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Meet the Lawyers on the Front Lines of the War on Immigrants

The Trump administration is inflicting unprecedeted violence and cruelty on immigrants. Legal service providers are trying their best to protect them even as the system crumbles. Here are their stories →



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I need the world to understand that what we’re witnessing right now is unprecedented and deeply disturbing. I have never seen such aggressive, dehumanizing measures taken against migrants.”

Halinka Zolcik

an accredited representative
for Prisoners’ Legal Services
of New York

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Due process is just out the window. People are getting picked up who have no legal reason to be detained. They are just locking everybody up and thinking somebody will figure it out on the other side.”

Margaret Hellerstein
an immigration attorney
in Los Angeles

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This was never about doing things the right way. Every single person being arrested at court is trying to do things the right way. This is about a hatred of people deemed to be ‘other.’”

Maria Chavez

legal director for the
Partnership for the Advancement
of New Americans

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“I am not hopeful at all. But you keep doing what you do, you can’t give up. There are still reasonable judges for now. You just try to help as many people as you can.”

Margaret Hellerstein
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