

2019 In Review: A Year of Significant *Pro Bono* Achievement

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Barack Ferrazzano celebrated another successful year of *pro bono* partnership with the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), which provides *pro bono* immigration-related legal services and ensures access to justice for vulnerable communities. Together with NIJC, the Firm earned victories on behalf of over a dozen clients providing them urgently-needed free legal representation.

Highlights from 2019 include:

- **DACA Clinic Secures Renewal Approvals for DREAMers**
During the Firm's second annual onsite clinic, Barack Ferrazzano attorneys and paralegals obtained renewed legal status for nearly a dozen Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applicants ("DREAMers"). Thanks to their dedication and efforts, the clients were able to renew their temporary protected status, remain eligible to renew their work authorization, and further their educational and professional careers.
- **Asylum Victories**
Barack Ferrazzano trial teams obtained multiple victories for detained asylum seekers from around the world.
- ***Pro Bono* Asylum Representation Advocacy**
Following a string of victories on behalf of detained asylum seekers, Barack Ferrazzano Litigation Group partner Andrew E. Nieland offered his insights to attorneys currently involved or interested in representing individuals in immigration court as a panelist in NIJC's "Representing Detained Asylum Seekers: A Practical Approach for *Pro Bono* Attorneys."
- ***Pro Bono* Service Recognition**
Litigation associate Michael Educate was honored as an NIJC "Rising Star." This award recognizes individuals dedicated to ensuring access to justice, and who generously provide high quality *pro bono* services to clients with complex immigration cases.
- **#GivingTuesday Donations Matched to Protect Asylum Seekers**
For the third year in a row, Barack Ferrazzano's matching of donations to NIJC on #GivingTuesday allowed NIJC to provide increased legal representation to and facilitate family reunification for dozens of asylum seekers.

About The National Immigrant Justice Center

The National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) – a Heartland Alliance program – is a legal aid organization, dedicated to protecting human rights and access to justice for all immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. In addition to legal services NIJC serves these vulnerable groups through policy reform, impact litigation, and public education. NIJC has provided legal services to more than 10,000 individuals with a success rate of 90% in asylum cases.

To learn more about the NIJC, visit: <https://www.immigrantjustice.org>