

Pro Bono Opportunities
NJ State Bar Web Posting Form

A. Contact Information

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B. Organization Information

1. In a few sentences state the overall mission of your organization.

KIND was founded by Angelina Jolie and the Microsoft Corporation to create a pro bono movement of law firms, corporations, nongovernmental organizations, universities and volunteers to provide quality and compassionate legal counsel to unaccompanied refugee and immigrant children in the United States.

KIND serves as the leading organization for the protection of unaccompanied children who enter the US immigration system alone and strives to ensure that no such child appears in immigration court without representation. We achieve fundamental fairness through high-quality legal representation and by advancing the child's best interests, safety, and well-being.

2. Please use the boxes (check as many as apply) and lines below to identify and briefly describe the population(s) for which your organization provides services, be sure to include information on characteristics such as age, disability or income, that might be used in establishing eligibility for your services.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors/Elderly | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children/Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low-income generally | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immigrants | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

The children served by KIND's Newark, New Jersey office are low income unaccompanied immigrant and refugee children. They range in age from very young (ages 4 to 5) to upper teens. The average age is approximately 13-15 years old. The majority hail from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. All are facing deportation to a country in which they have experienced some form of trauma, including gang or cartel violence, sexual or gender-based violence, trafficking, or child abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

3. In a few sentences describe the types of (legal?) services provided by your organization.

KIND places unaccompanied immigrant children with *pro bono* attorneys to represent them in immigration removal proceedings. KIND *pro bono* attorneys represent child clients on petitions for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, asylum, T (Trafficking) Visa, U (Crime Victim) Visa, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), VAWA, I-130 family petitions, and prosecutorial discretion, before immigration authorities and state family courts.

4. Service area:

Statewide

County based (please list counties served)

Essex _____ Union _____

Bergen _____

Hudson _____

Locally based (please list areas served)

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5. Please use the boxes below, by checking the general topic area and any specific sub-specialties, to indicate the substantive areas in which you are seeking *pro bono* support.

Family

Custody

Child Support

Divorce

Domestic Violence

Termination of Parental Rights

Visitation

Housing/Landlord Tenant

Immigration

Asylum

Naturalization

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

T Visa / U Visa / VAWA

Health

SSI/SSD

Consumer

Bankruptcy

Credit/Debt counseling

Predatory Lending

Wills

Transactional

Non-profit corporate

Community Development

Tax

Senior/Elder law

Bankruptcy

Credit Counseling

Predatory Lending

Civil Rights

Employment/Unemployment

Guardianship

Other _____

6. Does your organization provide substantive training to volunteer attorneys?

Yes

No

In some cases

If yes, please describe:

KIND holds regular trainings on representing unaccompanied immigrant children in removal proceedings. We also provide substantial mentoring materials, in the form of sample filings, practice advisories, case preparation checklists, and materials on working with children.

