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BEYOND BORDERS, BREAKING BARRIERS

ANNUAL REPORT

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EDUCATING COMMUNITIES
ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE
Beyond Borders, Breaking Barriers: ILCM in North Dakota

With a 48% increase in its foreign-born population between 2010 and 2016, North Dakota’s immigrant population is the fastest growing in the country according to the Migration Policy Institute. But the community has long had limited access to free and low-cost immigration legal services, a shortage that was exacerbated when the area’s only nonprofit immigration legal services provider closed in 2021.

Working with North Dakota’s immigrants, refugees, and allies, ILCM responded to this gap by opening an office in Fargo in 2022 headed by Turdukhan Tostokova, a legal assistant who immigrated to North Dakota and is now rooted in the state. With support from the State of North Dakota, ILCM is initially focused on serving asylees, refugees, and Afghan and Ukrainian new arrivals to obtain employment authorization, green cards, and citizenship. With the support of stakeholders across North Dakota, we look forward to expanding our services to supporting the state’s vibrant immigrant and refugee communities.

The story of one of our first North Dakota clients epitomizes the uphill battle for immigration status and the critical role of ILCM in supporting clients along the pathway to citizenship. Our clients were an Afghan family of six who had completed the immigrant visa process in Kabul but were evacuated to Qatar before they could have their visas stamped in their passports. Once in Qatar, the family had an additional interview and were granted visas. Due to a glitch in the process, however, their documents were not forwarded to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to produce lawful permanent resident (LPR) cards (green cards). With the help of ILCM, this family was able to escape this Kafkaesque limbo, obtain their green cards, and keep calling North Dakota home.
Dear Friends and Allies,

Immigration and the need for immigration legal services are driven by circumstances far beyond our control, such as the Russian war against Ukraine, Taliban repression in Afghanistan, political persecution, and hurricanes, earthquakes, and climate change.

Over the years, ILCM has responded to emergent needs with targeted initiatives. In 2006, after ICE launched the largest-ever raid targeting immigrant workers in southwestern Minnesota, ILCM responded immediately by sending staff to support workers and eventually opened our first Greater Minnesota office in Worthington. In 2012, after the Obama administration launched Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), we began a massive community outreach effort and provided assistance in filing DACA applications.

In 2022, ILCM continued its history of responsiveness by opening an office in Fargo, North Dakota. In collaboration with community stakeholders, we opened our doors to serve asylees, refugees, and Afghan and Ukrainian arrivals seeking employment authorization, green cards, and citizenship. We look forward to mindfully and sustainably expanding these services in future.

Moreover, as immigration laws, policies, and practices change - sometimes for the better but often for the worse - we educate the community about these changes. And with you, our friends and allies, we fiercely advocate for a more just immigration system, and for local and state laws and policies that make our communities more welcoming to immigrants and refugees—and stronger for all of us.

We are so grateful for your trust and support as we continue to work together for a more inclusive, welcoming, and just future for all of us.

In solidarity,

Veena Iyer

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Our Impact

In 2022, ILCM provided legal services in 2,353 unique cases impacting approximately 7,059 individuals.

Clients came from 86 countries
- 40% from Mexico
- 15% from countries in Central and South America
- 23% from countries in Asia
- 17% from countries in Africa
- The remainder of clients immigrated from countries in Europe, Oceania, and North America.

Case type by percentage
- Citizenship – 31%
- DACA – 23%
- Deportation Defense – 3%
- Family Reunification – 3%
- Green Card – 9%
- Humanitarian – 20%
  VAWA, Affirmative Asylum, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition, T-Visas, U-Visas, etc.
- Miscellaneous – 10%
  Travel Documents, Administrative Appeals, Employment Authorizations, etc.
- Temporary Status – 1%

ILCM began working with Eh Kay in 2013 when he applied to bring his family to the United States. Kay’s ILCM attorney, Sara Karki, petitioned for his wife and son, but they were unable to leave the refugee camp in Thailand to get to an appointment at the U.S. embassy. Despite repeated attempts, the U.S. embassy wouldn’t allow the process to move forward without their physical presence. With no other options, the case stalled for a long time.

Even though the family petition was ultimately unsuccessful, we were able to reunite the family in Minnesota after eight years, thanks to tireless advocacy and family reunification through the refugee program. A year later, we worked on adjusting their status and in the fall of 2022, the mother and son received their green cards!

We are honored to be part of this family’s immigration story and grateful to our partners and allies for helping us throughout this process - so many levels of the immigration system were utilized in this family’s reunification! We are also grateful to Kay and his consistent contributions as a frontline worker at JBS Foods in Worthington during the global pandemic.
Advocacy and Education

Thanks to a grant from the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN), we were able to reach over 6,680 former clients all across Minnesota who were eligible to vote in the 2022 election. We mailed postcards and posted on our social media platforms in English, Arabic, Karen, Somali, and Spanish.

3 sign-on letters
9 action alerts
37 media interviews and interactions
2 testimonies
47 presentations and events
3 amicus briefs
3 public comments

ILCM and other advocates standing on the Minnesota Capitol steps after the ceremonial signing of a law expanding protections for unaccompanied immigrant youth in Minnesota.
Budget Breakdown

12% Core Mission Support: Fundraising

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25% General:
- Assisting immigrants and refugees to obtain temporary status, green cards, and citizenship

13% Community Defense:
- Work in deportation defense and with public defenders

12% New Beginnings Projects:
- Assisting immigrant survivors of domestic violence or serious crimes and their children

16% Rural Immigration Project:
- Work in our Austin, Moorhead, Worthington, and Fargo offices

6% Pro Bono

4% Education & Advocacy
### 2022 Financials

#### Fiscal Years Ended December 31

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**CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

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**Net Assets – Beginning of Year**

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**NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR**

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Thank you to our 737 amazing individual donors and 116 institutional donors! We wouldn’t be able to do what we do without you.

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90 pro bono attorneys donated over 2,032 hours of time.
17 volunteers recorded over 1,929 hours of time.
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The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota enhances opportunities for immigrants and refugees through legal representation for low-income individuals, and through education and advocacy with diverse communities.

ILCM Intake Hours

Please call our intake line during intake hours to schedule an appointment to speak to a legal staff member.

1-800-223-1368

Our intake hours can be found on our website. We do not take walk-in appointments. Contact ILCM as soon as you become aware of a legal issue. There may be a waiting list for services.

Detention Intake

ILCM operates a detainee assistance phone line. If you are detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or calling on behalf of someone in the custody of ICE, please call 651-641-1011. Our intake hours can be found on our website. Individuals being detained by ICE, as well as their families, can call to get general information about court proceedings and the services the project provides at a first court hearing. Volunteers operating the phone line are not attorneys, and cannot provide legal advice.

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Every dollar donated to ILCM goes to support our mission of providing the highest quality legal services, education, and advocacy to meet the needs of low-income immigrants and refugees in Minnesota.

Subscribe to ILCM Action Alerts

Sign up to receive one or more free communications from ILCM that will keep you updated on our work, as well as current immigration issues in Minnesota and nationwide, and suggestions on which officials to call or email about the issue.

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We are grateful to the volunteers and interns who share their time and talents with our organization.

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