



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: Habeas Corpus Cases Challenging Immigration Detention

NY Habeas Project

Immigrant-ARC, with support of the Immigrant Rights Clinic at NYU Law, has launched the NY Habeas Project. A description of the project is below.

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Project Description: Immigrant-ARC and the NYU Law Immigrant Rights Clinic have launched a habeas project to file habeas petitions on behalf of non-citizens in the NYC-area who have been arrested and detained by ICE. This project matches immigration attorneys with volunteer federal litigators to fully litigate habeas petitions on behalf of detained New Yorkers. Each team will be matched with an immigration habeas mentor who can provide technical support and review. Our project will provide training and templates.

We are looking for volunteer attorneys who are comfortable litigating in federal court and who would have the capacity to file and litigate a habeas petition (with support!). We have piloted this model and it has resulted in the release of a number of New Yorkers. If you are interested in participating in this project, or even just want to learn more, please fill out this form.

The filing of a habeas petition is now required for almost anyone in ICE detention, but due to the increasing enforcement across New York City, immigration legal service providers are overwhelmed. We also anticipate a dramatic increase in the enforcement in the coming months in New York City, so the need is incredibly urgent. We hope to leverage the NYC legal community's expertise to address the rising need for habeas practice and support our community members facing the most dire consequences of the current state of immigration enforcement.



Lawyers for Good Government

Lawyers for Good Government is developing resources to assist volunteers who have federal litigation experience and are willing to bring immigration habeas cases.

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National Habeas Immigration Institute (NIHI)

Attorneys may join NIHI's mailing list to learn of upcoming trainings in 2026:

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