

We connect **pro bono attorneys** with immigrants seeking relief

ANNA* WAS 17 YEARS OLD and living in her home country of Guatemala when her partner Joseph,* the father of her infant son, was murdered by a gang in a brutal retaliation killing. Facing death threats herself and out of options, Anna took her baby and fled the only home she knew, seeking refuge in the United States.

After a long and harsh journey, Anna was seized at the American border. Anna and her son spent several months in a detention facility in Virginia, dreading the possibility of being forced to return to Guatemala and the violence she knew awaited her there.

After meeting with Anna and screening her case, we introduced her to a power trio of pro bono attorneys from Hogan Lovells: Tracy Penfield, Carrie DeLone, and Caitlin Russo. Thanks to the Hogan Lovells team's tireless advocacy and dedication, Anna won her case for asylum. She and her son can now live in the United States in safety, free from constant fear.

*Name changed for client's safety



“We would not have been able to reach the same successful outcome for Anna and her son without the advice, support, and resources of CAIR Coalition.” – Carrie DeLone, Attorney, Hogan Lovells US LLP

Why take a case with CAIR Coalition?

We partner with more than 50 major law firms, corporate legal departments, and law school clinics in the DC area, who donated almost 20,000 hours in 2016.

1. Experience quick turnaround cases (average length of a detained adult case: 4-6 months)
2. Gain hands-on, valuable trial experience
3. Grow skills through strong mentorship from our immigration law experts
4. Discover a fast-moving and challenging area of the law
5. Save a child's life, reunite a family, or grant a second chance for a person in need

Donate to help more immigrants find justice

In the Washington, DC area, there are more detained adults and children than we can currently support. **Every \$5,000 donated helps us represent one client facing deportation.**



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CAPITAL AREA
IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS
COALITION

UNLOCKING JUSTICE

FOR DETAINED MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN

We help vulnerable immigrants fight deportation

The Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition is the only organization in the Washington, DC area dedicated to providing free legal support to immigrants held in detention centers.

We bring relief to many without hope

Every year, hundreds of thousands of detained immigrants are left to navigate a complex legal system on their own, where the cards are stacked against them. Language barriers, harsh detention center conditions, and lack of an attorney lead many detained immigrants to choose deportation out of desperation — even when they have a legal right to fight to remain in the United States.

In today's political climate, our list of clients in need is growing rapidly — and we are reaching further than ever to help them. Through **Know Your Rights presentations, case screenings, outreach to local public defenders, impact litigation, and pro-bono representation**, we give immigrant men, women, and children the tools they need to build a case and remain in their chosen home.



For detained immigrants lacking representation, our legal support is the key to a fighting chance

In 2016, nearly **4,000** men, women, and children in **11** detention facilities in the Capital Area had no representation.

Yet, immigrants with representation are **15x** more likely to apply for relief — and **500%** more likely to win their case.

CAIR Coalition's support included.*

1,966	Know Your Rights presentations for detained adults
199	adults received counsel
102	children received counsel
1,512	legal screenings of adults in detention
706	legal screenings of children in detention
20	appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals or Circuits
548	detained, unaccompanied immigrant children received legal assistance

* Statistics provided are for 2016 unless otherwise noted



We Take a Stand for Our Neighbors

CAIR Coalition works to **keep families together** amidst an immigration system threatening to tear them apart

VITALI* WAS JUST A TEENAGER when he and his whole family came to the United States from Ukraine. Excited to start a life in his new home, he secured his green card soon after arriving. Years later, as an adult, he faced some difficult challenges that left him battling an opioid addiction. After a string of unfortunate events, Vitali was arrested and convicted for possessing heroin and violating probation. Though his crimes were nonviolent, the U.S. government moved to deport Vitali to Ukraine, a country where he no longer had family or friends.

The outlook was bleak for Vitali, but luckily a team of pro bono attorneys from Cooley LLP stepped up to present a strong case against deportation. Working closely with Vitali and CAIR Coalition mentors, the pro bono team demonstrated that Vitali had fought the disease of addiction, had been a good member of the community, and had strong family support here in the U.S. — support he needed to stay sober.

With their zealous and heartfelt advocacy, the Cooley team helped Vitali keep his green card. He is now reunited with his family, back at home in his community, and secure on the path to a healthy recovery.

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How little does it take to end up detained and facing deportation?

- Driving with a missing tail-light
- Possessing a personal supply of a controlled substance, like marijuana
- Shoplifting or other petty crimes
- Using a fake ID to get a job
- Arriving at an airport and seeking asylum
- Showing up to a scheduled check-in with ICE
- Being in the wrong place at the wrong time
- Seeking safety at the southern border
- Lacking full documentation at any time