



VICTORY!

***Remove Immigration Court
Judge Ford Campaign
Successful***





***We are elated to share the news
that as of April 13, 2021,
Immigration Judge Nicholas Ford
has left the bench in San
Francisco and will no longer
be hearing cases.***





On November 12, 2020 the NLG-SFBA and our community partners filed a complaint against IJ Ford for his acts of bias, disregard for basic legal rules, and blatant mistreatment of people in immigration proceedings as well as their lawyers.





Though the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) “closed” our complaint for racial bias against him last month, with no transparency regarding whether any disciplinary action was taken, it is clear that the public pressure for Ford to be removed from the bench had an impact.





We believe that this is a decisive victory for the immigration justice movement and demonstrates the power of community when we unite to hold judges accountable for abusing immigrants.





We want to thank you for participating in this campaign to hold Immigration Judge Ford accountable for his actions and hope his departure provides some solace to the survivors of torture in Chicago and so many others whose lives were negatively impacted by his decisions, some of which led to permanent family separation and/or possible death abroad.





The struggle to hold immigration judges and courts accountable is far from over.

We will continue the **NLG-SFBA Immigration Court Observation Program (ICOP)** to track the behavior and decisions of judges in immigration courts while demanding that immigrant courts be made independent of the Department of Justice (DOJ).





This will be the ongoing work of the National Lawyers Guild San Francisco Bay Area (NLG-SFBA) Immigration Committee. It is incumbent upon us to collectively move towards ending deportations and abolishing the immigration court system, so we can make room for life-affirming resources that welcome and support immigrant communities.





***If you are a lawyer, legal worker, law student, jailhouse lawyer, and/or immigration advocate who is interested in joining this work being done by our immigration committee, please reach out to our immigration program coordinator here:
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