



IEDA RELIEF'S IMMIGRATION LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Background

On February 6th, 2015, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), an office of the U.S. Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review, recognized that IEDA Relief met the qualifications to provide low cost or free legal representation. In April 2015, IEDA Relief launched its Legal Assistance program, led by BIA Accredited Representative and Senior Director, Thony Ngumbu. To officially launch the new program, IEDA Relief's team held a free immigration workshop on April 11th, 2015 at IEDA Relief's Houston headquarters.



Client during a consultation



IEDA Relief Workshop Team

What kind of services does IEDA Relief offer?

The program is intended to provide quality counseling and representation to individuals seeking immigration legal assistance. Our immigration legal assistance services include, but are not limited to:

- Adjustment of status
- Citizenship
- Asylum
- Family petitions
- DACA/DAPA

All individuals in need of immigration legal services are welcome to visit us for initial consultations. Based on the client's legal need and our available capacity, we will determine if the client can be served in-house or referred to one of our legal service partners. IEDA Relief does not discriminate on the basis of gender, beliefs, culture, language, custom, sect, ethnicity and/or political affiliation.

How and when is assistance provided?

IEDA Relief offers assistance through its BIA Accredited Representatives, volunteer attorneys, and its partnership with other Houston-based legal service providers. **“Walk-In” sessions are**

held in our office every Friday from 10:00am-3:00pm. Potential service recipients are welcome to walk into our office during set times to discuss their issues with a legal expert. Requests for appointments outside our walk-in sessions can be made to legal@iedarelief.org.

Consultations are offered **for a \$30 fee** during Friday walk-in sessions. Once USCIS forms are completed, clients will be responsible to pay USCIS filing fees. Given that legal costs can quickly become an insurmountable financial burden, IEDA Relief intends to help alleviate this burden for indigent communities. **No one will be denied services based on inability to pay.** A fee waiver is available for clients that can demonstrate financial hardship. Agency fee for applications does not include USCIS filing fee, representation at the interview, or document translation. *Note: Under section 209(a) of the INA, there is no filing fee for Refugees adjusting their status to Permanent Resident (Green Card).*

Join IEDA Relief's Legal Assistance Program Coalition

IEDA Relief is working to build new partnerships and grow its coalition of attorneys to provide clients with a qualified and diverse attorney pool. We offer a platform for attorneys to spend pro bono hours while assisting indigent members of our communities. **If you are an attorney interested in serving our clients on a pro bono basis, please [contact us](#).**

About IEDA Relief

Our mission: The mission of IEDA Relief is to alleviate the suffering of vulnerable people by tackling the underlying causes of poverty so that people can become self-sufficient and achieve full potential.

What we do: Internationally, IEDA Relief works to empower communities in conflict torn and disaster-affected areas to save lives, sustain human dignity and restore a healthy community. In the United States, IEDA Relief works with refugees, new immigrants and low income citizens with an emphasis on establishing a path towards self-sufficiency. **IEDA Relief is as a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit tax exempt organization.**

Our US & International Partners



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