

TOWARDS JUSTICE

DEFENDING THE DIGNITY OF WORK

Summer 2016 Updates

Litigation

SkyHouse: On Thursday June 2, 2016, workers at SkyHouse Denver filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of thousands of construction workers nationwide alleging a pattern of wage theft and discrimination at construction sites around the country. The lawsuit against contractors and labor brokers who move vulnerable, immigrant workers around the country to fill construction jobs, describes Defendant's systematic exploitation of workers by refusing to pay them for all of the hours they work, refusing to pay overtime for hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week, and pervasive sex and race discrimination that results in Latina female workers being paid less while performing harder and more dangerous work than other employees. [CLICK HERE](#) for more coverage on this case.



Outreach & Education

Towards Justice has had a busy summer! Our outreach and education highlights include training an additional 8 Just Wages Navigators at **The Denver Foundation**, speaking to 42 **Self-Represented Litigant Coordinators** across Colorado, presenting to the **Denver Access to Justice Committee** on the Just Wages Navigator program, joining the panel for a **Front Range Anti-Trafficking Coalition** event and training the **African Community Center's** Jobs Staff on Workers Rights.

If you or your organization is interested in a Workers Rights, Wage Theft or Just Wages Navigator training, please email: info@towardsjustice.org

Spotlight: Summer Associates & Colorado Health Foundation

Summer Associates: Towards Justice is lucky to have two fabulous summer associates, Emo Overall and Chelsea Lane-Miller. **Emo** is working on a comprehensive review of our Access to Justice Program. **Chelsea** is investigating wage-fixing and other anti-competitive conduct that victimizes low wage workers in Colorado and across the county.



The Colorado Health Foundation™

Colorado Health Foundation: In May, Towards Justice received a grant of \$25,000 from the Colorado Health Foundation. By addressing key social determinants of health, Towards Justice helps the Colorado Health Foundation to make Colorado the healthiest state in the country. Income is one of the strongest and most consistent predictors of health and disease. By combating wage theft and its disproportionate impact on low-wage workers, Towards Justice helps to lift income levels for vulnerable Colorado families, reduce stress, and improve physical health. Thank you to the Colorado Health Foundation for your support of defending the dignity of work!

Upcoming Events

Access to Justice Awards: Our [Access to Justice Awards Ceremony and Celebration](#) is will be a fun filled happy hour to celebrate and thank our fabulous volunteers, partners and organizations that support us in our fight against wage theft. It is a great opportunity to meet like minded community members, browse the community resource table, bid on a few prizes and enjoy each-others company. We will also be celebrating our two **2016 Access to Justice Award recipients**. To learn more about our honorees, [click here](#). The Access to Justice Awards Ceremony & Celebration details are:

- **When: TODAY! Thursday, July 21**
- **Where:** Baere Brewing Company ([320 Broadway St, Denver](#))
- **Timing**
 - 5pm Access to Justice Celebration begins
 - 6pm Awards Ceremony
 - 7pm Prize Drawing

As an additional bonus, Towards Justice is honored to be [Baere Brewery's Non-Profit of the month in July](#). Baere Brewery will kindly donate **1%** of all sales in July and **25%** of all sales during our Access to Justice Awards Ceremony to Towards Justice. Just by attending our event, celebrating everyone's hard work and enjoying a delicious local brew, you'll be supporting the fight against wage theft - *it's a WIN-WIN!*

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SECOND ANNUAL JUST WAGES! FUNDRAISER & CELEBRATION.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

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Towards Justice's Annual Just Wages! Fundraiser and Celebration will be Thursday, September 28. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP and purchase tickets. If you'd like to sponsor the event, please email info@towardsjustice.org

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