

WHAT SETS US APART

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THE FIRST OF ITS KIND

IJC is the first fellowship dedicated to immigration; we are the biggest infusion of immigration talent seen in NYC in the last 20 years.

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TRAINING & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

IJC offers high quality, on-going training and skills development. Fellows foster lifelong professional connections during the program.

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EXPANDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

IJC expands access to justice for underrepresented communities while advocating quality representation for these populations.

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IMPROVING CURRENT SYSTEMS

IJC focuses on efficiently increasing services by placing Fellows with host organizations that have experience providing immigration services and leveraging the latest technologies.

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ADVOCATING RIGHT TO COUNSEL

The very existence of IJC has raised awareness of both the crisis of representation and the dramatic difference representation makes in immigration cases.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- >> Applicants may currently be enrolled in a JD or LLM program, so long as they will be graduating law school by Spring 2019;
- >> Applicants may have graduated from a JD or LLM program in 2018;
- >> Applicants may have graduated a JD or LLM program before 2018 so long as they have been enrolled in a clerkship or fellowship since graduation.

TO APPLY VISIT: IJC.FLUIDREVIEW.COM

THE SELECTION PROCESS

+ Application Review Round One

A selection committee consisting of partnering host organizations, current and past Justice Fellows, and supporters of Immigrant Justice corps gathers to review all all Justice Fellow applications and make recommendations to IJC staff in mid-November.

+ Application Review Round Two

IJC Staff reviews applications recommended by the selection committee and schedules interviews with prospective Justice Fellows in late November through early December.

+ Initial Matching Process

IJC will select a group of finalist Justice fellow applicants and finalist host organizations and seek input from both parties regarding matching the host organization finalist with the Justice Fellow finalist.

+ Offer Letters

In late December to early January, offer letters, which include the proposed host organization placement, are sent to 25 Justice Fellows. 10 Justice Fellow applicants will be placed on a waitlist for potential placement.



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CLASS OF 2019 - 2021

JUSTICE FELLOW PROGRAM



IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS

OUR MISSION

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS EMPOWERS A GENERATION OF IMMIGRATION LAWYERS AND ADVOCATES, REVITALIZING THE IMMIGRATION FIELD WHILE EXPANDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR THOUSANDS EACH YEAR.

Immigrant Justice Corps (“IJC”) is the country’s first fellowship program dedicated to meeting the need for high-quality legal assistance for immigrants seeking citizenship and fighting deportation. IJC’s goal is to recruit, train, and populate the immigration field with high quality advocates and lawyers that can provide legal assistance to help lift immigrant families out of poverty. As the next generation of immigration lawyers and advocates, IJC Fellows remove barriers to justice and economic opportunity for immigrants pursuing the American dream.

93%

of clients represented by Justice Fellows have successful outcomes.

Representation makes a difference. An immigrant with legal representation is nearly six times more likely to win a deportation case than without one.



Immigrant Justice Corps Fellows with Staff and Board Member, the Honorable Judge Robert Katzmann, at the annual Harvard Club welcome dinner for new Fellows.

- 78 FELLOWS
- 39 HOST ORGANIZATIONS
- 44,000+ IMMIGRANTS & FAMILIES SERVED

OUR STORY

The Hon. Robert Katzmann, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, originated the idea for Immigrant Justice Corps as a response to the crisis in legal representation for immigrants that he saw every day as a federal judge. The Robin Hood Foundation recognized IJC’s unique potential to help individuals escape a life of poverty. With \$1.4 million in seed-funding, Robin Hood enabled IJC to develop its model and prepare for launch. IJC was designed through extensive research and consultation with experts across the legal field. IJC launched its first class of Fellows in September 2014.

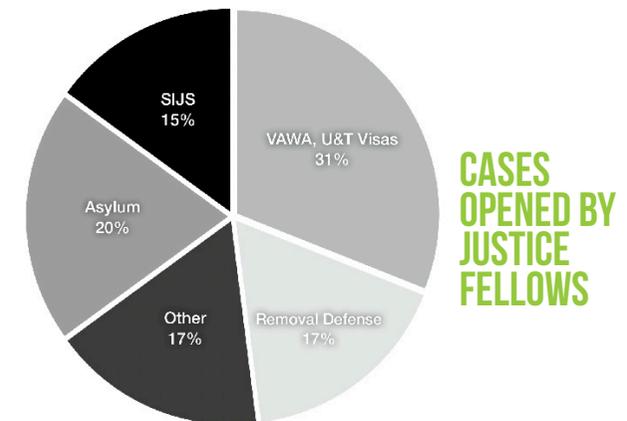
OUR APPROACH

IJC’s solution to the crisis of inadequate legal representation for millions of immigrants at risk of arrest, detention, and deportation is to populate the immigration bar with well-trained and high-caliber attorneys, creating a generation of leaders with a life-long commitment to immigrant justice. In little more than two years, IJC has assisted more than 44,000 immigrants and their family members with a 93% success rate in its cases. Every year, IJC recruits and trains talented law graduates (Justice Fellows) and college graduates (Community Fellows) for a two-year fellowship and pairs them with leading non-profit legal service providers and community based organizations. Justice Fellows provide representation in complex immigration matters, particularly in deportation defense.

JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

THE FELLOWSHIP

IJC awards Justice Fellowships to law graduates and law clerks from around the country - individuals with tremendous talent, promise, and a demonstrated commitment to providing legal services for immigrants. Justice Fellows provide a broad range of immigration services including deportation defense, applications for asylum, naturalization, green cards and other forms of relief available to juveniles and victims of crime, domestic violence or human trafficking.



CASES OPENED BY JUSTICE FELLOWS

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

IJC seeks Fellows who are smart, compassionate, and committed to legal justice for immigrants. IJC also seeks Fellows dedicated to the idea of a Fellowship program: you give us two years of hard work and we will make sure you are immersed in immigration law and helping immigrants who otherwise cannot afford quality representation. Almost all IJC Fellows speak a second language (including English).