

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT

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THE PROJECT

The City Bar Justice Center's Refugee Assistance Project is unique in its impact. Obtaining asylum most often involves an emotionally charged process that can decide the course of the applicant's entire life. In many cases, our project provides much needed legal representation to those asylum-seekers who have been placed into removal proceedings.

WHAT WE DO

Asylum-seekers from all over the world — including Burundi, China, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Haiti, Jamaica, Nepal, Peru, Togo, Russia, Uzbekistan and Venezuela — are generally directed to our project by the Immigration Court or by other public service organizations. Others find out about our services from word-of-mouth. Those who contact our offices seeking legal assistance with their asylum cases must go through a thorough intake interview with one of our staff members. After the interviews, claims are evaluated in light of known country conditions and prevailing legal standards. Once cases are accepted, the Refugee Assistance Project pairs clients up with volunteer lawyers. Volunteers — who can depend on Refugee Assistance Project support — assist clients with the preparation of the asylum application and represent individuals at asylum hearings. Volunteers are not required to speak an additional language; the Refugee Assistance Project refers lawyers to volunteer translators and interpreters as needed.

GET INVOLVED!

Join the Refugee Assistance Project as a pro bono volunteer. We will teach you how to properly pursue an asylum case from beginning to end. You also will learn the difference between affirmative and defensive strategies, dependent on whether removal proceedings have yet commenced. The Refugee Assistance Project staff provide volunteers with detailed training sessions and substantive mentoring and support.

CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE LAW

The City Bar Justice Center annually provides direct legal representation, information, and advocacy to over 25,000 poor and vulnerable New Yorkers: immigrants, battered women, the homeless, the elderly, cancer survivors, consumers filing for bankruptcy, struggling small businesses, persons with criminal records, and others in need who cannot otherwise access legal resources.

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