

Immigration Detention Project

Approximately four times a year, SIU law students have the opportunity to volunteer to go to the Tri-County Justice & Detention Center in Ullin, IL to meet with the immigration detainees being held there by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security.

Students receive some basic training in immigration detention issues prior to the trip. While at Tri-County, one of the project leaders makes a “Know Your Rights” presentation to the immigration detainees. Written “Know Your Rights” packets which provide basic legal information in several different languages are distributed to the detainees.

The law students then conduct individual intake interviews with any interested detainees to assess whether the detainees’ legal needs are being met. This project is coordinated with the National Immigration Justice Center, based in Chicago, which provides follow up legal services for many of the detainees.

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