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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Iowa College of Law

Associate Professor of Clinical Law &

Director of the Federal Impact Litigation Clinic

Adjunct Professor

July 2024–present

2018–2024

Courses Taught: Legal Clinic; Emerging Issues in Immigration Law & Policy, Advanced Appellate Advocacy

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

American Immigration Council (AIC), Washington, DC

2020–2024

Senior Legal Director

Legal Director of Litigation

- Led federal court impact litigation by developing class action and multi-plaintiff lawsuits filed under federal statutes and the U.S. Constitution. Lawsuits focus on federal agency rulemaking, the unlawful detention of immigrants, the laws surrounding immigrant youth, interior enforcement, family separation, and bureaucratic delays.
- Co-managed a team of seven attorneys and two paralegals by providing litigation advice and strategy, reviewing written pleadings, mentoring oral advocacy, setting individual and team goals, evaluating performance, and maintaining a team budget
- Served as senior counsel on litigation, which included drafting and reviewing pleadings and briefs, legal research, propounding and responding to written discovery, conducting depositions, participating in settlement negotiations, trial, oral arguments, and appellate work
- Drafted and supervised drafting of *amicus curiae* briefs to federal courts and immigration agencies
- Developed and oversaw AIC's [practice advisories](#), webinars, template federal court pleadings, and other legal education materials
- Regularly presented on federal court litigation issues at national immigration conferences and continuing legal education events
- Hosted and oversaw the development of an annual litigation strategy meeting addressing cutting-edge immigration litigation issues, convening 80-90 national litigators

- Spoke frequently with the media as a recognized expert on immigration issues, including *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, NPR, NBC, and the *Chicago Tribune*
- Collaborated closely with AIC's federal and local policy teams on legislative and administrative advocacy

National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL

2017–2020

Associate Director of Litigation

Senior Litigation Attorney

- Conducted impact litigation in federal district and appellate courts on issues affecting immigrant rights, including: the legality and constitutionality of sanctuary laws; the separation of families at the border under the “Zero Tolerance” policy; the care, custody, and legal rights of unaccompanied immigrant children; the legality and conditions of immigrants in detention; and access to counsel in immigration detention
- Appointed class counsel in class actions involving unlawful detention of immigrant teens and illegal immigration raids
- Worked strategically with NIJC's policy team to connect litigation and legislative strategies

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL), Washington, DC & Chicago, IL

Senior Litigation Counsel

2013–2017

Trial Attorney

2009–2013

- Litigated cases in nearly 40 federal district courts across the country and handled appeals in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuit Courts of Appeals, including an *en banc* case in the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court
- Defended federal immigration agencies in constitutional challenges to immigration laws and regulations; class-action lawsuits regarding immigration agencies' policies and procedures; immigration detention; claims to U.S. citizenship; and administrative law challenges to the denial of immigration benefits
- Co-supervised a team of ten attorneys, providing litigation advice, mentorship, and reviewing pleadings
- Advised U.S. Attorney's Offices nationwide on civil immigration cases
- Provided litigation risk assessments and substantive expertise on prospective legislation, proposed agency rules and regulations, congressional reports, and congressional testimony
- Served on the Department of Justice's Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) team, which collaborated on litigation strategy agency-wide to overturn DOMA, ultimately leading to the law's invalidation in *United States v. Windsor*, 133 S.Ct. 2675 (2013)
- Served on OIL's legislative team during the 2013 comprehensive immigration reform efforts, which involved drafting legislation, reviewing proposed legislation, and providing background memoranda and talking points to the Senate Judiciary Committee

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, Davenport, IA

Law Clerk to the Honorable John A. Jarvey

2007–2009

- Assisted a busy trial court in all areas of its civil and criminal docket, including researching and writing numerous opinions and assisting with trial-related issues in more than 25 trials

EDUCATION

The University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA

Juris Doctor *With Distinction*

2007

- *Iowa Law Review*, Student Writer; *Journal of Gender, Race, & Justice*, Articles Editor
- Student Commencement Speaker
- Boyd Service Award, Highest Honors
- Donald P. Lay Faculty Recognition Award
- Equal Justice Foundation grantee

The University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

Majors: Music, Political Science; *Minor*: Journalism; *Magna Cum Laude*

2003

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Iowa
- Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Iowa, Northern and Central Districts of Illinois, Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin, District of Kansas, District of Colorado, and Northern District of Florida

AWARDS & HONORS

- President's Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2026
- Greater Iowa City Excellence in Action Award, 2025
- Dean's Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching, 2025
- Barry Frager Award for Service to the Federal Bar Association Immigration Law Section, 2023
- Federal Bar Association NGO Lawyer of the Year, 2019
- Special Commendation from the Assistant Attorney General for work on the DOMA cases, a Hague Convention case, and comprehensive immigration reform, 2013
- Department of Justice performance awards for sustained superior performance, 2010-2017

BAR ASSOCIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Federal Bar Association, Immigration Law Section
 - Immediate Past Chair, 2023–2025
 - Section Chair, 2022–2023
 - Executive Board Member, 2018–present
- American Immigration Lawyers Association
 - Chair, Federal Court Litigation Steering Committee, 2025–2026
 - Member, *Amicus Curiae* Committee, 2024–2026
 - Rule of Law Task Force, February 2025–present

- Chair, Federal Litigation Conference, 2025
- Consular Accountability Project, Advisory Board
- Iowa State Bar Association, Member
- National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Member

REPRESENTATIVE LITIGATION

- *Helbrum v. Williams Olson*, No. 4:25-CV-00349, 2025 WL 2840273 (S.D. Iowa Sept. 30, 2025): Represented detained non-citizen in a case of first impression regarding the statutory interpretation of the Laken Riley Act. Court granted Mr. Helbrum's habeas petition, finding that the law does not apply to dismissed charges.
- *Asghari, et al. v. Rubio, et al.* (9th Cir. No. 25-1101) – *Amicus curiae* briefs filed on behalf of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and American Immigration Council arguing for judicial review over visa delays.
- *Kumar v. Noem*, No. 3:25-CV-00042, 2025 WL 2887272 (S.D. Iowa May 15, 2025): Represented four international students at the University of Iowa challenging the termination of their student status under the Administrative Procedure Act and U.S. Constitution. Secured preliminary injunction and behalf of students and ultimately settled the case favorably.
- [*Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice, et al. v. Bird*](#), et al., No. 4:24-cv-00161 (S.D. Iowa, filed May 9, 2024): Represented an immigrant legal organization and two lawful permanent residents in a lawsuit challenging Iowa's illegal reentry bill, S.F. 2340. The lawsuit alleged that the law violated the Supremacy Clause on field and conflict preemption grounds. After I withdrew from the case, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa enjoined the law, and the Eighth Circuit affirmed the District Court's injunction in January 2025.
- [*Al Otro Lado & Haitian Bridge Alliance, et al. v. Mayorkas, et al.*](#), No. 3:23-cv-01367-AGS (S.D. Cal., filed July 27, 2023): Represented two immigration organizations, individual plaintiffs, and putative class in lawsuit challenging the federal government's policy and practice of turning back asylum seekers at ports of entry along the southern border, denying them access to the U.S. asylum process. The suit is brought under the Administrative Procedure Act, the Due Process Clause, and the Alien Tort Statute. Motions for preliminary injunction and class certification are currently pending.
- [*Farmworker Association of Florida, et al. v. DeSantis, et al.*](#), No.1:23-cv-22655-RKA (S.D. Fla., filed July 17, 2023): This lawsuit, filed on behalf of several individuals and the Farmworker Association of Florida, challenged Section 10 of Florida's new immigration law, Senate Bill 1718. Section 10 criminalizes the transportation of individuals into Florida who may have entered the country without federal inspection. The District Court preliminary enjoined the law.
- [*CLINIC, et al. v. Executive Office for Immigration Review*](#), 513 F. Supp. 3d 154 (D.D.C. 2021): Represented four immigration non-profit legal organizations in suit against the Executive Office for Immigration Review, alleging that they agency's

final rule increasing immigration court fees violates the Administrative Procedure Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses. The court entered a preliminary injunction on January 19, 2021, stopping the new rule from going into effect.

- [*C.M., et al., v. United States*](#), Case No. 2:19-cv-05217-SRB (D. Ariz., filed Sept. 19, 2019): Represented five asylum-seeking mothers and their children under the Federal Tort Claims Act, suing to seek monetary compensation for the trauma they suffered when torn apart under the 2018 family separation policy. The court denied Defendants’ motion to dismiss, 2020 WL 1698191, and the parties later settled the lawsuit.
- [*Garcia Ramirez, et al. v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, et al.*](#), 471 F. Supp. 3d 88, 92 (D.D.C. 2020), *judgment entered*, 568 F. Supp. 3d 10 (D.D.C. 2021): Represented a nationwide class of teenagers challenging Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) practice of detaining unaccompanied minors who turn 18 in government custody. Following a four-week trial in December 2019 and January 2020, the Court held that ICE violated the Trafficking Victims Reauthorization Protection Act and the Administrative Procedure Act in the manner in which it detains 18-year-olds.
- [*Castanon Nava, et al. v. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*](#), Case No. 18-cv-3757 (N.D. Ill. 2018): Represented a class of individuals unlawfully stopped and arrested by ICE in Hispanic neighborhoods across northern Illinois. During the arrests, ICE officers violated the Immigration and Nationality Act and Fourth Amendment by failing to comply with its limited warrantless arrest authority before making many of the arrests, and conducting pretextual traffic stops to forcibly fingerprint and arrest dozens of Hispanic residents. The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois approved a settlement on February 8, 2022.
- *Mondaca-Vega v. Lynch*, 808 F.3d 413 (9th Cir. 2015) (en banc): Represented ICE in a case involving whether plaintiff, who had a dual identity, was a U.S. citizen. Following a bench trial, the court held that the plaintiff was not a U.S. citizen. A Ninth Circuit panel and *en banc* court affirmed the district court’s ruling.
- *Sanchez v. R.G.L.*, 761 F.3d 495 (5th Cir. 2014): Represented the U.S. government in a groundbreaking case of first impression involving three Mexican minors and the intersection of the Hague Convention on International Child Abduction and U.S. asylum law.

PUBLICATIONS

- Practice Advisory, Guide to Federal Court Litigation for Clinic Law Students & New Lawyers (Jan. 2025; updated Dec. 2025)
- Article (co-author), *Asylum Litigation Updates: Practical Impacts of, and Predictions for, the New Trump Era*, American Immigration Lawyers Association (2025)
- Article (co-author), *Challenging Immigration Denials and Delays in Federal District Court*, American Immigration Lawyers Association (2024)

- Article (co-author), *Aleman Gonzalez and Class-Wide Injunctions*, American Immigration Lawyers Association (2023)
- Editor & Contributor, *Consular Non-Reviewability Chapter*, Robert Pauw, LITIGATING IMMIGRATION CASES IN FEDERAL COURT (2022 ed.)
- Article (co-author), *Jurisdictional Bars and Deference Standards*, American Immigration Lawyers Association (2019)
- Article, *Visa Waiver Program: Litigation Updates and Jurisdictional Guidance*, OIL-District Court Section Newsletter (2011)
- Article, *The Use and Abuse of the Fifth Amendment Privilege Against Self-Incrimination in a Civil Context: When to Seek an Adverse Inference*, OIL-District Court Section Newsletter (2010)
- *Employer v. Employee Sanctions for Immigrant Labor*, in IOWA IMMIGRATION EDUCATION COALITION, IMMIGRANTS IN IOWA (2008)
- Note, *Telling Truths: How the REAL ID Act's Credibility Provisions Affect Women Asylum Seekers*, 92 IOWA L. REV. 637 (2007)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS, & CLEs

- Presenter, "Federal Court Pathways for Advocacy," ALL Iowa for Justice Conference, Iowa City, Iowa (Sept. 2026)
- Moderator, "National Immigration Law Updates and Strategies for Response," ALL Iowa for Justice Conference, Iowa City, Iowa (Sept. 2026)
- Presenter, "Habeas Corpus Strategies for Detained Immigrants," Training and CLE, Simmons Perrine, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (July 2024)
- Presenter, "Immigration Law Update," Linn County Bar Association, Online CLE (July 2026)
- Panelist, "The road to citizenship: What does it take to become a U.S. citizen in 2026?," Cedar Rapids Gazette Iowa Ideas Virtual Conference (July 2026)
- Featured Speaker, Voices United of Rural Linn County Monthly Forum, Lisbon, Iowa (July 2026)
- Panelist, "No Longer Unremovable? Removals to 'Recalcitrant Countries,'" American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (June 2026)
- Panelist, "Immigration Clinics in Federal Court," AALS Clinical Law Conference, Portland, OR (May 2026)
- Presenter, "Habeas Foundations and Fundamentals," Online CLE, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (April 2026)
- Panelist, "Fighting for Freedom: Bond and Habeas," AILA Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL (March 2026)
- Panelist, "Mandamus Bootcamp" Online CLE, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (March 2026)

- Moderator, “Emerging Issues Federal Tort Claims Act Litigation,” AILA Federal Court Litigation Section Quarterly Call (Jan. 2026)
- Panelist, “State of the States: How States Are Redefining Borders Without Crossing Them,” AILA Webinar (Nov. 2025)
- Organizer & Panelist, “Habeas (Three-Part Series),” Online CLE (Oct.–Nov. 2025)
- Panelist, “Federal Immigration Litigation 101,” Federal Bar Association (Oct. 2025)
- Moderator, “Matter of *Yajure Hurtado* and the § 235(b)(2) Maze: Fighting Mandatory Detention Through Habeas,” AILA Federal Court Litigation Section Quarterly Call (Oct. 2025)
- Supreme Court Webinar, “The Supreme Court’s Year in Immigration – the Shadow Docket and Beyond,” American Immigration Council Webinar (Oct. 2025)
- Simpson College, Constitution Day Lecture, “Constitutional Promises and Immigration Realities in Modern America” (Sept. 2025)
- Moderator and Panelist, “Suing for Tortious Conduct: FTCA Claims,” AILA Federal Court Litigation Conference (July 2025)
- Moderator and Panelist, “Give Me Liberty! Habeas Practice Under Trump 2.0,” AILA Federal Court Litigation Conference (July 2025)
- Panelist, AILA Annual Conference, “Asylum Litigation Updates: Practical Impacts of, and Predictions for, the New Trump Era,” Denver, CO (June 2025)
- Panelist, “Best Practices for Delayed Cases / Getting Cases ‘Unstuck,’” Upper Midwest Immigration Law Conference (May 2025)
- Panelist, “Mandamus Bootcamp” Webinar, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (March 2025)
- Presenter, “Federal Litigation Updates; Changes with the New Administration,” AILA Missouri-Kansas Chapter Annual Conference (Feb. 2025)
- Presentation, “Across the Aisle,” Univ. of Iowa College of Law (Feb. 2025) (provided opening remarks on immigration topics)
- Panelist, “Hot Topics in Federal Litigation,” AILA Midwinter Conference, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (Jan. 2025)
- Presenter, AILA Federal District Court Litigation Online Course (presented module on humanitarian litigation and ethics in litigation) (Nov. 2024)
- Moderator, “Loper Bright in the Immigration Context,” AILA webinar (Oct. 2024)
- Panelist, [Unpacking the Supreme Court Immigration Cases in the ’23-24 Term and Looking Forward to What’s Ahead](#), AIC webinar (Sept. 2024)
- Panelist, “Challenging Immigration Denials and Delays in Federal District Court,” AILA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (June 2024)
- Moderator, [“Unpacking the Supreme Court: Immigration Cases from the 2022–2023 Term,”](#) AIC webinar (July 2023)

- Panelist, “The Changing Face of Immigrant Rights Litigation Post *Aleman Gonzales*,” American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Annual Conference, Orlando, FL (June 2023)
- Moderator, “The Increasing Use of Artificial Intelligence in Immigration Practice,” Federal Bar Association (FBA) Immigration Law Conference, Arlington, VA (May 2023)
- Moderator, “View from the Bench” with First Circuit Judge Gustavo Gelpi, District Judge Leonie Brinkema (E.D. Va.), District Judge Ana Reyes (D.D.C.), and Immigration Judge Rebecca Walters, FBA Immigration Law Conference, Arlington, VA (May 2023)
- Presenter, “Immigration Hot Topics: Significant Developments in Litigation and Policy,” CLE Webinar, The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (April 2023)
- Panelist, “[Unpacking the New Asylum Transit Ban Details](#),” AIC webinar (March 2023)
- Panelist, “Hot Topics in Immigration Law and Policy,” AILA Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL (March 2023)
- Lecturer, “The Complaint is Filed, Service is Perfected, What’s Next?” National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, CLE Webinar (March 2023)
- Panelist, “Federal Court Update,” AILA South Florida Chapter Annual Conference, Miami, FL (Feb. 2023)
- Lecturer, “You Can Do This: Federal Court Litigation 101,” AILA South Florida Chapter, CLE Webinar (Nov. 2022)
- Presenter, “Notes on Trial Lawyering from the ‘Messy Middle,’” University of Iowa College of Law, Stephenson Trial Competition Banquet, Iowa City, IA (Nov. 2022)
- Presenter, “Federal Litigation Hot Topics,” AILA Missouri/Kansas Chapter Conference, St. Louis, MO (Oct. 2022)
- Presenter, Discussed the *Garcia Ramirez v. ICE* case and its impact on the detention of immigrant teens with the Viator House Board of Directors, Chicago, IL (virtual) (Oct. 2022)
- Moderator, “Unpacking Immigration Cases Before the Supreme Court,” AIC webinar (Sept. 2022)
- Panelist, “Mandamus and Unlawful Delay Actions in Federal Court,” FBA Immigration Law Conference, Detroit, MI (May 2022)
- Panelist, “Equal Access to Justice Act Roundtable,” AILA National Federal Court Litigation Committee, Webinar (April 2022)
- Presenter, “Federal Court Litigation: Delay Lawsuits & Habeas Corpus Petitions,” AILA New Jersey Chapter, CLE Webinar (March 2022)
- Moderator, “*Garcia Ramirez v. ICE* Frequently Asked Questions,” AIC Webinar (March 2022)

- Presenter, “Federal Court Litigation: Delay Lawsuits & Habeas Corpus Petitions,” AILA Northern California Chapter, CLE Webinar (Feb. 2022)
- Panelist, “Hot Topics in Removal Defense,” AILA Midwinter Conference, Chicago, IL (Feb. 2022)
- Presenter, “Bond from Beginning to End,” AILA Colorado Chapter, CLE Webinar (Oct. 2021)
- Presenter, “Detention and Enforcement Litigation,” National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Annual Litigation Meeting (virtual) (Oct. 2021)
- Panelist, “Advanced Discovery in Immigration Cases,” AILA South Florida Chapter, CLE Webinar (Nov. 2021)
- Presenter, “Judicial Clerkships,” University of Iowa College of Law, Semester in DC Extern Class (virtual) (Oct. 2021)
- Panelist, “You’re in Federal Court—Now What? Avoiding Dismissal,” AILA Annual Conference (virtual) (June 2021)
- Panelist, “BIA & Federal Court Update,” FBA Immigration Law Conference (virtual) (May 2021)
- Panelist, “Litigation and Policy in a Biden World,” FBA Immigration Law Conference (virtual) (May 2021)
- Presenter, “Mandamus and APA Delay Cases: Avoiding Dismissal and Proving the Case,” AIC Webinar (March 2021)
- Presenter, “Article I Courts: Towards an Independent Immigration Court,” New York Asylum Law Conference (virtual) (Jan. 2021)
- Guest Lecturer, *Law and Ethics* journalism course, University of Northern Iowa (virtual) (Oct. 2020)
- Panelist, “Break the Backlog: Mandamus and Unreasonable Delay Litigation,” AILA Midwest Conference (virtual) (Oct. 2020)
- Presenter, “Judicial Clerkships,” University of Iowa College of Law, Semester in DC Extern Class (virtual) (Oct. 2020)
- Panelist, “The Scope and Limitations of Presidential Power Authority to Suspend and Expand Immigration,” FBA National Meeting and Convention (virtual) (Sept. 2020)
- Panelist, “Habeas Corpus and Prolonged Detention,” FBA Immigration Law Conference, Austin, TX (May 2019)
- Panelist, “Jurisdictional Bars and Deference to Agency Action,” AILA Federal Court Litigation Conference, Chicago, IL (March 2019)
- Panelist, “Naturalization Actions,” AILA Federal Court Conference: Removal Litigation, Washington, DC (Sept. 2018)
- Presenter, “Immigration in a New Era,” League of Women Voters, Glen Ellyn, IL (Aug. 2018)

- Moderator, “Litigation Strategies,” Center for Migration Studies, Whole-of-Community Convening, Cincinnati, OH (July 2018)
- Panelist, “ICE Enforcement in Illinois: The Challenge to Civil Rights and Access to the Courts,” DePaul University and Chicago Council of Lawyers, Chicago, IL (June 2018)
- Panelist, “U.S. Supreme Court Round-Up and Significant Court of Appeals Cases,” FBA Immigration Law Conference, Memphis, TN (May 2018)
- Moderator, “The Top Ten Things to Avoid When Litigating in the Courts of Appeals,” FBA Immigration Law Conference, Memphis, TN (May 2018)
- Panelist, “Going to Federal Court,” ASISTA Pursuing U Visas Under Trump: Advanced Topics & Emerging Issues, Memphis, TN (May 2018)
- Presenter, “Advanced Naturalization Issues,” FBA Immigration Law Section Webinar (March 2018)
- Panelist, “Federal Court Litigation,” AILA Chicago Chapter Family Conference, Chicago, IL (Nov. 2017)
- Panelist, “Naturalization Litigation,” FBA Immigration Law Conference, Denver, CO (May 2017)
- Presenter, “Visa Litigation,” OIL Annual Conference, National Advocacy Center, Columbia, SC (Nov. 2016)
- Presenter, “Introduction to the Adam Walsh Act,” OIL Annual Conference, National Advocacy Center, Columbia, SC (Nov. 2016)
- Panelist, “Federal District Court Litigation,” FBA Immigration Law Conference, New Orleans, LA (May 2016)
- Presenter, “Introduction to the Adam Walsh Act,” Department of Justice, Washington, DC (May 2016)
- Panelist, “After-Trial Brown Bag: Lessons Learned,” Department of Justice, Washington, DC (May 2015)
- Panelist, “Overlapping Issues in Appellate and District Court Immigration Litigation,” OIL Immigration Law Seminar, Washington, DC (Nov. 2014)
- Presenter, “Litigating Passport Denial Cases Under 8 USC § 1503,” Department of Justice, Washington, DC (March 2014)
- Presenter, “Citizenship Cases in District Court,” Department of Justice, Washington, DC (Aug. 2013)
- Panelist, “Post-Trial and Appellate Litigation,” Department of Justice, Washington, DC (Sept. 2011)
- Presenter, “Visa Waiver Program: Jurisdictional Issues and Practical Guidance,” Department of Justice, Washington, DC (Aug. 2011)

SELECT MEDIA

- KWWL, Morea Turner, [*From setback to citizenship: UI professor wins federal lawsuit*](#), Aug. 30, 2026
- Iowa Public Radio, River to River, [*U.S. Department of Justice moves to revoke citizenship of an Iowa man*](#), July 25, 2026
- Iowa Public Radio, River to River, [*Why an 800-year-old legal tool is under scrutiny in immigration law*](#), June 2, 2026
- Texas Tribune, Alex Nguyen, [*Federal lawsuits challenging immigration detention flood Texas*](#), Dec. 4, 2025
- THE SIMPSONIAN, Kendra Bliss, [*Kate Melloy Goettel gives Constitution Day lecture at Simpson College*](#), Sept. 24, 2025
- Iowa Public Radio, River to River, June 11, 2025 (discussed travel ban's impact on Afghan refugees in Iowa)
- KCRG, Libbie Randall, [*Univ. of Iowa attorney and professor talks lawsuit filed over student status cancellations*](#), April 23, 2025
- Iowa Public Radio, River to River, Feb. 1, 2025 (discussed immigration policy changes)
- CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE, Tom Barton, [*Here's what Trump's deportation plans could mean for Iowans*](#), Dec. 8, 2024
- Iowa Public Radio, River to River, Nov. 5, 2024 (discussed state lawsuit to block Affordable Care Act benefits for DACA holders)
- Iowa Public Radio, River to River, June 26, 2024 (discussed Iowa's illegal reentry bill and other immigration updates)
- NOTUS, Casey Murray, [*Immigration Lawyers Say the Biden Administration's Supreme Court Win Was a Terrible Mistake*](#), July 8, 2024
- THE HILL, Rafael Bernal, [*Advocacy Groups Sue Florida Offices Over Latest Immigration Law*](#), July 17, 2023
- NBC NEWS, Lawrence Hurley, [*Supreme Court Revives Biden Immigration Enforcement Plan*](#), June 23, 2023
- FEDERAL NEWS NETWORK, Interview with Tom Temin, [*U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Processing Delays Result in a Lawsuit*](#), March 7, 2023
- LOS ANGELES TIMES, Selene Rivera, [*En el Limbo Miles de Solicitantes para la Tarjeta Verde por el Retraso de Sus Perdones*](#), [Translation: Thousands of Green Card Applicants Are in Limbo Due to the Delay of Their Petitions], Feb. 10, 2023
- DALLAS MORNING NEWS, Op-ed co-authored with Alexandra Miller, [*Immigration Detention Centers Deny Justice*](#), Oct. 28, 2022
- NPR, Interview with Elissa Nadworny, [*Immigrants Are Suing the U.S. Government Over Delays in Citizenship Process*](#), June 5, 2022

- CHICAGO TRIBUNE, Elvia Malagon, [*Immigrant Rights Group Turns to Federal Court to Seek Release of Detainees as Some in Illinois Test Positive for COVID-19*](#), April 13, 2020
- NEW YORK TIMES, Editorial Board, [*Coming of Age in American Detention*](#), Sept. 22, 2018
- NEW YORKER, Jonathan Blitzer, [*The Case for Reuniting “Ineligible” Families Separated at the Border*](#), Sept. 13, 2018
- SLATE, Mark Joseph Stern and Sofie Werthan, [*ICE’s Illegal Abuse of Teenagers Proves the Agency Is Beyond Reform*](#), Aug. 23, 2018
- NEW YORKER, Jonathan Blitzer, [*The Government Has Decided That Hundreds of Immigrant Parents Are Ineligible to Be Reunited with Their Kids. Who Are They?*](#), July 26, 2018
- CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, Taylor Hartz, [*Good news for Berwyn grandmother facing deportation: ‘I feel relieved’*](#), Oct. 10, 2017

BLOG POSTS

- [*Showdown Between Texas Authorities and the Federal Government Headed to the Supreme Court*](#) (co-authored with Juan Alvirez), Immigration Impact (May 8, 2024)
- [*State Legislatures in Florida and Texas Propose and Enact Harmful Immigration Bills*](#), Immigration Impact (June 2, 2023)
- [*Supreme Court Rejects Review Over Factual Questions in Immigration Removal Proceedings*](#), Immigration Impact (May 17, 2022)
- [*Settlement Thwarts ICE’s Ability to Conduct Warrantless Sweeps*](#), Immigration Impact (Feb. 25, 2022)
- [*State Department Waives Fees for Immigrants Denied Visas Due to the Muslim Ban*](#), Immigration Impact (Jan. 21, 2022)
- [*Failure to Reauthorize Employment Harms Asylum Seekers and the U.S. Economy*](#), Immigration Impact (Nov. 12, 2021)
- [*ICE Announces New Victim-Centered Policy, Showing a Favorable Shift Toward Vulnerable Immigrants*](#), Immigration Impact (Aug. 13, 2021)
- [*It’s Time for Real Alternatives to Immigration Detention*](#), Immigration Impact (May 7, 2021)
- [*Three New Lawsuits Challenge Trump’s H-1B Worker Restrictions*](#), Immigration Impact (Oct. 23, 2020)
- [*ICE Violates the Fourth Amendment When It Detains People Without Probable Cause, Court Rules*](#), Immigration Impact (Sept. 18, 2020)
- [*Court Orders ICE to End Its Practice of Unlawfully Detaining Immigrant Youth*](#), Immigration Impact (July 6, 2020)