
ABOUT

The Northern California Rapid Immigration Response Network is a collaborative effort by immigration and civil rights advocates to respond to immigration enforcement actions in Northern California and the central valley. The Network's goal is to provide support to every community within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Immigration Court – from Bakersfield to the Oregon border – to protect individuals' due process rights and keep families together.

The network's main components:

1. Community outreach, education, legal observation, and support at the local level,
2. An intake system to report the arrests of community members by immigration authorities
3. A coordinated network of attorneys to provide emergency pro bono legal assistance and longer term representation.

At this time the Network seeks to build a volunteer base in order to prepare for ongoing enforcement actions and to address the immigration needs of our community. Attorneys can find out how they can help by reviewing the materials provided on this flyer. This includes opportunities to get involved directly with Rapid Response, as well as other immigration needs.

The following emergency response training materials are available for preparation and review by visiting rapidresponse.sfbar.org/past-trainings

- What Immigration Attorneys Need to Know to be an Emergency Responder to ICE Enforcement Actions
 - Bond Basics and Strategies for Representing Clients Subject to Prolonged Detention
 - Motions to Suppress and to Terminate Removal Proceedings: Litigating Fourth Amendment Violations in Immigration Court
 - Emergency Motions to Reopen FTCA and Other Civil Rights Claims - Immigration Enforcement & Damages Actions
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GET INVOLVED

Contact Hamid Yazdan Panah, Attorney Coordinator, at hpanah@sfbar.org

Visit rapidresponse.sfbar.org for more information



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID IMMIGRATION RESPONSE NETWORK

RAPID RESPONSE

Emergency ICE On-Site Attorney

Provide rapid response assistance to individuals picked up in ICE enforcement actions.

Training.....Yes

Immigration experience required, and additional substantive trainings will take place through the network.

Time Commitment.....2-5 hours on day of response, depending on case

Emergency ICE Off-site Attorney

Immigration Attorneys: Volunteers can be on-call at their offices to provide legal assistance for emergency filings to the San Francisco Immigration Court, Board of Immigration Appeals, or Ninth Circuit. Can also assist unrepresented respondents with bond hearings, and provide representation for reinstatement and other types of interviews.

Non-immigration Attorneys: Volunteers may assist respondents with credible fear and reasonable fear interviews.

Training.....Yes, if needed

Time Commitment.....Varies depending on the case

Volunteer Attorney

Support the Rapid Response Network and clients in non-rapid response activities, including accompaniment, outreach and advocacy.

Training.....Yes, if needed

Time Commitment.....Varies depending on the matter

Mentor Attorney

Support the Rapid Response Volunteers in responding to ICE enforcement actions and follow up advocacy.

Training.....Immigration Expertise required

Time Commitment.....Varies

REMOVAL DEFENSE

Full Scope Removal Defense

Support the Rapid Response Volunteers in responding to ICE enforcement actions and follow up advocacy.

Training.....Yes

Time commitment ranges from 2 weeks to 3 years.

Detention Visit

Accompany a team of attorneys to a local detention center to conduct screenings and legal orientation.

Training.....Yes

Time Commitment.....Limited Scope
2-5 hours day of visit

AFFIRMATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Affirmative Asylum

Represent clients is applying for asylum after entering the United States before USCIS.

Training.....Mentorship opportunities

Time Commitment.....50-100 hours over one to two years (per case)

Affirmative Asylum (Interview only)

Enter an appearance at a USCIS interview for an asylum applicant with a prepared and completed case.

Training.....Limited Training to prepare attorney and client

Time Commitment.....5-10 hours

Immigration Clinics

Participate in community based clinics focused on naturalization, screenings and consultations

Training.....Yes (limited)

Time Commitment.....5-10 hours