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Pictured: ProBAR Release Support Team.

As 2022 draws to a close, some of our ProBAR staff have shared photos and reflections from the year - including memorable moments or aspects of their work that have inspired gratitude.

[View more here.](#)

A Message from Commission on Immigration and ProBAR Leadership

Throughout the year's transitions, ProBAR remains committed to providing transformational legal assistance to immigrants and asylum seekers, energized by the impact of these services for clients like a Cuban couple who recently adjusted status.

Learn more in this quarter's leadership message written by Commission on Immigration leaders and Acting ProBAR Directors Meredith Linsky and Laura Flores-Bachman.

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Client Spotlight
Forging Her Own Path Forward



"To me, persevering means being independent - working for oneself without having to rely on anyone else." The story of ProBAR client Mirian highlights what it means to persevere in the face of abuse, struggles, and an adversarial immigration process.

Mirian made the journey from Honduras to the United States as an unaccompanied child when she was only sixteen years old and faced many difficult challenges over the years.

Eventually, Mirian won asylum and advocated for other migrant youth. Now a Lawful Permanent Resident, Mirian looks forward to continuing to build her life in the United States and accomplishing various personal and professional goals.

[Read more here.](#)

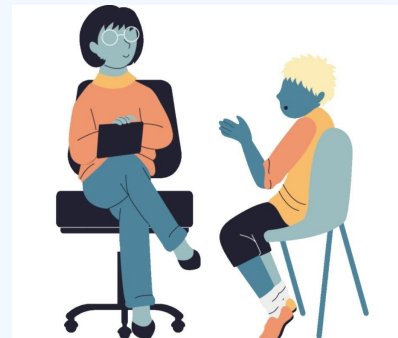


Information is Powerful: ProBAR's Team Welcomes a Return to In-Person Services for Adults in ICE Detention

ProBAR's team transitioned to virtual services amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, as pandemic-related precautions relax, they celebrate both the impact of their remote work and the opportunities created by returning to in-person services at ICE detention centers.

Read more about the team's impact and the strategies and tools currently facilitating their work.

[Read more here.](#)



Supporting Youth in Transition: ProBAR Clinical Team services for Teens Released from Custody

Recently one of ProBAR's Bilingual Clinicians witnessed a welcoming embrace that reminded her of the rewards of making a difference in someone's life.

Take a moment to read how our Clinical Team assists youth who turn 18 in government custody to safely transition to new homes and prepare for the immigration process ahead.

[Read more here.](#)

Winding Down the Migrant Protection Protocols, Again



This fall, the Migrant Protection Protocols (“MPP”) program, otherwise known as “Remain in Mexico,” completed its second winddown process, this one following a court-ordered reinstatement in late 2021.

ProBAR Senior Staff Attorney Pedro Spivakovsky-Gonzalez’s blog explains the history of the program, its impact on asylum-seekers, and his observations of the winddown process.

[Read more here.](#)

Get Involved!

ProBAR Volunteers

make a difference in the lives of migrants navigating a complex and adversarial immigration process.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Through their dedicated support, translation volunteers give hope to folks in immigration proceedings. The volunteers give their best to amplify migrants' voices.

TAIMAR LEDEE
STAFF ATTORNEY

The Remote Translation Program helps ensure that ProBAR provides excellent legal services. Volunteer translators make a crucial difference in preparing the strongest cases possible.

LINDSAY SCHENK
STAFF ATTORNEY

Pro bono representation helps children and adults secure protection, get released from detention, and receive information. Pro bono work matters as access to justice shouldn't be restricted to those with resources.

AIMEE KOROLEV
LEGAL DIRECTOR

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As 2022 draws to a close, ProBAR reflects on the many contributions made by volunteers.

- Law students conducted valuable research and provided assistance to asylum seekers.
- Translators provided crucial support by translating a variety of documents for our team and clients.
- Pro bono attorneys represented asylum seekers and migrants seeking other forms of humanitarian relief.

These are just a few of the invaluable ways pro bono support has extended the reach of our services.

ProBAR volunteers make a remarkable impact, and we are incredibly grateful for their contributions and dedication in 2022!

Make a Difference with ProBAR!

Pro Bono Opportunities

If you are an attorney interested in getting involved or learning more about our pro bono opportunities, fill out our [Pro Bono Interest Form](#). Any questions can be sent to volunteer@abaprobar.org.

Remote Translation Program

ProBAR's Remote Translation Program is also accepting volunteer applications! If you or someone you know possess a language ability in addition to English and want to make a difference by providing crucial translation support, please fill out our [Remote Translation Program Interest Form](#). Questions can be directed to volunteer@abaprobar.org.

Interns Wanted!

ProBAR is now accepting applications for internship positions for the summer of 2023! [Apply today!](#)



ProBAR is Hiring!

"Working at ProBAR will give you a profound appreciation for what you have and what you can help others achieve."


Gretchka Curbelo-Del Valle
Senior Staff Attorney

"Giving them a voice, empowering them, letting them know that there's somebody that wants to support them is that much greater of an impact."


Jaqueline "Jackie" Obregon
Staff Attorney

"My colleagues inspire me daily with their commitment to our work and the compassion they show the people we serve."


Lindsay Schenk
Attorney & HIAS Border Fellow

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ProBAR's Legal Team is a diverse and growing team of passionate advocates who serve adults and unaccompanied children on the frontlines of immigration. From entry-level Staff Attorney roles to Senior and Supervising positions, attorneys looking to make an impact on people's lives have several different ways to contribute to ProBAR's mission.

We are currently hiring for:

- **Staff Attorney- Children's Team**
- **Senior Staff Attorney- Children's Team (Texas licensed)**
- **Senior Staff Attorney - Adult Team**
- **Supervising Staff Attorney- Children's Team**
- **Associate Legal Director**

ProBAR supports new attorneys and attorneys transitioning into immigration practice to develop the skills and legal knowledge they need.

Please note that Spanish and English fluency is required for these positions.

Other career opportunities!

ProBAR is currently hiring for a number of positions in our Legal, Release Support, and Outreach Departments.

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