

Know Your Rights and Immigration Resources

Members have reached out looking for what they can do in these times. We've worked with our member partners at various civil legal aid organizations and compiled this non-exhaustive list of opportunities:

Pro Bono Opportunities:

- **Volunteer Lawyer Network (VLN):** VLN has a new [Deportation Preparedness \(DP\) Volunteer Training Program](#) to help individuals with civil legal issues surrounding their immigration status. Volunteers advise clients who may be at risk of deportation regarding what steps they may take to mitigate the collateral consequences to themselves and their families such as arranging for someone else to manage their financial affairs via a power-of-attorney or care for their children via a delegation of parental authority. To sign up for DP work, volunteers should [complete the volunteer registration](#) and indicate interest in DP on that application. More information on DP Training:
 - **Time Commitment:** 1-4 hours, depending on the case and whether an interpreter is needed
 - **Level of Service:** advice and possibly brief services drafting power-of-attorney and delegation of parental authority forms.
 - **Experience required?** None. Entry-level cases are also available.
- **Advocates for Human Rights (Volunteer - The Advocates for Human Rights)** Volunteers who are interested in taking on a pro bono immigration case can get both the training and support they need from the Advocates for Human Rights. A list of cases that are available for placement are listed directly on their website along with the volunteer enrollment form.
- **ProJusticeMN (<https://www.projusticemn.org/immigration-resources/>)**
 - Create an account with ProJusticeMN to browse opportunities that are available through members of the Legal Services Immigration HUB and other community partners.

Legal Observer Trainings and Resources

If you are interested in receiving legal observer trainings, here are a few groups that offer trainings and/or have resources on their websites:

- UNIDOS MN (Monarca):
 - [Training — Monarca](#) (*The New Lawyers Section has inquired about hosting a training for members on 1/9/26. If we can get a training it will be shared with all members.*)
 - [Know Your Rights Card](#)
 - [VLN and Monarca- Family Preparedness Toolkit - English](#)
 - [VLN and Monarca- Family Preparedness Toolkit - Spanish](#)
- COPAL: <https://copalmn.org/>
- Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee (MIRAC): <https://www.miracmn.com/>
- Immigrant Defense Network: <https://immigrantdefensenetwork.org/#about>
- The Advocates for Human Rights Immigration Court Monitoring and WATCH Court Monitoring Programs (monitors have temporarily been denied access since FBI took over the Whipple building on Wednesday, but may resume in the future): [Immigration Court Monitoring - The Advocates for Human Rights](#)

Know Your Rights Resources

Here are links to short YouTube Know Your Rights (KYRs) videos that ILCM recently recorded with the Minnesota Attorney Look Up and ICE Detainer Locator websites referenced in the videos. They help people understand what to do if a loved one is detained by ICE and how to check immigration court information through EOIR. The videos are currently available in English and Spanish. Please feel free to share with your connections. The links are also on the ILCM Know Your Rights page: <https://www.ilcm.org/immigration-resources/know-your-rights/> We are working on publishing the videos in Somali, Karen, and possibly Hmong as well.

5 things to know if you or your loved one is detained by ICE - Know Your Rights videos:

- English: [Know Your Rights \(English\)](#)
- Spanish: [Conoce Tus Derechos Know Your Rights \(Spanish\)](#)

Minnesota Attorney Look Up: <https://mars.courts.state.mn.us/>

ICE Detainer Locator: <https://locator.ice.gov/>

Navigating the EOIR Automated Case Information system:

- English: [Overview of Executive Office for Immigration Review EOIR \(English\)](#)
- Spanish: [Overview of Executive Office for Immigration Review EOIR \(Spanish\)](#)

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM) Detention Line: If you know someone who is detained by ICE, the detainee or their family member can contact the detention line for

resources and information. To see the phone number and the current hours, visit this page and scroll down: <https://www.ilcm.org/immigration-help/>

Immigration Legal Services Hub: Five of Minnesota's legal services partners (*The Advocates for Human Rights, VLN, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, and Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services*) have coordinated to develop Minnesota's [Immigration Legal Services Hub](#).

- Information on Immigration Hub legal clinic information can be found here: <https://www.lawhelpmn.org/minnesotas-immigration-legal-services-hub-initiative>
- Link to Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN) legal clinics: <https://www.vlnmn.org/help/clinics/>
- Link to the Minnesota Family Deportation Preparedness manual: https://www.vlnmn.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Minnesota_Family_Deportation_Preparedness_Manual.pdf
- Link to Immigration Hub factsheets available in multiple languages. The “Deportation Issues” folder contains relevant resources. Make sure to click on “SHOW ALL” to see the entire list of resources within a folder: <https://www.lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/immigration>

Staying Connected via LinkedIn and Organization Communications: Sign up for email communications and follow them on LinkedIn:

Immigrant Law Center Minnesota

- <https://www.ilcm.org/get-involved/subscribe/>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/immigrant-law-center-of-minnesota>

Volunteer Lawyers Network

- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/volunteer-lawyers-network>
- Email sara.mcclendon@vlnmn.org to sign up for newsletters

Mid-Minneapolis Legal Aid

- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/mid-minnesota-legal-aid>
- https://mylegalaid.org/news-stories/newsletter_item/

The Advocates for Human Rights

- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-advocates-for-human-rights>
- <https://theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/updates>

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services

- <https://www.smrls.org/stay-updated>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/company/southern-minnesota-regional-legal-services-inc>

Educational Opportunities:

On Demand CLEs:

- [How Lawyers Can Prepare Their Corporate Clients for Immigration Site Visits](#)
- [Advocacy in Action: Preparing and Presenting Immigration Bond Cases](#)
- [Legal Tools in Action: Power of Attorney and Parental Delegation in Pro Bono Practice](#)

Live CLEs:

- January 22, 2026- 8:30-9:30 AM | [Roundtable-Navigating ICE Enforcement: Strategies and Best Practices for Immigration Attorneys](#)
- January 27, 2026, 12:00-1:00 pm | [Managing Stress Mindfully](#)
- February 12, 2026, 12:00-1:00 pm | [Secondary Trauma in Legal Practice](#)
- February 24, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM | [Immigration Courts in Crisis: Removal Proceedings and the Erosion of Due Process](#)