

Jenner & Block Supports Unaccompanied Children Ahead of Asylum Interviews

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Jenner & Block partnered with the National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) for an all-day affidavit clinic supporting six unaccompanied children, each from a different country, as they prepared for upcoming asylum interviews.

Beginning in July, US Citizenship and Immigration Services issued a wave of asylum interview notices for unaccompanied children with long-pending cases. In response, NIJC's Kids team has been working to prepare more than 100 children and young adults for those interviews, drawing on the support of pro bono partners across Chicago's legal community.

At the clinic, Jenner volunteers met individually with each young person, listening to their accounts of why they fled their home countries and are now seeking asylum in the United States. Working together, the NIJC clients and volunteers drafted declarations that NIJC will submit as part of each client's asylum filing.

The Jenner team included Partners Precious S. Jacobs, Steven Siros, and Wade A. Thomson; Special Counsel Jenna A. Bressel; and Associates Jack Baisley, Mackenzie Gettel, Christina T. Lopez, and Benjamin C. Seelig.

This clinic builds on Jenner & Block's longstanding partnership with NIJC. Read more about the firm's pro bono work in the 2025 *Heart of the Matter* report.

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