



## Immigration Action Guide for Legal Professionals

**Are you an attorney, law student or paralegal?**

**Do you want to help immigrants, asylum seekers and families being separated at the border?**

The following are actions you can take. Please note that no experience with immigration law is needed and trainings are available for volunteers.

- The [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#) has many resources and volunteer opportunities
  - AILA is working with organizations on the border and is managing attorney recruitment, mentoring and training
  - There are trips to the US-Mexico Border in Texas through a program called the [Dilley Pro Bono Project](#)
    - This program features week long engagements for attorneys to do things like help prep women for credible interviews
  - There is a partnership with [Southern Poverty Law Center](#) for program called the [Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative](#), in which attorneys will go to and volunteer at facilities in remote areas, such as rural Louisiana, where there are not many attorneys in the local population
  - There are also remote opportunities, in which AILA is working on the [Immigration Justice Campaign](#) to create the [Remote Bond Project](#)
    - Allows for attorneys to do all of their work over the phone
  - Some of these cases can take up to three months, but the Dilley program and work with SPLC are only a week
- [Centro Legal De La Raza](#) also offers a list of volunteer opportunities for attorneys who are looking to help undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers more locally

### **Key takeaways:**

- Opportunities for attorneys without immigration experience to volunteer
- Trainings are available
- Volunteer engagements can last from 5-6 days up to 3 months depending on the case
- There are opportunities to travel to Texas, Louisiana and other states, or you can do work locally or remotely

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