The mission of Pangea Legal Services is to stand with immigrant communities and to provide services through direct legal representation, especially in the area of deportation defense. In addition to direct legal services, we are committed to advocating on behalf of our community through policy advocacy, education, and legal empowerment efforts.

Celebrate with us Tomorrow,
Jan. 16th at 6pm!

First Fundraiser | 1-Year Anniversary | New Office Warming Party

Dear Friends,

We have officially turned one-year old! Since we opened our doors in January 2013, we have received many calls on a daily basis for assistance in the area of deportation defense and other immigration matters affecting low-income communities. Our client representation work has informed our policy advocacy efforts as well as our education and legal empowerment work, leading to a powerful impact on our immigrant communities nationwide. In this newsletter, we reflect on our community impact in 2013 as we embark on our journey ahead.

We are very excited to be at the place we have reached with our team and we hope to to celebrate together with all of you as we host our first fundraiser, 1-year anniversary, and new office warming party at:

Pangea Legal Services
350 Sansome Street
Suite 650
San Francisco, CA 94104

You can expect delicious snacks, water, wine, beer, and a fun raffle event!

At 7pm, we will be honoring a few of our partners who helped us launch and reach this point today.

We are asking for $0-50 sliding scale donations, which is the equivalent of our 1-hour consultation fees with one of our three attorneys. Of course, you are welcome to give more, but more importantly, we hope you will come to celebrate with us and our partners. So, please join us on:
Thursday, January 16, 2014
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
We look forward to seeing you!

Overview of Pangea's Community Impact

- **Hours of Legal Services Provided**: 7,100+
- **Pro Bono Hours of Service Provided**: 1,375+
- **Low Bono Hours of Service Provided**: 5,720+
- **Number of Persons who Received Legal Assistance**: 147*/351**
- **Community Members Reached through Joint Legal Empowerment Efforts & Immigration Clinics**: 800+
- **Local, State, and National Policy Advocacy Hours**: 700+
- **Total Market Value of Services Donated**: 1,000,000+

*Individual clients who retained Pangea for direct legal representation
**Includes legal beneficiaries, derivatives, and consultations
Pangea's Global Reach in Services

Reaching Our International Community in the Bay Area

Pangea’s global community reach extends across dozens of countries and nationalities including Syria, Algeria, Peru, Nicaragua, and Nigeria, among others. As we work with our global community, we are reminded daily of our unity and oneness, as reiterated by our name, "Pangea."

("Pangea" was the name of the earth's original continent when it was one connected landmass.)

Direct Legal Representation:
Keeping Families Together

In 2013, Pangea attorneys actively and successfully represented clients before ICE, CBP, the non-detained Immigration Court, the detained Immigration Court, USCIS, and the Asylum Office. Here is a snapshot:
Celebrating & Reflecting on 1-Year of Service

- Provided 224 sliding scale 45-60 min. consultations
- Represented 147 individual clients on a low fee or pro bono basis
- 68% of our clients were in removal proceedings
- Represented 15 clients in immigration detention
- Lifted up 7 client stories through public campaigns and advocacy efforts

**Most Common Types of Legal Services Provided**

*Most EADs, FOIAs, Motions to Transfer Venue, and other basic services provided by Pangea in conjunction with complex filings are not counted as individual services*

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**Policy Advocacy, Community Education & Legal Empowerment**

**Our Client Work Informs Our Policy Advocacy Focus**

Through our direct client representation and deportation defense cases, Pangea is uniquely positioned to identify areas of law that require improvement and address various policy issues. In order to address the issues we see, in 2013, we engaged our clients in a plethora of efforts to improve our immigration laws on the local, state, and national levels.

Our clients’ voices were lifted up as they shared the impact of our immigration policies on them and their families before the following bodies:

- San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission (IRC)
- Senator Feinstein
- Senator Boxer
- Representative Lofgren
- San Francisco City Supervisors
- Local and National Media Channels (radio, print, and television)
By joining other advocates in meetings, rallies, and public actions, our clients were empowered to not only look at immigrant justice as it pertains to them, but also to the greater immigrant community and society at large.

**Two concrete results of our policy advocacy, client empowerment, and collaboration with Bay Area coalitions in 2013 were: 1) The San Francisco Due Process Ordinance, and 2) the California TRUST Act.**

In 2014, Pangea is committed to working with our partners to ensure full implementation of the CA TRUST Act and the SF Due Process Ordinance policies for our communities.

**Education and Legal Empowerment for Our Communities**

In 2013, Pangea staff participated in 25 legal orientation programs for detained immigrants, as well as immigration, naturalization, and DACA clinics in the San Francisco Bay Area, reaching about 800 people. Through these clinics and our one-on-one consultations, we regularly inform our community about their rights, especially as they pertain to the new laws like the Due Process Ordinance.

In December 2013, Pangea co-hosted an immigration clinic for undocumented, Oakland Jack in the Box workers who were laid off in retaliation for labor organizing during the nation-wide fast food workers strikes, embarking on a cutting edge area of law: employment violation-based U visas.

In 2014, Pangea hopes to host and participate in many more legal orientation programs and immigration clinics - and to further educate and empower our communities.

**Pangea Stops Deportation of Grandpa Felipe and Empowers Family to Stand Up for Immigrant Justice**

In 2013, Pangea attorneys collaborated with various grassroots organizations and many community members to lift up client stories in the greater context of immigrant justice and national impact. Last quarter, we worked closely with CCISCO/PICO National Network to represent Grandpa Felipe, who was at the brink of deportation when Pangea secured a one-year Stay of Removal for him. As the father of one U.S. citizen child and two DREAMers, the leader and founder of a 13-year old soccer league, Grandpa Felipe has greatly contributed to his local community.
Grandpa Felipe’s story is a key example of the colossal problem with our deportation policies, and the need to recognize all our immigrant community members as full members of our society.

As we embark on the year 2014, Pangea is committed to continuing to strategize with our partners, work with our clients to lift up some of their stories demonstrating the impact on their lives, and to advocate for more humane and just immigration policies.

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If you are unable to make it, but would still like to make a donation (tax-deductible), please visit our Support Pangea page.

Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Warmly,

Niloufar Khonsari
Executive Director | Immigration Attorney
PANGEA LEGAL SERVICES

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We envision a world where the fundamental right to move is respected and appreciated by all. Our view is that all human beings are entitled to respect, documents, and a process through which to move, settle, and resettle in the world.

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