Celebrating 5 Years
2017 Year End Report
Dear UnLocal community,

Over the past year, the UnLocal team has been working in the most aggressively anti-immigrant administration in American history. While there have been many challenges, we have been inspired and draw strength from those directly affected by the administration’s policies. Together, with their allies, immigrant rights leaders and communities have stood together in solidarity to fight back.

UnLocal has played an important role in New York City as an immigration legal services provider and community resource for information on immigration law. As a result of your support, UnLocal has more than doubled its capacity within the past year. We are able to continue providing our critical legal services because of your donations, volunteer hours and collaboration in many other creative ways. We look forward to building out new programs in 2018 to accomplish even more for immigrant communities who need our services.

The following report is written in celebration of five years of legal services and community education to thousands of immigrants in New York City. We could not do this work without you.

In strength and community,

Michele Lampach, Esq.
Executive Director
UnLocal, Inc.

UnLocal Staff: left to right: Steffi Romano, Elizabeth Fulton, Tania Mattos, Jake Newton, Juliana Perez Calle, Michele Lampach, Katia Cardoza , and Michael Younker. Bottom, left to right: Tania Mattos speaking with protestors at an immigrant rights rally; Michele Lampach, UnLocal’s Executive Director, standing with activists to protest police brutality; Jake Newton, Steffi Romano, Tania Mattos, and Elizabeth Fulton at courthouse demonstration.
“I collaborate with the legal team to review and discuss all of UnLocal’s current cases. With a social worker and the staff we address the comprehensive needs of clients, such as accessing public benefits, ensuring their overall health and wellness, and assisting with questions about navigating through systems within NYC and challenges of day-to-day life.”

—Michael Younker, UnLocal’s Senior Staff Attorney

“I research possible strategic litigation to address common problems clients are facing. I believe that creativity and a commitment to every person’s constitutional rights can go a long way for systematically oppressed communities.”

—Juliana Perez Calle, Law Graduate
UnLocal, Inc. is a non-profit legal services organization that provides direct immigration legal representation, legal consultations, and community education to New York City’s undocumented immigrant communities.

UnLocal recognizes the intersectional needs of all immigrants, and tailors its programming to identify specific gaps in services that are not sufficiently provided elsewhere.

UnLocal employs a community lawyering model. By partnering directly with communities, we are able to address the variety of concerns affecting specific communities and develop deep, lasting organizational relationships.

“As the Education and Outreach Director, we reach hundreds of immigrants and people who support immigrants every year. Accurate and truthful information delivered in a conscious and clear way is vital to our community, their lives, and the decisions they take to protect themselves.”
—Tania Mattos, UnLocal’s Education and Outreach Director

“UnLocal’s work to defend the fundamental freedoms and educate immigrant individuals and families on current events surrounding immigration law is more important than ever. It is an honor to support this mission and work to ensure its effectiveness during this moment in history.”
—Jake Newton, Development and Operations Associate
UnLocal’s Immigration Legal Representation Program: operational since 2012

UnLocal’s immigration legal representation program encompasses an ever-changing docket of legal cases that reflect unmet legal needs for immigrant communities. UnLocal’s growing legal staff, comprised of 4 full-time legal team members and one Department of Justice-accredited representative, are working collaboratively in the five boroughs of New York City to deliver UnLocal’s legal services to its immigrant clients. UnLocal serves immigrants of all ages and backgrounds, with an emphasis on undocumented immigrants. UnLocal currently serves as host organization to two Legal Fellows, one who focuses on LGBTQ immigrant youth.

Program Statistics 2017

- Initial and renewal DACA: 34
- Employment Authorization Documents (EADs): 28
- Defensive/Affirmative Asylum cases: 21
- Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJS) cases: 60
- Adjustment of Status: 9
- U Visa Applications: 7
- Cancellation of Removal: 1
- Dreamers approved for Advance Parole (AP) to travel abroad for humanitarian reasons: 2
- Post-Deportation cases: 2
- Family-based petitions: 2

Program Statistics Over 5 Years:

- Employment Authorization Documents (EADs): 101
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) Cases: 85
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Cases: 64
- Adjustment of Status (SIJS): 60
- Asylum Cases: 41
- Advance Parole: 22
- Adjustment of Status (General): 11
- U-Visas: 11
- Family-Based Petitions: 9
- VAWA Self-Petitions: 8
- Naturalizations: 7
- Adjustment of Status (Asylee): 5
- Motions to reopen: 5
- Non-Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) Cancellations: 4
- Refugee Travel Documents: 3
- T-Visas: 3
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS): 3
- Post-Deportation: 2
- Consultations: 1,057

An UnLocal Milestone

Five years ago, UnLocal’s Executive Director, Michele Lampach, assisted the organization’s first immigrant client in their Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) case. This client became eligible for and applied for citizenship. As more of UnLocal’s clients become US citizens, they will be able to vote and have an impact in a new way on our government. SIJ cases are immigration filings that allow for a path to permanent residency for immigrant youth.
UnLocal’s Community Education program: operational since 2014

UnLocal works collaboratively with community-based partners to connect with some of the most difficult to reach undocumented residents of New York City. Through its community education program, UnLocal is able to form deep relationships with community partners who can connect to their immigrant members and constituents and present UnLocal as an organization of trust.

Program Statistics 2017
- Events: 76
- Partner Organizations: 56
- Event Attendees: 1,975
- Consultations provided at events: 214

Program Over 5 Years
- Events: 170
- Organizations and schools collaborated with: 70+
- Attendees: 4,418
- Consultations: 707

UnLocal is a leading New York City immigration legal services provider

An article published by Metro USA in September featured the following quote on UnLocal’s services in light of DACA termination: “ ‘The most significant thing that we can tell DACA recipients is that they should try to get a lawyer to help them figure out what their personal options might be,’ said Donna Lieberman, executive director of NYCLU. ‘Immigration law is very complicated—the deck is stacked against immigrants—but lawyers really do help.’ Lieberman also advised people to seek out free legal aid and other help from organizations like UnLocal, a nonprofit immigration legal needs service...’ ”
In 2018, UnLocal’s staff of 8 full-time employees are responding in real time to the fluctuating immigrant enforcement trends. This involves regular communication, contact with community-based organizations and services providers and dedication to our nimble infrastructure which allows us to develop programs and practices quickly, independently and efficiently.

In 2018, UnLocal will focus on expanding our legal docket to reflect the greatest need within immigrant communities.

Launching UnLocal’s LGBTQ+ Immigrant Youth Justice Project

In late 2017 The LGBTQ+ Immigrant Youth Justice Project was launched at UnLocal, Inc. providing pro bono legal services to low-income Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer+ youth of color, with an emphasis on the immigrant subpopulation vulnerable to being victims of crime, abuse, human trafficking, and other forms of violence. Such initiative is a response to the continued disproportionate level of violence experienced by, and perpetrated against, young LGBTQ+ community members of color. Funded by the Paul Rapoport Foundation Inc. and spearheaded by Equal Justice Works Fellow and Staff Attorney Steffi Romano, the LGBTQ+ Immigrant Youth Justice Project provides free immigration representation, legal name changes, and gender marker changes. The LGBTQ+ Immigrant Youth Justice Project aims to provide a space where all identities are welcomed, respected, supported, and empowered in accordance with UnLocal Inc.’s long-standing commitment to providing community-centered quality services. The Project has already established over 20 partnerships during its few months of activity and aims to become a permanent component of UnLocal’s work.

LGBTQ+ Immigrant Youth Justice Project 2018 Goals
- Retain 80 full-time cases
- Coordinate 20 community education events
- Serve over 400 LGBTQ+ immigrant youth throughout the five boroughs

“I proudly oversee UnLocal Inc.’s LGBTQ+ Immigrant Youth Justice Project. In this capacity, I have the great honor of working with, and learning from, LGBTQ+ youth of color, including survivors and victims of violence, abuse, and trauma. Through this Project, UnLocal continues to expand access to services in ways that recognize and value the multitudinous identities of our LGBTQ+ community members of color.”

—Steffi Romano, UnLocal’s Equal Justice Works Fellow
GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

Rapid Growth and Diversified Funding

UnLocal has achieved a substantial rate of growth over the past five years, and accelerated exponentially within the past two. This chart shows the annual budgets for the past five years of UnLocal’s operational history plus our projected 2018 budget. This demonstrates a 140% rate-of-growth over the past year.

Operational Budget

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Foundation Support

UnLocal found success in foundation support in 2017. Our development team is working toward identifying larger, more long-term donors to support its mission for the coming years and especially in navigating the Trump administration’s aggressive immigration policies. Here is a list of our funders with our first time supporters highlighted in yellow:

- Pinkerton Foundation: $50,000
- Immigrant Justice Corps: $39,482
- New York Community Trust: $20,000
- New York Immigration Coalition: $7,500
- Brooklyn Community Foundation: $15,000
- Bruce & Nancy Newberg Fund: $10,000
- New York Bar Foundation: $7,700
- New York University: $5,000
- EMSA: $1,000
- Kyle & Sharon Krause Foundation: $500
- Equal Justice Fund—Committed Funding for 2018

Jake Newton and Tania Mattos holding up UnLocal’s Thom Fluellen Award from NYU.
Foundations: $155,682

Corporate Support: Lampach and Kumar Law Group: $9,500

Government Funding: NYC City Council discretionary funding: $10,000

Individual Grassroots Level Support:
- Over 250 individuals donated to UnLocal in 2017 and raised $36,024 through several opportunities, including:
  - UnLocal’s “Five-Year Anniversary” Fundraiser at Astor Center on October 21st.
  - UnLocal’s 2017 TCS NYC Marathon Campaign; UnLocal’s three runners utilized their personal and professional networks to attract 133 donors to raise over $8,000. The big race day was on Sunday, November 5th.
  - A donation opportunity following the Trump administration’s announcement to terminate the DACA program in the Fall of 2017. UnLocal used 100% of the $2,790 donation funds to cover the cost of clients’ DACA renewal fees.
- One major gift: $300,000

Support through the Art World:
- On October 29th, 2017, an art auction that was organized by two of UnLocal’s board members, Christian Diaz and Raoul Anchando. This was our most successful fundraiser ever, bringing in over $81,975. A few dozen artists donated their art pieces to be auctioned off in support of UnLocal’s programs.

Earned Income:
- Administrative fees from clients: $5,002
- Honorariums from UnLocal’s community education presentations: $2,300
UnLocal’s staff has nearly doubled in the last year alone with 8 full-time team members, and 10 additional individuals joining UnLocal’s staff throughout the year.

**UnLocal Staff & Interns**

Katia Cardoza – Immigrant Justice Corps Community Fellow
Sky Cho – Legal Intern
Elizabeth Fulton – Staff Attorney, Immigrant Justice Corps Justice Fellow
Michele Lampach – Executive Director
Tania Mattos – Education and Outreach Director
Rufina Muniz – Social Work Intern
Jacob Newton – Development and Operations Associate
Juliana Perez Calle – Law Graduate
Leighann Ramirez – Legal Intern
Steffi Romano – Staff Attorney, Equal Justice Works Fellow
Michael Younker – Senior Staff Attorney

**UnLocal’s Board of Directors**

Raoul Anchondo – Board member
Christian Diaz – Board President
Emily Farrell – Board Secretary
Alexandra Goncalves Pena – Board member
Max Hadler – Board Vice President
Michele Lampach – Board member
Laura Stein – Board Treasurer

**Former UnLocal Staff & Interns**

Amanda Bransford – Legal Intern
Michelle Bao – Social Media Intern
Sarah Corstange – Legal Fellow
Maritza Lopez – Social Media Intern
Jackelyn Mariano – Staff Attorney
Golden McCarthy – Legal Intern
Brandi McGrier – Education Intern
Mariel Negron – Social Media Intern
Annette Reyes – Social Work Intern

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A TEAM ON THE FOREFRONT

Clockwise from top: Katia holds envelopes for DACA renewals; Christian Diaz performs at UnLocal’s anniversary celebration; 2017 staff holiday party; 2017 Spring staff retreat.

Each client is at their own stage in the legal process and with their own unique background and life story. We approach our legal work with the attitude that our clients deserve diligent, thoughtful and compassionate representation, even if their path to immigration relief is not straightforward.”

—Lizzie Fulton, UnLocal’s Immigrant Justice Corps Justice Fellow
Anakbayan New York
National Alliance for Filipino Concerns
August Martin High School
Bronx Documentary Center
Bronx Public School
Bronx Studio School for Writers & Artists
Brooklyn College Academy
Brooklyn Collegiate Preparatory High School
College Access Consortium of New York (CACNY)
Cardoza Law School
Chinese American Planning Council
Christ Life Ministries
The Coney Island School
COOP
City University of New York School of Law
Center for Urban Pedagogy
Democracy Prep High School
NYC Department of Education
Door-A Center of Alternatives
East Harlem Boy’s Club of New York
Elesair Project, NYC
Ellis High School
Fast Food Justice
Flushing International High School
Fordham University
Forest Hills High School
Garifuna Evangelical Church
Good Shepherd Services
Hillcrest High School
Hispanic Federation
Hunger Free America
Huntington High School
Hunter College High School
iMentor
Immigrant Movement International Corona
Medgar Evers College
Innovation High School
Internationals Network for Public Schools
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP
Latina Institute
Marble Hill High School
Marymount Manhattan College
Masa
Mission to End Modern Slavery
Mercy College
Mothers on the Move
New Sanctuary Coalition
New School
New York Immigration Coalition
New York State Youth Leadership Council
New York Theatre Workshop
New Immigrant Community Empowerment
NYC Coalition of Community Charter Schools
NYC Outward Bound
New York University
P.S. 307 Pioneer Academy
Padres Unidos
Pan American International High Schools: Bronx (Monroe) and Queens
Queens Solidarity Group
Renaissance High School
Richmond High School
Sisa Pakari
St. Paul & St. Andrew United Methodist Church
The Flushing International High School
The Howard Beach School
The James Baldwin School
The Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation
Unidos Si Se Puede
United Methodist Church of New Jersey
Voces Latinas
Voyages Preparatory High School
YAI

“I’ve been given the opportunity to work closely with our community-based partners where I do intakes to find out if there’s any legal assistance UnLocal can provide. Our organization truly cares about helping clients navigate these processes, and making them feel more empowered through education and the services they receive.”

—Katia Cardoza, UnLocal’s Immigrant Justice Corps Community Fellow
“As the current administration began rolling back immigration reforms, I saw how informing our audience of certain events or services that could benefit them through our social media became a life-line. By sharing posts and articles they are shown that they are not alone, and that their shot at the American Dream is worth fighting for.”

—Maritza Lopez, Social Media Intern