

University of Baltimore School of Law Clinical Programs

Immigrant Rights Project: A Collaboration

UB's VISION

- To provide students with the opportunity to work on social justice issues for immigrants in a supportive environment
- To expand UB's outreach to the growing immigrant population in Baltimore and in Maryland as a whole
- To assist individual low income immigrants with direct services
- To work with immigrant advocates to develop programs and projects that would empower immigrants

COLLABORATION BETWEEN CLINICS

- IRP cases with UB's Civil Advocacy Clinic
 - Represented a low income immigrant who was owed back wages by an employer. We obtained a favorable outcome for this client.
 - Represents a low income immigrant who was summarily evicted by his landlord who was also his employer.
 - Represents a low income immigrant/asylee whose children were denied Medical Assistance.
 - Represents two asylum seekers in immigration court
 - Developed legal education materials for immigrants regarding notarios
 - Conducted outreach to day laborers (jointly with the nonprofit organization CASA of Maryland)
- IRP case with UB's Family Law Clinic
 - Represents an immigrant who was battered by her husband. The Family Law Clinic is assisting the client in her divorce while the IRP is assisting the client in her application to self-petition for legal permanent residency.

COLLABORATION WITH THE LOCAL BAR AND IMMIGRANT ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS

- The Project has collaborated with local immigration attorneys to discover areas of unmet need and to share referrals
- The Project has collaborated with six local immigrant rights organizations in order to assist asylees apply for permanent residency. So far the coalition has assisted 50 asylees (and their families) apply for permanent residency

SHARING INFORMATION WITH THE LARGER COMMUNITY

- Organized a number of public events to bring immigrant matters to the public in Baltimore on the following topics:
 - Women's human rights in Guatemala
 - Immigration prisons in the United States
 - The HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa
 - The legal and psychological aspects of asylum based on torture
- Events organized jointly with the American Friends Service Committee's Project Voice
 - Public discussion of upcoming legislation in the US Congress that will radically change the face of immigration
 - Film and public discussion of anti-immigrant action on the US border with Mexico