

The Habeas Project of New England – Legal Support for Unlawful ICE Detentions

The Habeas Project of New England provides support for immigrants facing unlawful detention without access to bond or meaningful judicial review. The Project, which is a partnership between Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Pathway for Immigrant Workers, AILA New England, ACLU Massachusetts, ACLU Maine, ACLU New Hampshire, ACLU Vermont, Vermont Asylum Assistance Project, and Lawyers' Committee for Rhode Island, matches immigration attorneys with federally barred attorneys to pursue habeas relief in federal court.

Referral Criteria

- We serve unlawfully detained immigrants who either reside in or are detained in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont.
- The individual must have (or be able to immediately obtain) immigration counsel.
- Habeas assistance is provided in partnership with the immigration attorney, who must be available to assist in the preparation of the habeas filing and litigation of the case.

What is **NOT** within the scope of the Project

- Cases where someone has been transferred to a jurisdiction outside of New England.
- Cases where the immigration attorney is unable to provide ongoing support in the habeas process. The habeas volunteer has committed only to the emergency filing. Any continued involvement beyond that point will be discussed and mutually agreed upon by the immigration attorney and the habeas volunteer.
- General questions about habeas petitions.

To Refer a Case

Email: immigrationhabeasproject@gmail.com. A secure intake form will follow.

This inbox is monitored Monday–Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding holidays).