National Immigration Project remains steadfast in its commitment, nimble in its response to emerging needs, and integrated in its program methodology. We invite you to join us as the National Immigration Project secures its future, protecting and expanding immigrant rights in the U.S. today, tomorrow, and into the next 40 years.



# WHAT WE DO

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*NIPNLG provided legal support for this Atlanta immigrant rights' march, enlisting our members and volunteers as legal observers.*

## CRIMINAL AND DEPORTATION DEFENSE

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A noncitizen in the criminal justice system faces permanent banishment from the U.S. and separation from her or his family. Criminal defense counsel may be unaware or uninformed about the immigration consequences of a criminal conviction. NIPNLG has been at the forefront of the national effort to help criminal defense lawyers understand the law and protect their noncitizen clients.

Executive Director Dan Kesselbrenner is one of the leading experts on the intersection of criminal and immigration law in the U.S. The 2010 Supreme

Court decision *Padilla v. Kentucky*, for example, cited the treatise that he co-authored, *Immigration Law and Crimes*, more than once, a testament to the value and longevity of the Project's methodology and scholarship.

Since it began tracking requests in 2003, the National Immigration Project has provided well over 6,000 instances of direct technical assistance to attorneys and advocates in some fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, many pertaining to criminal and immigration policy.

## DEFENDING POLITICAL RIGHTS

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The National Immigration Project opposes immigration enforcement that limits the democratic participation of noncitizens in civil society. We work to ensure that noncitizens have the right to free political expression and participation in the free marketplace of ideas, by helping create tools for noncitizens

to express their views, and by working with advocates to create response plans for noncitizens who engage in direct social actions for causes they believe in.

From at least the beginning of the last century and through the current era, immigrants have been targeted in the U.S. for their

political views and activities. The National Immigration Project works to combat these unjust government actions through coalition-building, by providing legal analysis and strategies, by organizing with immigrant communities, and by providing legislative analysis of harmful legislative provisions.

*Pictured left: Immigrant students held an event in Washington DC to press for the Dream Act, drawing attention to the plight of undocumented students with no pathway for legalizing their immigration status. NIPNLG prepared materials, advised students, located defense counsels, and negotiated with officials on behalf of the DREAMers.*



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*Mother Concepción and son Jaime Sebastian live in a trailer park in Coachella Valley, CA, where the owner has failed to provide electricity and basic services.*

## SUPPORT FOR NONCITIZENS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS

The National Immigration Project educates legal and health service providers about the immigration options for noncitizens living with HIV/AIDS, and advocates for their legal rights under U.S. immigration law.

On January 4, 2010, the National Immigration Project celebrated the lifting of the HIV immigration ban, as the Department of Health and Human Services issued its final ruling removing HIV from immigration regulations. As the government implements the lifting of the HIV ban, NIPNLG continues to play a pivotal role.

## HELPING CRIME VICTIMS

For over two decades, the National Immigration Project has been a leader in expanding legal rights for noncitizens under victims' rights legislation. We train practitioners to ensure that victims have meaningful access to the rights Congress granted through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and subsequent legislation.

We also confront government interpretations that are inconsistent with these laws, which were enacted specifically to protect noncitizen victims. Above all, we advocate for victims and survivors within every phase of immigration enforcement, and in all immigration policy-setting arenas. Our work seeks to address

the double (and often greater) disenfranchisement of individuals who are both immigrants and also victims of crimes, including survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault.

The Project also works at the intersection of its programs (e.g., when a victim of violence is also a noncitizen criminal defendant), thus connecting national efforts to counteract harsh enforcement and the criminalization of immigrants, with the victims' rights movement. In addition, we liaise with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in especially troubling cases brought to us by our members, and provide assistance to advocates working with undocumented victims of violence.



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*Juan Jiménez has picked lemons in El Hoyo, CA, operated a sewing machine in an L.A. sweatshop, and worked in the Huffy bicycle factory in Azusa, CA.*



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Marching for immigrant rights' march - "Blanket crackdown on immigrants undermines nation's security."

## COUNTERACTING HARMFUL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES AND RAIDS

In addition to cutting-edge legal strategies, the National Immigration Project develops community resources to increase awareness about draconian enforcement actions and the toll exacted upon families and communities. The current situation for noncitizens – and for people of color perceived to be noncitizens – is one of overreaching enforcement tactics that violate basic civil and human rights.

To promote government accountability and remedies for unlawful immigration

enforcement activities, NIPNLG litigates before federal district courts, courts of appeal, and the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as in immigration courts and before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

In addition, the Project routinely files *amicus* (friend of court) briefs in cases seeking to vindicate the legal rights of noncitizens. Through workshops, seminars, and consultation, the Project also trains attorneys to bring litigation that seeks to rectify governmental misconduct committed against noncitizens. Further, we prepare

accessible printed materials so that ordinary individuals may understand their rights and responsibilities under U.S. law; conduct seminars on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) programs for community groups; and train practitioners on how to argue that evidence obtained unlawfully from their clients should not be used against them.

The Project also mentors volunteer attorneys representing individuals arrested during immigration enforcement activities where government officials have violated the law.

# NIPNLG'S REACH

The National Immigration Project maintains staff in its national headquarters in Boston, MA, and in Washington, D.C. Since 1984, NIPNLG has provided trainings in some 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, with participants from all 50 states. The Project has trained over 5,000 community-based advocates, attorneys, judges, and law students on such topics as the immigration consequences of criminal conduct, immigration detention, immigrant victims of crimes, and posting bond. With roughly one thousand members nationwide, NIPNLG provided over 1,000 instances of technical assistance in 2010 on issues critical to immigrant justice.

## MILWAUKEE, WI

**JUNE**  
Provides a day-long training to the Milwaukee Bar Association on the Supreme Court decision, *Padilla v. Kentucky*.

## MINNEAPOLIS, MN

**SEPTEMBER**  
Participates in “*Padilla v. Kentucky: A Foundation for Collaboration between Immigration and Criminal Defense Attorneys*” at the University of Saint Thomas Law School.

## BOISE, ID

**JUNE**  
Educates criminal defense attorneys about the *Padilla* decision and immigration consequences.

## SAN FRANCISCO, CA

**SEPTEMBER**  
**AWIN!**  
Successfully presents oral argument on behalf of Amici Curiae in U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The court ultimately held that immigration courts cannot prevent a noncitizen whom the government has deported from filing a motion to reopen his or her immigration case.

## SAN DIEGO, CA

**MARCH**  
Presents “Advanced Topics in Deportation and Removal Defense,” attended by 100 immigration attorneys and advocates.

## PHOENIX, AZ

**JULY**  
Supports protesters of Arizona’s anti-immigrant law, SB1070, by developing materials, activating members, and providing technical assistance to a local group organizing mass opposition. Provides legal support, legal observers, on-site consultation, on-call attorneys, and post-action volunteers. Also filed amicus brief in support of litigation to stop SB1070 from taking effect.

## ALBUQUERQUE, NM

**MAY**  
Educates over 100 beginner, intermediate, and advanced civil rights and immigration practitioners in “Litigating Law Enforcement Misconduct in the Immigration Context,” an innovative new curriculum not previously available to attorneys.

## AUSTIN, TX

**SEPTEMBER**  
Presentation of *Deportation 101*, a ground-breaking resource that provides basics on detention and deportation, and how to organize in communities directly impacted by deportation.

### 5 NEW PRACTICE ADVISORIES

In 2010, we published five new Practice Advisories, which are as follows: Whom to Sue and Whom to Serve in Immigration-Related District Court Litigation; Sample *Carachuri-Rosendo* Motions; Living under *Silva-Trevino*: Challenge to the New Definition of Moral Turpitude; Fair Sentencing Act Alters Immigration Treatment of Crack Cocaine Convictions; and Retroactive Applicability of *Padilla v. Kentucky*.

### DEPORTATION 101 CURRICULUM

We published the 2010 revised edition of *Deportation 101* in both Spanish and English, a ground-breaking curriculum that provides basics on detention and deportation, and how to organize in communities directly impacted by deportation.

### SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS

Staff gave input into two key proposed legislative initiatives affecting immigrant crime victims in collaboration with national women’s and immigrant rights organizations.

### LITIGATION

NIPNLG filed nine *amicus* briefs and presented oral argument in two cases impacting the procedural and substantive rights of noncitizens. We also filed an affirmative damages suit for unlawful arrest and beating of a noncitizen.

### SUPPORT FOR DETAINEES

We responded to over 80 letters from unrepresented detainees.



# 2010 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## CINCINNATI, OH OCTOBER

**A WIN!**  
Successfully presents oral argument on behalf of Amici Curiae in U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. The appellate court chastised the immigration courts for preventing noncitizens from seeking to reopen their cases from outside the U.S., repudiating the government's view that immigration courts lack "jurisdiction" over such cases.

## NEW YORK, NY JANUARY

Makes presentation on the merger of the criminal justice and immigration systems at the Conference on Irregular Migration: Legal and Policy Perspectives, attended by over 200 United Nations officials, Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), and public providers of services to immigrants.

## FOXBOROUGH, MA JANUARY-APRIL

Provides a "Know Your Rights" training to 45 individuals arrested during an ICE vehicle stop, helps secure their attorneys, and provides training and legal support to their lawyers.

## BOSTON, MA JANUARY

Participates in a national webinar for 300 attorneys supporting Haitian immigrants in obtaining Temporary Protected Status, in response to the Jan. 2010 Haitian earthquake that left the island decimated and Haitians in the U.S. with little option for return.

## WASHINGTON D.C. JUNE

Helps lead a coalition effort that results in the D.C. Chief of Police's withdrawal from Secure Communities, a controversial ICE ACCESS program. This success is recognized nationwide by advocates as a model for responding successfully to proposed Secure Communities initiatives.

## WINCHESTER, VA DECEMBER

Conducts training for Public Defenders and District Attorneys

## RICHMOND, VA JANUARY-MARCH

Co-leads "Immigration Consequences of Criminal Conduct: Problems, Solutions, and Best Practices series" at the Virginia Women Attorneys Association.

## MEMPHIS, TN MAY

Participates in two trainings for lawyers and judges at the Federal Bar Association annual conference.

## MAY

Coordinates and organizes representation for the "Trail of Dreams" students who march to Washington D.C. to draw attention to the plight of undocumented students who have no pathway for legalizing their immigration status. Prepares materials, advises students, locates criminal and immigration defense counsels, and negotiates with officials on behalf of the DREAMers.

## SEPTEMBER

Co-conducts a training on detainers and immigration enforcement programs for 15 Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Washington D.C. agencies.

## NASHVILLE, TN DECEMBER

Presents at Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Seminar: "What You Need to Know About: Criminal Immigration Issues, Law Office Management and Client Centered Representation."

## CHAPEL HILL, NC NOVEMBER

Conducts a workshop at the conference. "Unfinished Work: Advancing New Strategies in the Struggle for Civil Rights."

## NEW ORLEANS, LA SEPTEMBER

Conducts or co-facilitates six different trainings at the National Lawyers Guild annual convention.

## COBB COUNTY, GA AUGUST

Co-files a federal civil rights lawsuit against two police officers over the stop, arrest, and beating of a unarmed Latino man who was stopped while riding his bicycle.

## MIAMI, FL OCTOBER

Co-hosts the symposium, "Immigration Law and Deportation Defense: Intermediate and Advanced Topics" at University of Miami Law School.



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*Indian guest workers in Mississippi marching for labor protections despite the threat of deportation. Their organizing was instrumental in building pressure for the POWER Act to protect immigrant workers from employers who use immigration status as a weapon to undercut the right to organize.*

# APPLAUSE FOR OUR WORK

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*The National Immigration Project is of critical assistance to those who defend those who are at society's margins – the new immigrant, the undocumented immigrant, the refugee, the dispossessed. ... The work that the Project does is, frankly, invaluable.*

*- Robert J. Barron  
Colorado Springs, CO*

*You bring dependable information, responsive support and tremendous heart to this important work. Thanks for all you do to defend and strengthen the best in the American tradition.*

*- Fran Ansley  
Knoxville, TN*

*We need the NIPNLG more than ever, to keep the government in bounds on immigration issues.*

*- Milton A. Fatt  
Cambridge, MA*

*The Project and its staff are an invaluable source of information and insight on complex areas of immigration law. I always feel I am getting a tremendous resource with my membership, worth far more than I pay each year for my dues.*

*- Bart Stroupe  
Seattle, WA*

*Whenever I have a tough criminal or deportation issue, I call Dan Kesselbrenner. He is a walking case citator!*

*- Denyse Sabagh, Esq.  
Washington, D.C.*

# National Immigration Project in the... | 1970s

1971

National Immigration Project is formed in Los Angeles as a committee of the National Lawyers Guild with the title, "National Lawyers Guild Immigration Panel." The first meeting has an attendance of 18 people. Meetings are held monthly at the apartment of David and Dori Aberson.

1975

First national office opens in Los Angeles.

1976

Compiles first Brief Bank. Briefs are available to purchase at ten cents per page.



Political cartoon featured in the March-April, 1978 Newsletter (Vol. 7 No. 2)

1978

Opposes mob action against immigrants in the Hanigan case, wherein the Hanigan brothers were acquitted, despite solid evidence of kidnapping, robbing, torturing, and shooting three Mexican farmworkers. One brother is eventually given a three-year sentence.

1973

Conducts first legal education seminar in Chicago.

1974

Publishes *Immigration Defense Manual*, distributes one thousand copies quickly, and publishes a second edition in 1975. In 1979, a major law publisher purchases and publishes its successor, *Immigration Law and Defense*.

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## IMMIGRATION NEWSLETTER

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### FINALLY...A PRACTICAL IMMIG. DEFENSE MANUAL

The National Lawyers Guild Immigration Project is proud to present the first edition of its IMMIGRATION DEFENSE MANUAL. This up-to-date book is designed specifically to assist practitioners in the defense of non-U.S. citizens currently living in the U.S., as well as persons attempting to enter the U.S.

The 250 pages of this 3 ring notebook contain all the steps a practitioner will have to follow in order to immigrate a client into the U.S., as well as a detailed discussion of the deportation and appellate processes.

The permanent residency chapter contains a thorough analysis and discussion of the newly enacted Eilberg Law.

For the first time, attorneys discuss various strategies and tactics of deportation defense, as well as the existing state of the law.

In addition to a complete subject index, the manual has indexed sections on cited statutes, cases, rules, codes, INS forms, texts, and the INA.

In the back of the manual is a complete appendix including sample appeals & forms which have been filled out by practicing immigration attorneys.

Among the contributors are Ira Gollobin, John Bernier, Gary Silbiger, Luke Hiken, Ken Leshen, Barbara Honig, Dick Elden, William Waterman Jr., Mike Eng, Pam Britton, Ann Kanter, Juan Soliz and Jacobo Rodriguez

The Manual contains the following chapters:  
 Chapter 1. How To Use This Manual  
 Chapter 2. History of U.S. Immigration  
 Chapter 3. Permanent Residence  
 Chapter 4. Deportation Hearing  
 Chapter 5. Relief From Deportation  
 Chapter 6. Appeals To The B.I.A.  
 Chapter 7. Petitions for Review

The price for Guild members is \$35. For non-guild folks the price is \$45 and for libraries the price is \$55. All Manuals will be sent to you via United Parcel Service. The Manual will be sent to those ordering on May 20. But, please send in your orders now to: Immigration Project 712 S. Grandview L.A., Cal. 90057

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March-April 1977 Newsletter (Vol. 6 No. 2)

1978

Coordinates legal support for the noncitizens affected in the Sbicca Shoe Factory raid.

1978

Supports the case of the ISA 21, in which Iranian students face deportation over lawful protests on American soil.

# ... | 1980s

1980

Relocates to Boston, and officially becomes incorporated.

1980

U.S. Supreme Court subscribes to the National Immigration Project Newsletter.

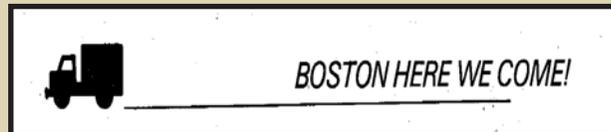


Image from 1980 Newsletter

1982

Forms the Central American Refugee Defense Fund (CARDF), founded by Project members Carolyn Patty Blum and Marc Van Der Hout. CARDF provides national coordination for the defense of Central American refugees and responds to the growing legal needs of the national sanctuary movement.

1981

Coordinates emergency relief and legal aid for thousands of Haitian immigrants subjected to unfair, unlawful, and misleading treatment by Immigration Naturalization Services (INS) officers.

1982

Participates in a multi-organizational, ecumenical, cross-border Central American refugee human rights delegation from Tijuana through Harlingen, Texas.

1984

Forms the Visa Denial Project, and in 1985 publishes the visa denial handbook, "Getting In: Guide to Overcoming the Political Denial of Nonimmigrant Visas."

1984

Submits amicus brief to Supreme Court in *INS vs. Stevic*, which supports fairer and more humanitarian standards of proof for asylum seekers.



Graphic design from September-October, 1978 Newsletter (Vol. 7 No. 3)

1984

*Immigration Law and Crimes* is first published, authored by Lory Rosenberg and Dan Kesselbrenner.

1986

Establishes the Carol King Award in memory of activist, teacher, litigator and founding NLG member Carol Weiss King, given in recognition of individuals and organizations doing exemplary work in representation, community organizing and education, or litigation.

1986

Provides first national training following passage of the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

1989

Sponsors the legal defense of the LA 8, in which seven Palestinians and one Kenyan are accused of terrorism based upon unfounded charges, and are slated for deportation. It is a heavily-publicized case that becomes a cause célèbre for immigrants and a surprise victory for the constitutional rights of the foreign-born within the U.S. After nearly 20 years, in 2007 the U.S. finally drops the case.

1987

Discovers that INS has infiltrated NIPNLG annual membership meeting to take notes for U.S. government regarding defects in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 being identified by Project members during the meeting.

# ... | 1990s

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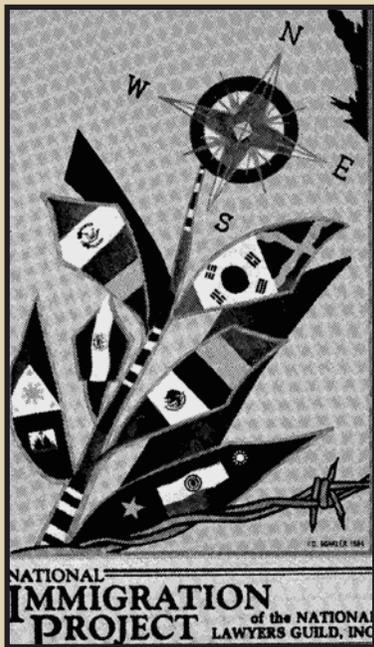
Plays a key role in *American Baptist Churches v. Thornburgh*, which results in victory for approximately 500,000 Guatemalan and Salvadoran asylum seekers, challenging systemic ideological bias in asylum adjudications. The INS agrees to review and adjudicate all denials of Salvadoran and Guatemalan claims.

1992

Co-founds the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women, the predecessor to the National Network to End Violence against Immigrant Women, which NIPNLG co-founds in 1993.

1994

Helps write the immigration laws in the very first Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 and its progeny. Serves as primary liaison with former Immigration and Naturalization Service for related laws.



Poster designed for the National Immigration Project by David Minkler

1999

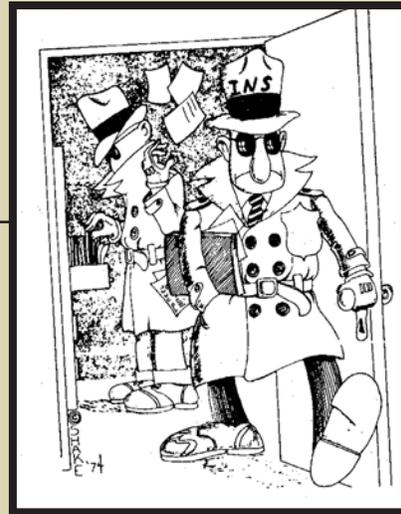
*U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization Handbook* is first published, written by Daniel Levy.

1992

*Immigration Law and Family* is first published, written by Sarah B. Ignatius and Elisabeth S. Stickney.

1992

Executive Director is named to the Clinton Presidential Transition team.



A popular political cartoon from early Newsletters

1995

Publishes manual to support those who assist HIV-positive immigrants. Manual is published in English, Chinese, Haitian Kreyol, Khmer, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

1995

Works with a coalition of domestic violence and immigrant rights organizations on implementing VAWA to increase protections for victims of crimes.

1996

In conjunction with the ACLU, NIPNLG responds to threats to fairness in the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA) by publishing a series of practice advisories.

1997

Founds the National Coalition to Protect Political Freedom to challenge the government's use of secret evidence against noncitizens (evidence that is brought against a person, but which they can neither see nor respond to).

# ...2000s

2001

Opposes INS treatment, and documents abuses, of detainees arrested in the aftermath of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks.

2002

Creates the Daniel Levy Award to honor the memory of NIPNLG member Daniel Levy, tireless advocate on behalf of immigrant and civil rights. The award is given annually in recognition of organizations that exemplify creative, collective organizing work.

2007

Along with the Detention Watch Network, begins collaboration with Immigrant Defense Project and Families for Freedom to create an expanded curriculum of groundbreaking immigrant rights

2008

Joins other immigrant advocacy organizations to form the Immigration Advocates Network (IAN), an unprecedented collaboration of top immigration advocacy, policy, and legal support organizations.

*There are few people I can think of who deserve more congratulations for the tremendous work that led to the court's decision in Padilla v. Kentucky. You are our shining stars.*

- Lisa Palumbo, Chicago, IL

2010

Helps mobilize communities to oppose the widely criticized ICE ACCESS program Secure Communities (SCOMM) in Washington, D.C., resulting in the withdrawal from SCOMM by the D.C. Chief of Police and D.C. City Council, a victory recognized nationwide as a model for responding successfully to proposed Secure Communities initiatives.

2001

Joins a delegation of immigrant rights leaders who travel to South Africa for the World Conference Against Racism.

2003

Develops an online media advocacy toolkit to assist members in developing Op Eds about the dangers of the CLEAR Act of 2003 (Clear Law Enforcement for Criminal Alien Removal) and similar legislation.

2003

In collaboration with other groups, scores a major federal court victory in *Hernandez v. Ashcroft*, successfully upholding the special suspension of deportation options for immigrant survivors of abuse in VAWA.

2008

Major VAWA victory as U.S. government issues directive allowing battered immigrant women and children the opportunity to apply for a Green Card regardless of their manner of entry into the U.S.

2008

Files, along with other advocacy groups and former detained immigrants, a law suit against Michael Chertoff, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), demanding that DHS issue comprehensive and enforceable regulations governing detention standards for immigration detainees.

2010

After years of tireless advocacy by NIPNLG and others, the U.S. lifts the ban on HIV-positive immigrants traveling or immigrating to the U.S.

2010

Signaling a new height, NIPNLG contributes to two decisions at the U.S. Supreme Court in which a noncitizen prevails: *Padilla v. Kentucky* and *Carachuri-Rosendo v. Holder*.

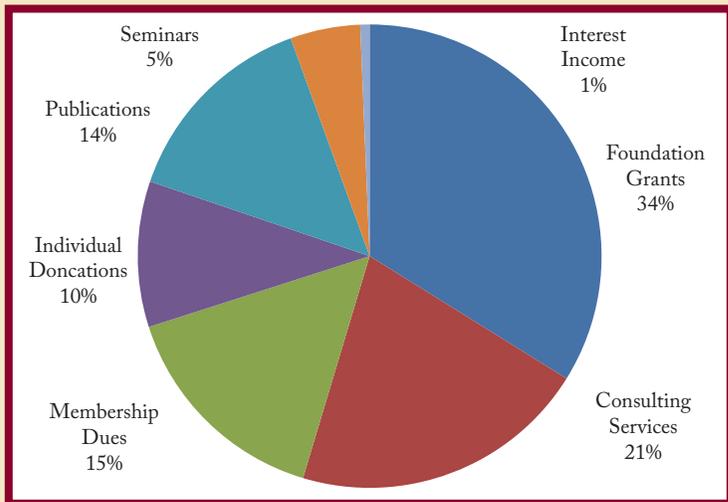
2011: NIPNLG turns 40!

# FY2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

The National Immigration Project's FY2010 financial results reflect the growing confidence of donors, members, and funders in the Project's approach to achieving immigrant rights. It also reflects the Project's diverse revenue base, which includes consulting fees, revenues from continuing legal education (CLE) seminars, income from books we publish or contribute to, foundation grants, membership dues, and individual contributions. We are thrilled that individuals contributed over \$90,000 to the Project in 2010. We hope to surpass that amount in 2011 in honor of the National Immigration Project's 40th Anniversary, and its future.

NIPNLG works hard to earn the confidence of our donors and partners, acting as good stewards of our contributors' generosity. In 2010 we received restricted funds retained to fund multi-year programs. Additional assets will be used for future investments required to meet our program goals, and to ensure that adequate reserves are available to meet unexpected program needs. Our 2010 Financial Audit is available by contacting the Director of Development.

## INCOME

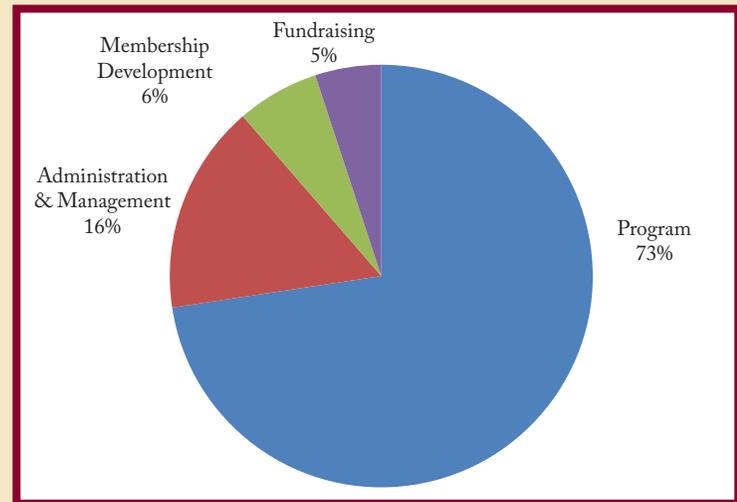


Foundation Grants	307,000
Consulting Services	188,400
Membership Dues	139,800
Publications	129,200
Donations	92,200
Seminars	44,200
Interest Income	5,900

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**TOTAL** **906,700**

## EXPENSES



Program	603,600
Admin. & Management	133,300
Membership Development	52,400
Fundraising	42,000

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**TOTAL** **831,300**

# YOUR COMMITMENT

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The National Immigration Project is extremely grateful to have earned the confidence and received support from over 220 individuals and foundations in 2010. The combined gifts and grants of our supporters contributed approximately \$400,000 to the National Immigration Project's efforts to defend and expand immigrant rights.

We extend heartfelt thanks to the individuals, foundations, and law firms listed below. We are grateful for each and every contribution, regardless of size or amount. We also deeply appreciate those individuals who donated anonymously in 2010, or via workplace giving campaigns such as the Combined Federal Campaign and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employee Charitable Campaign.

Your collective generosity brings us closer to our goal of fair and just treatment under the law for all.

## Foundations

Lois and Irving Blum Foundation  
Ford Foundation  
Open Society Institute  
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