



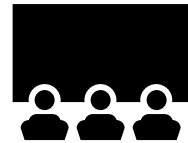
## Who is the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN) “Pro Bono” ?

RMIAN is a nonprofit organization, often referred to as “Pro Bono,” that provides *legal orientation* to individuals at the GEO/ICE detention facility in Aurora, Colorado. Our Legal Orientation Program aims to educate anyone in immigration detention about their rights and the Immigration Court process so they can make informed decisions about their legal cases. We offer four types of services: group orientations, individual orientations, pro se workshops, and in some cases, pro bono representation.

### More about the Services that RMIAN or “Pro Bono” offers:

#### Group Orientations

Every weekday, one of our attorneys offers a group presentation, also called a Group Orientation, at the GEO/ICE Detention Center in Aurora. The goal of this legal orientation is to help you understand the immigration process and to provide you with information on how you can represent yourself. During the orientation, the attorney will explain why you are in immigration detention, what happens in Immigration Court, what your rights are in detention and in Immigration Court, what are the different forms of relief against deportation, and whether or not you might qualify for release from detention.



#### Individual Orientations



Once the Group Orientation ends, the attorney will offer any individual (who attended the Group Orientation) the opportunity to talk in private for an Individual Orientation. During the Individual Orientation, you can tell the attorney about your individual case. You may ask the attorney any questions you might have. It is important to remember that this is simply an orientation of your rights and options. The attorney you will be speaking with will not be *your* attorney, and he or she cannot tell you what you should do in your case. The attorney can only give you information about what the immigration law says and how it might apply to someone in your situation. The attorney will not tell you what to do and will not accompany you to your hearing.

#### Pro Se Workshops

Based on information provided in the Group Orientation or through an Individual Orientation, you may learn that you are eligible for release or for a specific defense or relief against deportation. If that is the case, you can request to be added to a Pro Se Workshop to learn more about the way in which you can apply for release or immigration relief. For example, someone can ask to be added to the list for a Pro Se Workshop about how to apply for a bond in Immigration Court, or how to apply for asylum. The goal of any Pro Se Workshop is to help you understand the requirements for a particular application, provide you an opportunity to ask questions, and ultimately advocate for yourself when you don't have an attorney.



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## Informational Handouts and Self Help Packets

After you speak with an attorney about your case following the Group Orientation, that attorney can give you a handout or a packet with more information about any of the topics you might have discussed with the attorney. We can also mail these handouts and packets to you.



These handouts and packets are very useful and include written instructions for how to submit different applications. If we don't have time in our schedule to sign you up for the next Pro Se Workshop, we can make sure you receive one of these packets to help you understand how to submit an application or apply for bond.

## Pro Bono Representation

After you have spoken with an attorney about your case in an Individual Orientation, there are some instances where we may be able to refer your case to a volunteer attorney for pro bono representation. **This service is limited and not guaranteed.** Those that receive pro bono representation will not be charged attorney fees. They will, however, be responsible for paying for costs associated with their case including government filing fees if a waiver is not available. The pro bono attorney assigned to your case may be an attorney that works for RMIAN, or it may be a volunteer attorney that RMIAN finds for you. If you receive pro bono representation, that volunteer attorney will be responsible for representing you and keeping you informed about your case progress. The attorney cannot guarantee specific results or the amount of time it will take to complete your case.

## How can I contact RMIAN "Pro Bono"?



You can reach us by calling us at (303) 866-9308. Or you can call our office for free from the GEO dormitories by following the instructions listed there (**enter PIN number, dial 6, enter 1880#**). When you call our number, you will be asked to leave a message for our office. Nobody will answer the call, but we check all messages on a daily basis. When you leave a message, please state your name and A-Number and let us know the reason for your call. We will make every effort to return your call or meet with you as soon as possible.

- ✓ So, for example, you could say: "My name is \_\_\_\_\_. My A number is \_\_\_\_\_. I attended an orientation from pro bono two weeks ago and met with an attorney, but I now need more help with \_\_\_\_\_."

Services we DO provide	Services we DO NOT provide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ We can give you information regarding defenses against deportation you may qualify for.</li><li>✓ We can provide you with information regarding immigration consequences of your criminal record.</li><li>✓ We can give you a "Pro Se Workshop" regarding the specific form of relief you may qualify for.</li><li>✓ We can translate documents using our volunteer services.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✗ We do not represent you in front of the Immigration Judge.</li><li>✗ We do not provide you with individual assistance regarding appeal or motions in court.</li><li>✗ We cannot provide you with assistance regarding your criminal case.</li><li>✗ We do not loan or give you money to pay for bond, nor do we pay your bond for you.</li></ul>

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