The BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project matches vulnerable immigrants with pro bono counsel to defend their cases before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

One of the nation’s most successful pro bono initiatives, the BIA Project partners with attorneys and law school clinics to provide pro bono legal representation to indigent immigrants. Through a network of committed volunteers, trainers, and mentors, the BIA Project facilitates access to justice, a critical component to safeguarding the rights of vulnerable asylum-seekers and longtime lawful permanent residents. Since the Project’s inception in 2001, it has reviewed over 7,200 appeals cases. The Project’s cases regularly result in significant decisions, including favorable, published BIA decisions, as well as Federal and Supreme Court decisions. Immigrants appealing a deportation order were three times as likely during the evaluation period to obtain a successful outcome in their appeal if they participated in the Project.

If you are an attorney interested in taking a case, either directly or with your law school clinic, please contact CLINIC staff attorney Bradley Jenkins at bjenkins@cliniclegal.org.