

Announcing the National Lawyers Guild—SF Bay Area Eviction Defense Legal Support Network



The Eviction Defense Legal Support Network seeks to defend the rights of those most impacted by forced displacement and mass eviction.

WE DO THIS BY:

- Dispatching Legal Observers to encampment sweeps/evictions to document how the actions of law enforcement and other state actors impact those being displaced.
- Tracking the loss or damage of personal property and supporting with the filing of declarations against public agencies, including law enforcement.
- Creating Know Your Rights materials for encampments and residents resisting displacement.
- Providing on-call attorneys, jail support and access to bail to residents and supporters who may be arrested during evictions.
- Referrals to local legal aid and services for people who are unhoused.

YOU SHOULD REQUEST LEGAL SUPPORT THROUGH THIS **SIMPLE FORM** IF:

- You are a resident, service provider, or other advocate and you see an eviction notice posted at an encampment or know that one is scheduled.
- You are a resident, service provider, or other advocate and you are witnessing or experiencing an eviction with OR without notice.
- Form online at: nlgsf.ourpowerbase.net/legal-support-request (accessible via the QR code) →



YOU SHOULD **CALL** THE NLG-SFBA DEMONSTRATIONS HOTLINE **AT 415-909-4NLG** IF:

- You are a resident, service provider, or other advocate and you witness law enforcement or public agencies repressing encampment residents, people living in vehicles or other informal shelter who are resisting displacement.

If you or someone you know has been arrested for any reason during an encampment defense you can call the NLG-SFBA's Bay Area Jail Hotline at 415-285-1011 (please note this number will only work from inside a jail).

If you or someone you know has been arrested in Alameda County and is currently incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail and is seeking legal support you can call the NLG-SFBA's Santa Rita Jail Hotline at 510-925-4060.



Immigration Court Observation Program (ICOP)

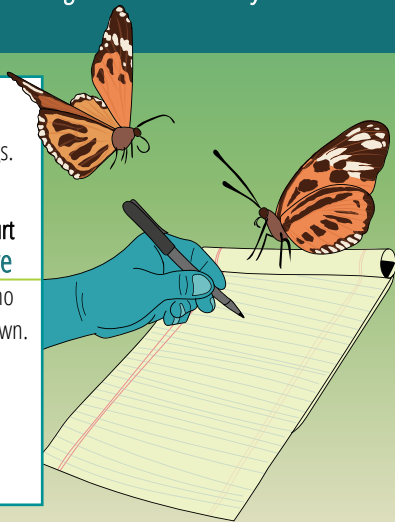
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The Immigration Court Observation program (ICOP) seeks to bring greater transparency and accountability to Immigration Court by training volunteers to attend and observe immigration hearings and document any violations of immigrants' due process rights.

THE PROGRAM trains law students and other community member volunteers to **attend, observe and document** detained and non-detained immigration court hearings.

Although immigration court hearings are open to the public, few people attend to observe these proceedings. There is also **no right to public counsel in immigration court** with limited exceptions and, therefore, only **15% of immigrants in detention are represented by attorneys**. This means that the vast majority of immigrants have no choice but to go up against the Department of Homeland Security attorneys on their own.

By maintaining a constant presence in San Francisco Immigration Court, ICOP keeps pressure on judges to **hold them accountable**, helps make court hearings **more transparent** and identifies any **needs and trends** in immigration court that impact immigrants' due process rights.



READY TO START VOLUNTEERING AS AN IMMIGRATION COURT OBSERVER?



Volunteering as an observer starts with getting trained.

- You do not need any previous experience with immigration courts. Training includes an overview of immigration law, immigration court proceedings including bond, master and individual hearings in removal or deportation proceedings.
- Trainees are introduced to the deportation/removal process, important things to note while observing, options for supporting a person in immigration proceedings, and how to contribute to national court observation data.
- Once trained, volunteers immediately can start attending immigration court hearings and submitting observation data.
- Fill out this form to volunteer: bit.ly/courtwatch1

If you're part of a group or organization that would like to start sending observer teams to San Francisco court hearings, request a training and get started at bit.ly/ICOP-Training

WANT OBSERVERS AND COURT SUPPORT AT AN UPCOMING IMMIGRATION HEARING?

- If you would like court observer-supporters at your or your client's immigration hearing, fill out the form at bit.ly/SFcourtwatchrequest

RESOURCES for migrants and advocates available at bit.ly/CourtWatchAR

CONTACT: If you are interested in getting involved or have any questions about the program, please contact migrantjustice@nlgsf.org

