

# Call for Trainees

## Denver Habeas Justice Lab

### A 4-Week Federal Litigation Training Pilot

Juntos Community is recruiting **1-3 trainees** to participate in the inaugural cohort of the **Denver Habeas Justice Lab** — a 4-week supervised training focused on filing a federal habeas petition to challenge unlawful immigration detention.

This is not a classroom simulation.

This is real federal court work — conducted ethically and under the supervision of a licensed attorney serving as counsel of record.

## What Is the Denver Habeas Justice Lab?

The Denver Habeas Justice Lab is a pilot initiative designed to:

- File one federal habeas corpus petition on behalf of a person currently in immigration detention
- Build capacity among non-attorneys to understand and support federal litigation
- Strengthen Denver's defense and removal ecosystem
- Develop a replicable training model rooted in community-based legal power

Trainees will work directly on a live case while learning the structure, strategy, and procedure of federal habeas practice.

## What You'll Do

Over four weeks, trainees will:

- Analyze a detention timeline
- Research habeas case law
- Draft sections of a federal petition
- Participate in legal strategy discussions
- Learn federal filing procedures
- Engage in trauma-informed legal practices

All work will be supervised and reviewed by the supervising attorney.

Trainees will not provide independent legal advice.

## Who Should Apply

We are seeking:

- DOJ-accredited representatives
- Law students (2L/3L preferred but not required)
- Paralegals
- Legal advocates
- Community advocates with strong research and writing skills

You do not need prior habeas experience.

You should be detail-oriented, reliable, and able to commit to the full 4-week schedule.

## Time Commitment

- Approximately 5–7 hours per week
- Weekly live sessions (virtual or hybrid)
- Independent research and drafting assignments
- 4 weeks total (April-early May, 2026)

## Why This Matters

Immigration detention often operates with limited judicial oversight. Habeas corpus remains one of the most powerful tools available to challenge unlawful detention — yet few non-attorneys are trained in how the process works.

This pilot strengthens our local defense and removal ecosystem by building legal capacity that can plug into organizations already doing frontline work.

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## How to Apply

Please submit the following via email:

 Send to: **Support@juntoscommunity.org**

 Subject Line: *Denver Habeas Justice Lab – Trainee Application*

Include:

1. Resume (PDF preferred)
2. A short statement (1 page max) explaining:
  - Why you are interested in this pilot
  - Any legal research or writing experience
  - Your availability during the 4-week period (April-early May)

Optional:

- Writing sample (no more than 5 pages)

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Selected applicants will be invited to a brief interview.