## College of Marin Immigration Legal Services



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## **Immigrant Legal Defense (ILD)**

- ILD is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing immigration legal services. ILD's mission is to promote justice through the provision of legal representation to underserved immigrant communities
- Our services include direct representation of clients, individual and class action litigation cases, and community outreach and advocacy



## **CCC Immigration Legal Services Project**

- Through this project, we serve students, staff and faculty at 34 California Community College (CCC) campuses, including Columbia College
- We provide immigration consultations and full case representation.
- All of our legal services are free & confidential
- ILD's legal services include: DACA, family petitions, U & T visas, TPS, VAWA, SIJS, detained and non-detained deportation (court) defense, asylum, applications for lawful permanent resident status (green card), and citizenship
- ILD education and outreach services include: Know Your Rights, Immigration Law and Policy Updates, collaborating with local and national organizations on informational presentations of community interest



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## **ILD's Additional Projects**

In addition to our CCC Legal Services Project, ILD's work includes:

- CSU Legal Services Projects with 9 CSU campuses in the Bay Area, Central Valley and Central Coast serving students, staff, faculty, alumni and their families
- K-12 unified school district based partnerships serving non citizen students and their families
- Children's Counsel Initiative (CCI) representing recently arrived unaccompanied minors in deportation proceedings
- National Qualified Representative Program (NQRP) representing detained individuals deemed mentally incompetent
- Litigation before the district courts and federal courts of appeal
- Statewide and national immigration policy and advocacy

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## **ILD's CCC Legal Services Team**



ILD is made up of a team of 20 experienced immigration attorneys and 10 senior legal assistants and organizational support staff. The primary attorneys currently working on our CCC project are:

- Eleni Wolfe-Roubatis, Executive Director
- Manoj Govindaiah, Managing Attorney and CCC project lead attorney
- Christina Lee, Managing Attorney
- Misha Seay, Managing Attorney
- Laura Polstein, Managing Attorney

## What Can ILD Help With?



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• Make an appointment to talk to one of our immigration attorneys about the following:

- Assessing eligibility for permanent, lawful immigration status
- Applying for DACA and/or another type of temporary immigration relief
- Understanding options, benefits, or risks when applying for an immigration benefit
- Answering any type of immigration-related questions

## **Accessing ILD CCC Legal Services**



**Making an appointment:** Individuals can make an appointment to talk to one of our attorneys by phone or Zoom through <a href="https://findyourally.com/">https://findyourally.com/</a>

#### **Appointment schedule:**

- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am 3 pm
- Second Monday of each month from 5:30 pm -7:30 pm
- Two 30 minute appointments per time slot

## Preparing for your consultation

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#### • Confidentiality

 In ILD's experience, consultations work best when we are talking with one person at a time so we can learn about that individual's situation directly from them. If you wish to have family or others participate, that is your choice, but it may affect the accuracy and confidentiality of the consultation

#### • Immigration History

• Be prepared to discuss your immigration history and answer questions about your family, relationships, criminal history, and domestic violence or abuse

#### Dates and details

 If you have prior immigration, court, police, or criminal history, we will ask for as many details as possible, such as case numbers, dates, and outcomes. It may be helpful to have records available to you during the consultation, if you have easy access to them.

## **Reminders!**



#### ILD immigration legal services for CCC campuses are:

- available in individual's best language
- free and confidential
- available to individuals regardless of their status
- available to CCC students, staff and faculty
- currently include fee assistance to pay for USCIS filing fees for DACA cases
- may have limited fee assistance for other types of USCIS case fees
- can provide virtual education and outreach presentations such as KYR, immigration law and policy updates or other related topics

## **DACA Updates**



#### • DACA Litigation

- Still ongoing in Southern District of Texas
- Expecting a decision anytime after April 27, 2023
- If DACA is determined to be unlawful, government will likely appeal to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

#### • DACA Services from ILD

- Renewals and Advance Parole
- Fee assistance



# We look forward to working with you!

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