



## Black & Latino Association

# Immigration Clinic

A network of Cadwalader attorneys and staff helping marginalized and vulnerable immigrants obtain legal status through various forms of relief, including asylum applications, naturalization clinics, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status proceedings and U nonimmigrant visa applications.

### Leadership Committee



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In 2015, members of Cadwalader's Black & Latino Association launched the Clinic to increase awareness and engagement on pro bono immigration cases across the Firm. Today, the CBLA continues to oversee the expanded initiative, which provides our attorneys with the training and legal resources needed to act as staunch advocates for their pro bono clients, many of whom face political and other forms of discrimination in their countries of origin.

To accomplish its goals, the Clinic represents a collaboration amongst Litigation Group Chair Jason Halper, who serves as the Clinic's supervising partner, the firm's Pro Bono and Diversity & Inclusion leadership teams, and other participating partners and associates who regularly evaluate the Clinic's mission, strategy and organizational structure.

Recognizing strength in numbers, the Clinic's ecosystem also includes a large network of external partners, such as in-house legal departments and non-profit legal services providers, who coordinate with Cadwalader attorneys on a range of matters to help adults and children attain safety and stability in the U.S.

For attorneys who consider the immigration debate as a key civil rights issue of our time, the Clinic provides a platform through which they can work toward positive change and brighter futures on behalf of their pro bono clients.

“ We’ve designed the Clinic to emphasize communication and information-sharing so that our attorneys feel confident and capable taking on this important work. ”

**Victor Celis** | Associate

## Pro Bono Partner Organizations

Catholic Charities DC

Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy

City Bar Justice Center

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Immigration Equality

Kids In Need of Defense

Legal Services NYC

New York Legal Assistance Group

Safe Passage Project

Sanctuary for Families

Tahirih Justice Center

The Latin American Coalition

The Legal Aid Society



“ Cadwalader’s pro bono commitment is genuine and generous, and supported at the highest levels of our management. I am so proud of CBLA’s Immigration Clinic, which is needed now more than ever. ”

**Ellen Holloman** | Partner Sponsor, Cadwalader Black & Latino Association

## Making a Difference

Since the Clinic’s founding, the Firm has become increasingly involved with pro bono immigration cases, celebrating numerous successes.

Our recent matters include:

- helping a citizen of China, who suffered domestic abuse at the hands of her ex-husband, with her U Visa application.
- working with a 17-year-old boy, who fled Guatemala after having to stop attending school to work to support his family, to file his SIJS application.
- representing an Afghan national, who was assigned to a commando unit for ten years and who was ambushed by the Taliban, with applying for asylum in the U.S.
- assisting a 16-year-old boy, who fled Honduras to escape gang violence and who now lives with his uncle in the U.S., with his SIJS application.

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