

Legal Resources & Services

o **The Advocates for Human Rights- Website**

The Advocates for Human Rights is a 501 (c3) organization that works to improve human rights conditions in a variety of different fields. They support UC's specifically by providing free legal services through its network of paralegals, law students, and volunteer and staffed attorneys. They are the largest provider of free legal services in the Upper Midwest. Please visit their website to learn more on how to acquire their services or to support pro bono representation via a donation. The website has translation for English, Spanish, & French.

[Home \(theadvocatesforhumanrights.org\)](http://theadvocatesforhumanrights.org)

o **Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota**

Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM) is a nonprofit agency in St. Paul, Minnesota. ILCM provides legal assistance to low-income refugees and immigrants in the state. ILCM experiences high demand and has limited capacity, although they pledge to connect those who they cannot directly support with trusted partners and immigration attorneys. To learn more about their intake process, request support, get connected with a partner, or support their efforts, please visit their website by clicking the link below.

[Home - Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota \(ilcm.org\)](http://ilcm.org)

o **International Institute of Minnesota**

The International Institute of Minnesota is a multifaceted organization that strives to help new Americans achieve self-sufficiency and full membership in American life. They center the bulk of their work on connecting individuals with refugee and immigration services, but they will also help UC providers and UC's with referrals to legal services. IIMN regularly conducts community orientations and will help connect UC's to community resources. Follow the link to learn more or find contact information.

[About - International Institute of Minnesota \(iimn.org\)](http://iimn.org)

o **National Immigrant Justice Center**

NICJ is a non-profit organization based out of Chicago, Illinois. They have extensive experience in supporting underrepresented individuals as they navigate the legal process, especially in immigration proceedings. While their network of pro bono lawyers focuses on the Chicago area, their informational hotline, virtual events, research publications, and webinars are available to the UC Provider/UC community at large. One can also request NIJC to conduct an informational session for their community or organization by filling out the form linked [here](#). Additionally, they staff a UC hotline on Thursdays between 2:00 and 4:30p.m. Central Time. The UC Hotline number, general hotline number, and website information are provided below.

UC Hotline- (773) 672-6550

General Hotline- (312) 660-1328

NIJC Website- [Home | National Immigrant Justice Center](#)

o **National Immigration Law Center**

NILC has worked at the forefront of defending and advancing the rights of immigrants since its establishment in 1979. Traditionally they have focused on litigation and policy strategies to challenge unjust laws. This work continues but they have recently rededicated themselves to building a stronger and more inclusive immigration justice movement and are expanding community engagement programming. You can learn more about their new community initiatives by visiting their website. They have created an “easy to use”, online directory of legal service providers. The directory is available in 13 different languages and can be filtered by state, county, or zip code. Directory information is provided below along with a link to their homepage.

Immigration Law Help Directory- [ImmigrationLawHelp.org | Helping low-income immigrants find legal help](#)

NILC Homepage- [Home - National Immigration Law Center \(nilc.org\)](#)

o **Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS)**

SMRLS offers free legal help to low-income and senior citizen clients, including immigration matters. They specialize at working with agricultural workers and serve the 33 counties of southern Minnesota which includes the east and south metro. SMRLS is ready to assist in Spanish, Khmer, Hmong, Lao, & Thai and can provide interpreters for other languages. Visit their website to learn more about how SMRLS can help you.

Immigration and Education Services webpage- [Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services :: Immigration \(smrls.org\)](#)

o **UM Law School James Binger Center for New Americans**

Designed in partnership with leading area law firms and non-profits, the U of M Law School's James H. Binger Center for New Americans offers unique programming in support of noncitizens. Center staff and community partners have developed several resources to support pro bono attorneys and immigration advocates. These materials include templates for a Motion to Rescind in absentia Removal Order, guides on how to assist asylum seekers and detained clients, video resources such as its *Litigator's Toolbox* series, and much more. If you are interested in exploring these resources, please follow the link below to their *Resources* webpage.

[Resources | University of Minnesota Law School \(umn.edu\)](#)

o **Volunteer Lawyers Network**

Volunteer Lawyers Network is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization which has tasked itself with connecting low income Minnesotans with leading private lawyers at no cost. VLN's network of volunteer attorneys assist clients by hosting legal clinics, drafting legal documents, and representing them in court. VLN coordinates relationships between Minnesotans in need of legal representation and their volunteer attorneys and has extensive experience assisting those navigating the legal system as immigrants and asylum seekers. Click the link below to learn more about VLN and request their support.

[VLN - Connecting volunteer lawyers with clients in need. \(vlnmn.org\)](#)