

Summer 2017

TOWARDS JUSTICE

DEFENDING THE DIGNITY OF WORK

Litigation Updates

This summer and fall, Towards Justice will be representing some of the most marginalized immigrant workers in the country in cutting-edge litigation before the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. In [Llacua v. Western Range Association](#), Towards Justice will represent a group of current and former immigrant shepherds working on foreign H-2A visas in their antitrust lawsuit against two associations of ranchers and some of their members. The shepherds allege that the ranches fix and suppress the wages offered to foreign shepherds to well below minimum wage for almost all other workers in the country. In [Menocal et al v. GEO Group Inc.](#), Towards Justice will be representing a class of over 60,000 current and former detainees of an immigrant detention facility on appeal of the court's decision to certify a class action bringing forced labor claims against the company that owns and operates the facility. Our country's laws protect everyone--no matter their financial or immigration status. That is why Towards Justice works tirelessly to make sure that our clients have the benefit of sophisticated lawyering and cutting-edge claims.

Gambles v. Sterling Microsystems, Inc.

On April 12, with Towards Justice as Counsel, The Gathering Place member Elsie Compo brought a class action lawsuit against one of the largest background check companies in the country, Sterling Infosystems, Inc. in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Ms. Compo claims that Sterling's careless reporting procedures violated the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act and prevented Wal-Mart from offering her a job. Specifically, Sterling falsely reported to Wal-Mart that Ms. Compo had resided at a "High Risk Residential Facility" during the period when she used The Gathering Place address to receive mail. Want to learn more? Read our press release [HERE](#).

Access to Justice Updates

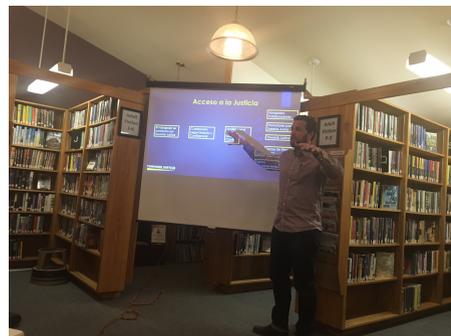
Annual Wage Justice Day

Towards Justice hosted its second annual Wage Justice Day, a day-long Continuing Legal Education program with cutting edge wage and hour topics, issue spotting techniques, and strategic considerations in representing low-wage workers designed to prepare new and existing members of the Towards Justice Collaborating Attorneys Network. A special thanks to our fantastic presenters: Colleen T. Clandra, Alexander Hood, David Miller, Brandt Milstein, Scott Moss, Raja Raghunath, Kelli Riley, Nantiya Ruan, David Seligman, and Andrew Turner!



Western Slope Outreach Trip

In April, Towards Justice took a week long road trip to visit communities on the Western Slope of Colorado. We visited Grand Junction, Montrose, Telluride and Gunnison to meet new community organizations, share more about wage theft and collaborate on how to best support workers across our state. Thank you to the [Hispanic Affairs Project](#) and [Tri-County Health Network](#) for your support in organizing our visit. Towards Justice is planning a Southwestern outreach trip for Fall, 2017.



Towards Justice in the Community

March -

- Towards Justice released our first (tri) Annual Report. Read more about our history, work and accomplishments [HERE](#).
- Alex Hood served on an Immigrant Workers' Rights Panel at DU Law with Professor Raja Raghunath, Attorney Marcela A. Mendoza, and Attorney Matt Baca.
- Lindsay Fallon presented a Know Your Rights training to Hire Denver.



April -

- Nina DiSalvo joined a panel discussing Towards Justice's work and an audience Q&A after a performance of Curious Theatre's "Building the Wall" performance.
- Nina DiSalvo served on the panel, A Colorado Case Study of Informal Labor, for COHRE's 18th Annual Symposium, Exploring Sustainability in the Informal Economy with Professor Tom Acker and El Centro Humanitario Executive Director Sarah Shikes.
- Justin Grant & Lindsay Fallon traveled to the Western Slope of Colorado.
- David Seligman discussed the work of Towards Justice at Colorado Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society's Happy Hour Networking Event.



May -

- Nina DiSalvo co-facilitated a round table discussion titled Worker Centers at the Annual Union Lawyers Conference.
- Alex Hood presented at Wage Justice for Mediators, a two-hour training on wage and hour law designed for Mediators serving in the Jefferson County Mediation Services program.
- Justin Grant and Brittney Bobadilla presented a "Know Your Rights" training at Sabin World Elementary School.
- Brittney Bobadilla presented a "Know Your Rights" training at La Casita Community House.
- Lindsay Fallon & Kelli Riley presented on Wage Violations at the LIUNA On-site Organizer Training.
- David Seligman presented at the Immigrant and Labor Rights at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver.



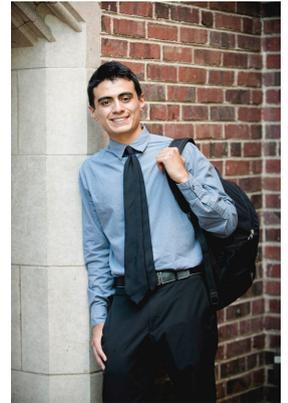
SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to welcome Brianne Power and Estefan Hernandez to the Towards Justice team this summer!

Brianne Power joins Towards Justice as a summer law clerk from Harvard University. Brianne is an Iowa native but plans to relocate to Denver after graduation to pursue a public interest career. She just finished her 2L year at Harvard Law School, where she is the Managing Editor of the Harvard Journal of Law and Gender and the Recruitment Director for Project No One Leaves, a student practice organization that canvasses neighborhoods in the Greater Boston Area to inform homeowners and tenants facing foreclosure or eviction of their rights. Prior to law school, Brianne studied mathematics and family studies at St. Olaf College in Minnesota.



Estefan Hernandez joins Towards Justice from Regis University in Denver. He was born in Sacramento California but has lived in Colorado for 18 years. He has experience Payroll verification at the Regional Transportation District's Civil Rights Department and has done service for Latino communities under Regis University by mentoring high school students and taking part in organizing anti-oppression week. Estefan currently plans to major in Economics with a minor in Sociology and Mathematics and is interested in serving different communities after teaching English to refugees from Myanmar as a service learning project. He has worked tutoring inner city kids in math and reading for his work study job at Regis and wants to continue working with Latino communities while planning to pursue a Masters in Economics after graduating.



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