



GHIRP Statement on the Texas Supreme Court's Temporary Order Regarding the Immigrant Legal Services Fund (ILSF)

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Today, the Texas Supreme Court ordered Harris County to immediately cease payments to providers under the Immigrant Legal Services Fund (ILSF). While the temporary injunction is in place, it causes significant harm to GHIRP's services and the clients who depend on them. ILSF is a valuable county program that supports representation for detained immigrants who are Harris County residents and cannot afford a private attorney.

Access to representation for individuals in immigration detention is more important than ever. Immigration enforcement across Houston continues to intensify with more aggressive ICE arrests, longer detention periods with no possibility of release, and families separated despite full compliance with government requirements. Just this week, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the government to terminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti and Syria and expanded the government's power to terminate TPS protections for other countries. This puts long-time residents at risk of detention and deportation.

Since 2022, GHIRP has represented detained clients with ILSF funding, successfully preventing unnecessary family separation and minimizing length of detention for individuals in ICE custody. Our representation ensures that immigrants facing deportation have meaningful access to due process. We have represented long-time residents, workers, and parents of U.S. citizen children, ensuring their rights are protected and families remain united. We have successfully advocated for individuals with claims to U.S. citizenship, survivors of violent crimes, and established community members with authorization to live and work in Harris County. Just last week, a client we represented through ILSF was granted asylum and released after ten months in detention.

For immigrants fighting their deportation, having an attorney could mean the difference between being able to stay in the country and being torn from their family, community, and the life they have built here. Deportations don't just tear families apart; they destabilize our local economy. This leads to lost wages, foreclosed homes, and shuttered small businesses.

The Texas Supreme Court in its ruling has blessed the state's efforts to bar local governments from supporting programs that uphold fairness, safety, and the rule of law. Attacks on organizations like GHIRP not only fail to advance justice, but they also put children at risk, increase family separation, contribute to court backlogs, and erode the very principles our legal system is built upon.

We remain firm in our mission to provide high-quality, comprehensive legal representation and to protect the rights and dignity of immigrants who call the Galveston-Houston area home.



Note: The June 26, 2026 order grants temporary relief while the appeal proceeds. It does not resolve the underlying legal issues or constitute a final ruling on the merits.

[GHIRP's mission is to build a resilient, diverse community by providing comprehensive representation and holistic legal services to immigrants in need.](#)

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