

2016 Annual Report



CCR celebrates

50 years

in the spirit of
MICHAEL RATNER

centerforconstitutionalrights

50 years on the front lines for social justice



This artwork was created in Guantánamo by CCR client Ghaleb Al-Bihani to commemorate CCR's 50th anniversary.

"Human rights cannot be achieved without struggle. Thank you for your solidarity—for standing with us, for seeking justice, and helping the sun of freedom rise. History will one day recognize your commitment and support of this work, and its pages will shine with your good deeds."

—Ghaleb Al-Bihani, CCR client detained without charge at Guantánamo since 2002

Here's what you did in 2016!

Together we are a force for justice!

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Michael Ratner
1943 – 2016



Thank you, Michael

Your Vision, Fearlessness, and Passion for Justice Live on at CCR

For nearly 45 years, Michael Ratner had a simple, coherent mission: defend and speak up for victims of human rights abuses all over the world. In formal terms, Michael served as a Staff Attorney, Legal Director and President of the Board of CCR, but in a more ethereal sense he was the light and the lead of CCR.

Michael became activated during student protests at Columbia Law School in 1968, when the police violence he witnessed drove him to a life committed to social justice. He graduated first in his class at Columbia and clerked for the legendary Constance Baker Motley, the first African-American female federal judge.

Michael said that on his first day at CCR in 1971, Bill Kunstler told him to pack his bags—there was a prisoner rebellion ongoing in upstate New York at Attica. He ultimately represented men killed and injured by state police. Michael learned from CCR luminaries Rhonda Copelon and Peter Weiss the promise of international human rights law and helped put CCR at the vanguard of creative strategies to achieve transnational justice—from the pioneering use of the Alien Tort Statute in 1979 to the principle of Universal Jurisdiction.

Fiercely critical of U.S. militarism and foreign

policy, Michael became closely allied with people's movements in Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Puerto Rico and elsewhere. With his legendary solidarity, he stood alongside people who he witnessed suffering first hand from U.S. violence and imperialism. With his legendary principle, he stood up in court where few others dared to—bringing the first challenge under the War Powers Resolution to war making in El Salvador, as well as a suit against U.S. officials on behalf of Nicaraguans raped, murdered and tortured by U.S.-backed contras. In 1991, along with his dear friend and law partner Jules Lobel, he led CCR's challenge to the legality of the first Iraq War. Michael went after dictators, torturers, corporations, and the military, and he challenged the impunity of government officials everywhere. Mindful of the limits of law but the importance of the people's voice, he, as Jules would say, dragged politics into the courtroom.

And, his politics was almost always right, even if it took others a decade to realize it. Michael led a team that successfully challenged the first Bush administration decision to house HIV+ Haitian refugees at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantánamo Bay—a place the government said was beyond the reach of law. He therefore knew the stakes when he learned the second Bush administration would

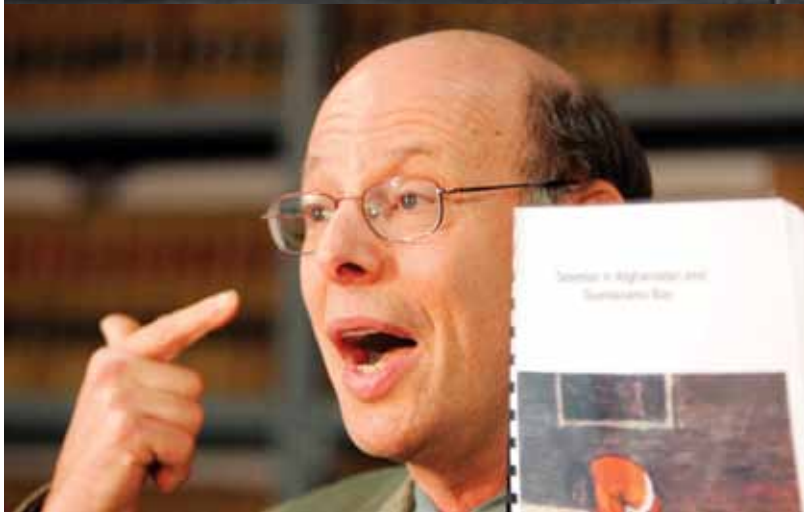


open another prison there for suspected Muslim terrorists. Michael made a compelling case for why CCR, alone among U.S. organizations, should take up the challenge to Guantánamo. In January 2002, just months after 9/11, CCR brought the first case, *Rasul v. Bush*. Michael did not think he would win, but moved forward on principle. And that principle ultimately prevailed when the Supreme Court ruled in 2004 that detainees could challenge their detentions—that there can be no prison beyond the law.

As a result of this decision, Michael and CCR led the effort to recruit and train hundreds of lawyers from all over the country to represent 790 Guantánamo detainees. The creation of this group—sometimes referred to as the Guantánamo Bar Association—represents what has been called the greatest mass defense effort in U.S. history.

Michael is survived by the legacy he created at CCR. In the words of current Legal Director Baher Azmy speaking at CCR's 50th Anniversary Celebration, "Michael was the most visionary, principled, strategic, fearless, passionate—and deeply humane and humble—advocate I have ever come across and likely ever will. I almost cannot understand how someone can be so vigorous in his challenge to power and yet so sweet and generous and unassuming—except to say that in his private life he modeled the broader world he wanted to see—one driven by love and kindness and respect for human dignity."

We miss you, Michael.



Message from the Board Chair

“CCR is so very fortunate to stand with you as we embark on the next 50 years.”

For half a century CCR has worked hand in hand with social movements to effect radical change domestically and around the globe. But, we were born in the backroads of Mississippi. In 1966, African Americans had been met by violent resistance from the Klan and other racists to suppress black voting. CCR’s founders—Arthur Kinoy, Morty Stavis, Bill Kunstler, and Ben Smith—joined forces with Fannie Lou Hamer, Ella Baker and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. The struggle in Mississippi cast the mold for how CCR works. For 50 years we have been movement lawyers and advocates—as Arthur Kinoy always said, “We are the people’s lawyers!”



What does it mean to be “the people’s lawyers”—to be “movement lawyers”? It’s meant using legal tools to bolster the overall organizing to gain the right to vote for African Americans in the South.

It’s meant being one of the first legal organizations to work with the reproductive rights movement to affirm a woman’s bodily autonomy, not merely the right of the doctor to practice medicine. Nancy Stearns and Rhonda Copelon challenged New York State’s law outlawing abortion in 1969. Their strategy was to let the female plaintiffs speak for themselves to the court—speaking truth to power, and thereby building power in and through women’s bodies.

It’s meant closing down the Clinton administration’s detention of HIV positive Haitians in Guantánamo. It’s meant going to the Supreme Court to establish the right of Guantánamo detainees to challenge their detention and then doing the long hard work to secure their release.

It’s meant suing the Pope on behalf of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests to hold the Vatican accountable for protecting and indemnifying sexual abuse by priests. It’s meant building and working alongside our activist communities to successfully challenge and shut down the NYPD’s stop and frisk policy. It’s meant taking on indefinite solitary confinement in the California prison system—as part of a broad and ambitious social movement to shut down mass incarceration and the prison industrial complex.

So much of this work was inspired and driven by Michael Ratner. Michael has been the brain, the heart, the vision, and the passion of CCR for a generation. We lost Michael in May, but his spirit will live on at the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Whenever Ella Baker met someone new she asked them, “Now, who are your people?” For Ms. Baker the measure of a person could be judged by the company you keep. You are our people. After 50 years, CCR’s people continue to be our clients, staff, board, cooperating attorneys, donors and activists. You make up who we are and how we work. The depth and breadth of our success is thanks to the commitment of people like you. CCR is so very fortunate to stand with you as we embark on the next 50.

Thank you,

Katherine Franke

“In order to see where we are going, we not only must remember where we have been, but we must understand where we have been.” – Ella Baker

Happy 50th Birthday, CCR! Thank you for sharing in our mission to use litigation, public education, and advocacy to transform the social, cultural, legal, economic and political systems that support and maintain structural racism; structural gender oppression; oppressive economic structures; and oppressive systems of state power. As we embark on the next 50 years of battling the impact of unchecked individuals, corporations and governments, we are grateful to have you at our side.

Together, we are fighting the exercise of abusive power and building the power of affected communities and individuals. Together, we are fighting the most serious and unconscionable civil and human rights violations. The human impact of CCR’s work—the lives saved, the lives transformed—is extraordinary and touches the hearts of all of us who do this work. We are dedicated to highlighting the people and ideas that make positive change; to increase their contributions to our society and the world. We value the leadership of those most impacted by oppression and are committed to work in solidarity and respect for that leadership. We hold ourselves deeply accountable to our clients and the communities and movements that we serve.

This is a particularly exciting time for CCR. America is at a turning point. That is why we are pleased to announce the launch of a five-year \$10 million fundraising initiative—The Michael Ratner Campaign for the Next Generation—to build the next generation of movement lawyers and activists, deepen CCR’s ability to act as the preeminent team of legal advisors to our partner social movements, and enhance our capacity and

our network to spend more time in the field.

Thanks to you, CCR gives voice to the voiceless, hope to the disheartened. Your support of the Michael Ratner Campaign for the Next Generation will assure the future of this critically important work. Now more than ever we know how fortunate we are to hold a legacy of dedication to transforming power. Michael’s fierce heart and soul of freedom and justice live and breathe through CCR’s board, staff and thousands of activists in America and around the world. It is our responsibility to continue to expand the reach of social justice movements.



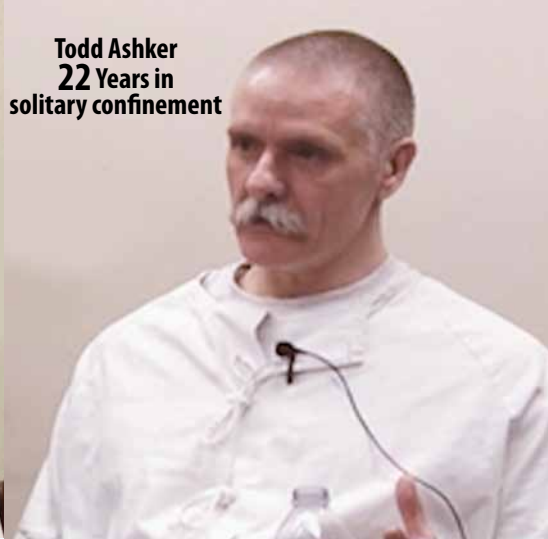
CCR only exists because of financial partners who are committed to fundamental civil and human rights. Together on the front lines for social justice, we will more broadly execute this important work and respond creatively and effectively to urgent, emerging and unexpected opportunities. The fight for social justice and human rights is often a long and difficult road. Your partnership makes it possible for CCR to keep fighting when others have given up. We will never give up.

Thank you for standing with us,

Vince Warren



George Franco
23 Years in
solitary confinement



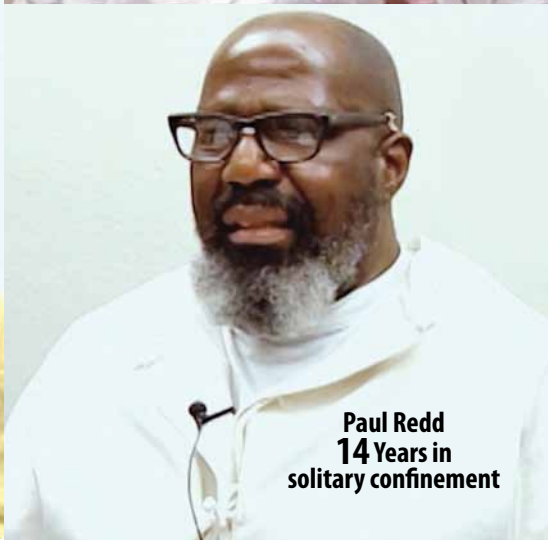
Todd Ashker
22 Years in
solitary confinement



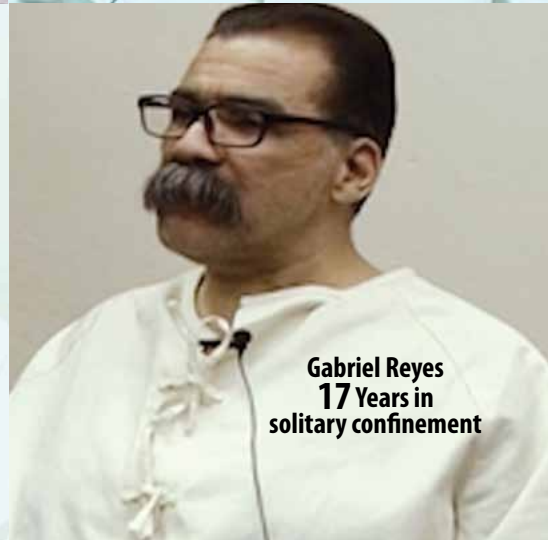
Sitawa Nantambu Jamaa
25 Years
in solitary confinement



Jeffrey Franklin
23 years in
solitary confinement



Paul Redd
14 Years in
solitary confinement



Gabriel Reyes
17 Years in
solitary confinement

Mass Incarceration

Your generosity is helping to end indefinite longterm solitary confinement in California. As a result of this landmark settlement, and the incredible organizing of prison hunger strikers, hundreds of men held in solitary for a decade or more are being reunited with their families. Get the latest: CCRjustice.org/mass-incarceration

The Beginning of the End for Solitary

Landmark settlement ends longterm solitary confinement in California

With your partnership, the Center continued our longstanding work on behalf of prisoners and improved the lives of tens of thousands of prisoners and their families in California.

In 1971, Michael Ratner, the National Lawyers Guild, and CCR attorneys came to the defense of prisoners involved in the Attica Uprising, and in 1999, CCR launched a successful campaign to end

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1965
Hamer v. Campbell
Represented Fannie Lou Hamer in a lawsuit to overturn elections based on discriminatory voter registration practices.



Fannie Lou Hamer

1967
Dombrowski v. Eastland
Held members of Congress and their counsel responsible for violations of civil rights.



James Dombrowski (left) and CCR founder Ben Smith

“I barely know how to describe my feelings. Surreal, inexpressible joy and yet bittersweet, because there we sat as if 15 years had not gone by.” – Dolores Canales, mother of former Pelican Bay SHU prisoner who was released from solitary confinement after a settlement in CCR’s case

the exploitative telephone contract between New York State and MCI/Verizon that charged family members 630% more for collect calls from their loved ones in prison than the average consumer.

CCR’s landmark settlement last fall in *Ashker v. Governor of California* is ending indefinite longterm solitary confinement in California. Six months after the settlement, California Department of Corrections (CDCR) had reviewed 1,126 people in solitary confinement, approved 929 to leave solitary, and actually transferred 781 into the general population.

When CCR filed the case in 2012, more than 500 prisoners had been isolated in the Security Housing Unit (SHU) at Pelican Bay for over 10 years, and 78 had been there for more than 20 years. They spent 22½ to 24 hours every day in cramped, concrete, windowless cells, and were denied telephone calls, physical contact with visitors, and vocational, recreational, and educational programming. Hundreds of other prisoners throughout California have been held in similar SHU conditions.

As Jules Lobel, CCR’s Board President and lead attorney on the case, rightly said: “Today’s victories are the result of the extraordinary organizing the prisoners managed to accomplish despite extreme conditions.”

Our work on behalf of prisoners continues with our challenge to highly restrictive and secretive Communications Management Units in federal prisons and ongoing monitoring of the *Ashker* settlement.

Voices From Solitary

CCR works hard to build the power of those who have been imprisoned, support movements begun by prisoners and raise up their stories and voices in our work. This year, the Center’s Executive Director, Vince Warren, participated on a panel at the Tribeca Film Festival premiere of SOLITARY, directed by Kristi Jacobson, which gives an unprecedented glimpse into what life in solitary confinement looks like for inmates at the Red Onion State Prison in rural Virginia.



CCR Executive Director Vince Warren speaks on a panel at the Tribeca Film Festival premiere of SOLITARY.

1969
DuVernay v. United States
Challenged discrimination in the racial composition of draft boards.



Morty Stavis at Freedom Democratic Party meeting, Lowndes County Alabama

1969
National Student Association v. Hershey
Protected First Amendment rights of anti-war protesters and successfully challenged, in the D.C. Circuit Court, the punitive induction of anti-war students into the armed services.

1969
Soglin v. Kaufman
Protected university students from expulsion for their lawful participation in anti-war activities.

Abusive Immigration Practices



Thanks to you, CCR is using Freedom of Information Act litigation to bolster efforts by grassroots immigrants' rights groups to force government transparency about federal detention quotas, which create financial incentives for ICE to keep 34,000 beds filled—many of them with families, including children. Take a stand: [CCRjustice.org/abusive-immigration-practices](https://www.ccrjustice.org/abusive-immigration-practices)

Profiting from Detention

Quotas mandate "guaranteed minimums" in immigration detention

Together we have fought and continue to fight to defend the rights of vulnerable immigrants and empower their communities.

In the 1980s, CCR defended sanctuary workers—members of church groups who provided shelter, medical care, and protection for

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1969

Powell v. McCormack

Fought in the Supreme Court to preserve voters' choice of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. as their representative in Congress. Prevented Speaker of the House McCormack from unseating Rep. Powell.



Adam Clayton Powell

1970

Stamler v. Willis

Challenged the constitutionality of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Obtained a ruling in federal court that allowed those served with subpoenas from HUAC to challenge them on constitutional grounds.



CCR founder Arthur Kinoy, dragged from HUAC hearing by federal marshals

“The days I spent behind bars were the worst days of my life. I was absolutely unaware of the charges...I know they knew from the first day that they got a wrong guy, but they kept me in custody long after that.” – Ahmer Iqbal Abbasi, CCR client in *Turkmen v. Ashcroft*

refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala—from government prosecution. After 9/11, the Center challenged the religious profiling and illegal detention of Muslim, South Asian, and Arab non-citizens.



CCR and Detention Watch Network report, “Banking on Detention”

Since 2009, appropriations bills passed by the U.S. Congress have required the funding of 34,000 immigration detention beds per day—many of them filled with families, including children, seeking refuge from violence in Central America. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have interpreted this funding provision as a requirement that those beds be filled at all times, through the use of local jails and correctional facilities as well as private, for-profit correctional corporations with enormous lobbying power. This results in a quota for detainees that has no parallel or precedent in the U.S. criminal justice system.

Through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and litigation, CCR has supported efforts by grassroots immigrants’ rights groups to force government transparency about the detention bed quota.

Holding Ashcroft Accountable

CCR client Ahmer Abbasi was one of nearly a hundred other men detained after 9/11 as a “terrorism suspect” based solely on his race, religion, ethnicity, and immigration status, and abused in brutal detention conditions for the many months it took the FBI and CIA



Former Attorney General John Ashcroft

to clear him of any connection to terrorism. He was denied access to the outside world, arbitrarily and abusively strip-searched, subjected to sleep deprivation and interference with his religious practice, denied basic personal items like soap and toilet paper, and deprived of adequate food.

In December 2015, the court stood by its decision to allow our case, which seeks to hold high-level Bush administration officials, including John Ashcroft, accountable for their role in ordering racial and religious profiling and abuse in detention, to proceed.

1970
Grand Jury Cases

Defended the rights of witnesses against grand jury abuse; protected the confidentiality of attorney-client conversations (In re: Kinoy) and defended congressional aide from being jailed for contempt in the “Pentagon Papers Grand Jury” case (In re: Rodberg).

1971
Palmer v. Thompson

Fought racial segregation in public swimming pools. Argued that the State should act affirmatively to end racial discrimination; lost in the Supreme Court. Public swimming pools were allowed to close rather than integrate.



Guantánamo



You make it possible for CCR to continue to support our clients even after they are released from Guantánamo, such as Djamel Ameziane (pictured above) who spent over a decade in the offshore prison before he was forcibly transferred to Algeria. Get involved: [CCRjustice.org/guantanamo](https://www.ccrjustice.org/guantanamo)

Life Outside Guantánamo

CCR clients express gratitude to all who refused to forget about them

In 1993, CCR successfully closed the detention camp for HIV-positive Haitian refugees at Guantánamo Bay ending the government’s attempt to create a legal “no-man’s-land” beyond the reach of U.S. laws. Nine years later, the Center brought the very first case on behalf of the men and boys

brought to Guantánamo in the early days of the Bush administration’s “War on Terror.”

In 2004 and 2008, CCR won landmark decisions in the Supreme Court upholding the constitutional right for detainees at Guantánamo to challenge

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1971

Wright v. Montgomery

CCR attorneys defended numerous participants and organized legal support for marchers who were arrested and harassed in connection with the historic Selma-to-Montgomery March in 1965.



Selma-to-Montgomery March

1972

Jeanette Rankin Brigade v. Capitol Police

Protected anti-war demonstrators’ right to demonstrate on Capitol Hill and struck down a statute that prohibited demonstrating, walking, or standing in groups on Capitol grounds.

“When people are released we think about those who remain. It’ll be hard not to think of the other brothers. God willing, this place will close with the help of your hands.” –Mohammed Al-Hamiri, CCR client

their detentions before a neutral judge in a real court.

Thanks to your unwavering support, in addition to revealing the travesty of the camp and securing the release of men held for years, we continue to fight to close the prison and resettle the men who remain there after 14 years and counting.

“I have been waiting a lifetime just to start my life again,” CCR client Fahd Ghazy once wrote.

That day finally came for Fahd. In the months since his release to Oman last January, Fahd has moved into his own apartment and, after over a decade apart, he has finally been reunited with his mother, wife, daughter, and brothers.

In April, two more CCR clients, Tariq Ba Odah and Mohammed Al-Hamiri, were transferred to Saudi Arabia, where their families embraced them upon arrival.

Tariq had been on hunger strike for more than nine years to protest his indefinite detention. His case received worldwide attention as his weight hovered at just 74 pounds—half of his ideal body weight—during this past year. Now that Tariq is finally free, we are hopeful that he will receive the sophisticated medical care he desperately needs.

After spending 14 years in detention, Fahd, Tariq,

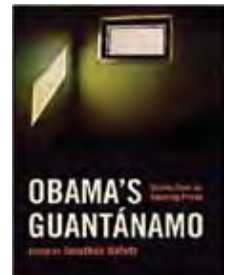
and Mohammed are now rebuilding their lives outside Guantánamo. They express their deep gratitude to all of you who refused to forget about them and who courageously shared their stories and dreams for a life of freedom.

We continue our strategic litigation and advocacy on behalf of our clients and seek new methods to challenge their detention and secure their release. This year, CCR represented five men in their Periodic Review Board (PRB) hearings. Though very resource intensive, PRBs are a required step before men can be transferred.

Stories from Within

The Center endeavors to raise up the stories and voices of the men at Guantánamo in all of our work. Five CCR legal and advocacy staff contributed chapters to a new book examining President Obama’s failure to close Guantánamo:

Obama’s Guantánamo: Stories from an Enduring Prison. This book provides another platform to further advocate for the closure of the prison and centers the human impact of Guantánamo in the discussion of the prison’s future. *Obama’s Guantánamo* can be purchased online at NYU Press.



1972

Abramowicz v. Lefkowitz

Challenged New York State law that restricted abortion; served as a model for lawsuits throughout the country challenging restrictive abortion laws.



1972

United States v. Dellinger

Defended charges against the "Chicago 8" and won reversal of the conviction on appeal.



Abbie Hoffman, one of the Chicago 8 conspiracy defendants

Racial Injustice / Discriminatory Policing



With your generous support, the Center is reforming the New York City Police Department's unconstitutional stop-and-frisk practices. Learn more about how we're continuing the work of the civil rights movement: [CCRjustice.org/racial-injustice](https://ccrjustice.org/racial-injustice)

The Path to National Police Reform

Changing the culture of the country's largest police department

CCR was born out of the civil rights movement in 1966 with our founders' shared vision to work in service to movements, not just clients. The fight then, and 50 years later today, has been to fight racism and challenge white supremacy.

In the 1960s, CCR organized legal support for and defended peaceful protestors beaten and arrested on the historic Selma-to-Montgomery march; litigated scores of Voting Rights Act cases; and led challenges to de facto segregation that held states

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1972
U.S. v. U.S. District Court
Won a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision invalidating warrantless "national security" wiretapping against domestic activists.



1972
U.S. ex rel. Goodman v. Kehl
Protected WBAI against a subpoena for tapes based on reporter's privilege and due process.

1973
In re: WBAI v. FM
Defended WBAI against grand jury subpoena for a note received from the Weather Underground.

“For young people in my neighborhood, getting stopped and frisked is a rite of passage...And we all feel the same way—degraded, harassed, violated and criminalized because we’re black or Latino.”

– Nicholas Peart, CCR client in *Floyd v. City of New York*

responsible for taking affirmative steps to achieve racial equality.

More recently we successfully challenged exploitive phone rates that prisoners’ families in New York State had to pay through our Telephone Justice Campaign; employment discrimination against teachers of color in NYC public schools; and racially discriminatory hiring practices in the New York City Fire Department.

Since winning *Floyd v. City of New York*, which found the New York City Police Department’s (NYPD) stop-and-frisk policy and practice unconstitutional and racially discriminatory, CCR has been hard at work to ensure court-ordered reforms are properly implemented and include meaningful input from affected communities. This year we have made substantive progress in the development of new policies and trainings for all NYPD officers and supervisors to reduce the number of unconstitutional and racially discriminatory stops.

Our work to reform the NYPD will continue for years. With your support, CCR will continue to monitor and measure the situation and work to resolve issues that arise—until the NYPD respects the rights of all of the communities it is supposed to serve!

Flint Water Crisis

In March, the Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice, a team of Michigan civil rights lawyers, and CCR filed an appeal in our case challenging the state’s controversial emergency manager law, which allows the state to replace locally elected mayors, city and town councils, and school boards in so-called “financially-distressed” municipalities and school districts with unelected emergency managers. More than 50 percent of Michigan’s Black residents have been placed under emergency manager rule, compared to only two percent of the state’s white population. Emergency managers in the city of Flint were directly responsible for switching the source of the city’s water supply to the contaminated Flint River, poisoning the city’s population.



L to R: Plaintiff Russ Bellant, Flint resident Claire McClinton, and CCR Executive Director Vince Warren

1973
Hess v. Schlesinger

Defended women’s autonomy within marriage. Struck down a Marine Corps rule which in effect treated women merely as extensions of their husbands.

1974
U.S. v. Banks and Means
Defended American Indian sovereignty at Wounded Knee; represented leaders in the American Indian Movement charged with conspiracy and assault in a standoff with the FBI.



Russell Means and Dennis Banks

1974
Aikens v. Abel
Represented steelworkers against their union leadership and management when an “Experimental Negotiating Agreement” was signed, that prohibited the rank-and-file from striking.



With your support, the Center is holding U.S.-based anti-gay extremist Scott Lively accountable for his active role in the persecution of the LGBTI community in Uganda. Take action: CCRjustice.org/sexual-and-gender-based-violence

Exporting Anti-Gay Hate

Experts condemn persecution of LGBTI Ugandans in new reports

CCR has long had a deep commitment to protecting members of LGBTQI communities from discrimination, censorship, violence and persecution.

In 1993, CCR sued the Peace Corps on behalf of a volunteer whose service was terminated because of his sexual orientation. That same year, we also sought to open NYC's annual St. Patrick's Day

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1973
Kentucky Bar Association v. Taylor;
Taylor v. Hayes
Protected the independence of the Bar. Defended Louisville attorney who was held in contempt during a criminal trial, denied a lawyer and a hearing, not told the charges against him and thrown in jail without bail.

1975
Joanne Little Case
Assisted in the defense of Joanne Little, a prisoner who had killed her white jailer after he had tried to rape her, by documenting overwhelming racial prejudice on the part of the jury in her case. Ultimately, Little was acquitted.



Joanne Little

1975
Douglas v. Holloman
Banned forced sterilization and drafted guidelines to ensure that women had adequate and full information, in comprehensible language, about the effects of sterilization.

“...Religious and political leaders...have whipped up such hatred of people in the LGBTI community that LGBTI Ugandans are facing severe discrimination, harassment and violence.” – Dr. Jennifer Leaning, Director of the Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University

Parade to the Irish Gay and Lesbian Organization. Though unsuccessful at the time, it was an early challenge in a struggle that continued for over 20 years, with the ban on gay participants finally falling this year.

In 1995, the Center released documents we had obtained under the Freedom of Information Act documenting the years-long surveillance of ACT UP.

In 2013, we successfully removed from the sex offender registry nearly 900 people who were forced to register as sex offenders as a result of convictions under homophobic sodomy laws.

Keeping in line with CCR’s historic work defending LGBTI rights, we currently represent Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG), a non-profit LGBTI advocacy organization in Uganda, in their suit against Scott Lively, a U.S.-based anti-gay extremist, for his role in the persecution of LGBTI people in Uganda, in particular his active participation in the conspiracy to strip away their fundamental rights.

In November 2015, SMUG produced three independent expert reports that document the ongoing persecution against the LGBTI community in Uganda and reveal the negative

impact of Lively’s actions. According to SMUG’s Executive Director, Frank Mugisha: “These reports by renowned experts in their fields confirm what life is like for LGBTI Ugandans, from the dangers we face to the impact on our health and well-being every day.”

The reports, which underscore the seriousness of the situation in Uganda for LGBTI people, illustrate just how harmful the politics of intolerance and exclusion are and why international law considers persecution to be one of the world’s most serious crimes.

Fighting Draconian HIV Statute in Missouri

CCR has joined the Center for HIV Law and Policy (CHLP), along with 21 national and state organizations, in an amicus brief on behalf of Michael Johnson, a former Missouri college student sentenced to more than 30 years in prison for violating Missouri’s draconian HIV transmission and exposure statute.



1975

In re: Union Nacional de Trabajadores
Defended UNT's right to a legally constituted trial by jury.

1975

Drinan v. Ford
Attempted to halt U.S. attacks on Cambodia through a challenge to presidential assertion of unilateral right to expand the war in Southeast Asia without congressional authorization.



CCR founder Bill Kunstler

1975

State of New York v. Danny White
Fought New York State's attempts to evict Mohawk Indians from their land and challenged the jurisdiction of U.S. courts over American Indian land claims. Resulted in a settlement with the state.

Criminalizing Dissent



Your partnership allows CCR to continue our longstanding work to protect the right to dissent. CCR and Palestine Legal released a report that documents for the first time the widespread and growing suppression of Palestinian human rights advocacy in the United States. Find out more: CCRjustice.org/palestinian-solidarity

No Palestine Exception to Free Speech

Defending the right to dissent for U.S. human rights activists

Because of you and your support of the Center, our enduring commitment to protecting the right to dissent—and to speaking up for what is right, long before it is popular—continues.

For the past 50 years, CCR has worked to prove that no one, no company, no country is above the law including upholding the right to dissent. Early on, CCR and its founders established the right to challenge the constitutionality of subpoenas to

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1976

Andrews v. Drew Municipal School District (amicus)

Protected the right of unwed mothers to teach in schools.

1976

NLRB v. Union Nacional de Trabajadores

Defended independentista union from NLRB enforcement orders.

1977

Horman v. Kissinger

Exposed U.S. involvement in a coup by the Chilean junta in a lawsuit against U.S. officials present during the overthrow of Salvador Allende's government in 1973; asserted their involvement in the disappearance, torture and murder of Charles Horman.



Charles Horman

“This settlement is a vindication for me, but more importantly, it is a victory for academic freedom and the First Amendment.”

– Professor Steven Salaita, CCR client in *Salaita v. Kennedy*

the House Un-American Activities Committee; litigated on behalf of anti-war activists; defended witnesses against grand juries; represented the Chicago 8 and had their convictions overturned; and won landmark First Amendment cases in the Supreme Court.

CCR has long challenged impunity for the Israeli government’s violations of international law. In 2015, CCR and Palestine Legal released a report, *The Palestine Exception to Free Speech: A Movement Under Attack in the U.S.*, which documents for the first time the widespread and growing suppression of Palestinian human rights advocacy in the U.S. The report outlines the tactics that Israeli advocacy organizations, universities, government actors, and other institutions have used against activists and contains testimony from advocates who have been targeted for their speech or expression.

Soon after the report’s release, we achieved a settlement on behalf of Professor Steven Salaita, a Palestinian American who was fired from a tenure track job at the University of Illinois in retaliation for his personal tweets criticizing the Israeli government’s assault on Gaza in 2014.

With you by our side, CCR’s longstanding work in support of Palestinian human rights and challenging Israeli violations of international law continues.



Defending Black Lives Matter Activists

In early 2016, civil rights group Color of Change (COC) approached CCR to partner in their advocacy on behalf of activists connected to the Black Lives Matter movement being surveilled by the government after mass protests commenced against police violence in response to the fatal shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. With COC, we put together an expansive Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the FBI and DHS for any information pertaining to surveillance by these agencies. We hope this work will reveal the extent of law enforcement authorities’ suppression of First Amendment activity and provide activists with important tools to defend themselves and further the movement.

1977

State of Washington v. Wanrow
Representing Yvonne Wanrow, CCR won the first ever appeal of a murder conviction on the grounds of a woman’s right to self-defense against harm to self or child.



Yvonne Wanrow

1978

Monell v. Department of Social Services
Originating as a successful challenge to forced maternity leave policies, forced local government accountability for unconstitutional acts for the first time and created the right to obtain damages from municipalities in such cases.



Monell protest marchers



Your support enables CCR to pursue accountability from U.S. government officials who authorized, enabled, and carried out torture around the world, and sue corporations for their role in the torture of prisoners at Abu Ghraib. Demand accountability: CCRjustice.org/torture-war-crimes-militarism

Profiting from Torture

Abu Ghraib prisoners fight for their day in court

With your partnership, we have long fought against torture in its many forms.

Much of this work builds on CCR's landmark victory in 1980 in *Filártiga v. Peña-Irala*,

pioneering the human rights application of a previously little-used 1789 federal statute, the Alien Tort Statute (ATS), which gives foreign nationals the right to sue for wrongful actions that violate international law in U.S. courts if they

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1979

U.S. v. Berkan

Won criminal case on behalf of Judy Berkan, lawyer for protestors of the U.S. Navy bombing of Vieques, Puerto Rico.



Judy Berkan

1979

Clavir v. U.S.

Filed suit on behalf of political activists against the FBI for illegal surveillance and surreptitious break-ins of their home.

1979

Bruno v. Codd

Compelled the NYPD to respond to domestic violence.

“Although this is the fourth time our case has had to go to the Court of Appeals, I trust the American judicial system and I believe that I will achieve justice in the end. We will have our day in court and the story of Abu Ghraib will be told by me and other men who lived—and—survived it.” – Salah Al-Ejaili, CCR client in *Al Shimari v. CACI*

cannot find justice where the violation occurred. For many, this route is the only hope they have for justice.

Since 2004, CCR has been working with a team of private attorneys on behalf of hundreds of Iraqi plaintiffs on a number of lawsuits targeting private military contractors who profited from the horrific torture of Iraqi prisoners detained by the U.S. at the now infamous Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

In May, we argued that the well-documented torture of prisoners at Abu Ghraib and a private military contractor’s role in that torture is not a question best left to the political branches, as a lower court ruled last June. CCR attorneys urged the appeals court to reinstate our suit against CACI Premier Technology, Inc. for the company’s role in the torture and other abuse of Iraqi men at Abu Ghraib.

As a result of your longstanding and generous support we are able to take on some of the world’s most powerful individuals, against long odds, and for as long as it takes to achieve justice. CCR continues to fight for torture accountability within the U.S. courts, in international tribunals, and in the media.

Prosecuting Torture Abroad

In March, retired U.S. General Geoffrey Miller, former commander of the prison at Guantánamo, was a no-show in a French court, despite having been served a subpoena to appear to answer accusations that



Retired U.S. General Geoffrey Miller

he oversaw the torture of three French nationals at Guantánamo. CCR and the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights submitted expert reports and other submissions in the proceedings. Through the principle of universal jurisdiction, which allows the national authorities of any state to investigate and prosecute people for serious international crimes even if they were committed in another country, CCR has actively pursued a half dozen cases in multiple countries seeking to investigate and prosecute those Bush administration officials who authorized, designed and implemented the U.S. torture program in absence of the political will to do so at home.

1980

Local 1330, U.S. Steelworkers of America v. U.S. Steel (amicus)
Fought to keep steel plants open in Youngstown, Ohio.

1980

Filártiga v. Peña-Irala
Revived Alien Tort Statute for lawsuits by non-citizens in U.S. courts challenging violations of international human rights. Won a suit on behalf of the family of Joelito Filártiga, who was tortured and killed by Paraguayan police.



Dolly Filártiga holding a picture of her son Joelito

1980

Harris v. McRae
Challenged the Hyde Amendment restricting poor women's right to federal Medicaid funding for abortion, lost 5-4 in the Supreme Court.



Your support is fueling the Center's challenge to the NYPD's blanket, unwarranted surveillance of Muslim communities in New Jersey. Find out more about this case and other efforts to fight discriminatory profiling, torture, and illegal detentions of Muslims in the U.S. after 9/11: CCRjustice.org/muslim-profiling

No Muslim Exception to the Constitution

Case against NYPD for spying on New Jersey Muslims moves forward

For over a decade your partnership with CCR has helped keep up the tireless fight seeking justice for those who are subject to domestic government abuses perpetuated in the name of the so-called “war on terror.”

Our challenges to discriminatory profiling, torture, and illegal detentions of Muslims in the U.S. began in the days immediately after the tragic 9/11 attacks in 2001 when Muslim, South Asian, and Arab men were rounded up on the basis of their race, religion,

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1981
Dotson v. City of Indianola, Miss.
Compelled the city to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

1982
Crumsey v. Justice Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Revived a 19th century statute to win the first damages case against the KKK and secured an injunction against their campaign of assault, intimidation and harassment.



Three of the plaintiffs in *Crumsey*

1983
Crockett v. Reagan
Challenged U.S. military involvement in El Salvador in the first suit under the War Powers Resolution.

“No one should ever be spied on and treated like a suspect simply because of his or her faith, and today’s ruling paves the path to holding the NYPD accountable for ripping up the Constitution.”

– Farhaj Hassan, CCR client in *Hassan v. City of New York*

ethnicity, and immigration status and detained in extremely restrictive and abusive conditions.

Since then, we have challenged the segregation of Muslims in experimental prison units, targeting by the government to act as informants in their communities, and unwarranted and expansive “Muslim mapping” and religious surveillance programs.

In January 2015, CCR and our litigation partner Muslim Advocates were in court challenging the New York City Police Department’s (NYPD) blanket, suspicionless surveillance of Muslims in New Jersey. CCR attorneys argued that the court should reverse a federal district court’s 2014 dismissal of the case.

The NYPD justified the surveillance by asserting the crude stereotype that Muslims are predisposed to violence. CCR refuted this justification and contested the city’s shocking claim that surveillance—on the basis of religious identity alone—did not cause the plaintiffs any harm.

Last October, the case was reinstated with a stirring and comprehensive decision, recognizing that New Jersey Muslims who have been subjected to surveillance by the NYPD stated a valid claim of discrimination on the basis of their religion, allowing the case to move forward.



L to R: Wahy-ud Deen Shareef, plaintiff in *Hassan v. City of New York*, Linda Sarsour, and CCR’s Baher Azmy

Challenging the Rise of Islamophobia

In a series of events around the country, CCR and Linda Sarsour, Executive Director of the Arab American Association of New York and co-founder of MPowerChange.org, joined with local allies and partner organizations in New York and Detroit to start conversations about countering Islamophobia in the U.S. These critical dialogues look at why we are seeing a surge in Islamophobia, how it is manifesting legally, the impact on Muslim communities, and how Muslim communities are challenging Islamophobia.

1983

Soto v. Romero-Barcelo

Brought suit to uncover FBI involvement in the killing of young pro-independence activists at Cerro Maravilla, Puerto Rico. Led to substantial awards to plaintiffs, televised Puerto Rican Senate hearings and several convictions of police officers for obstruction of justice and perjury.



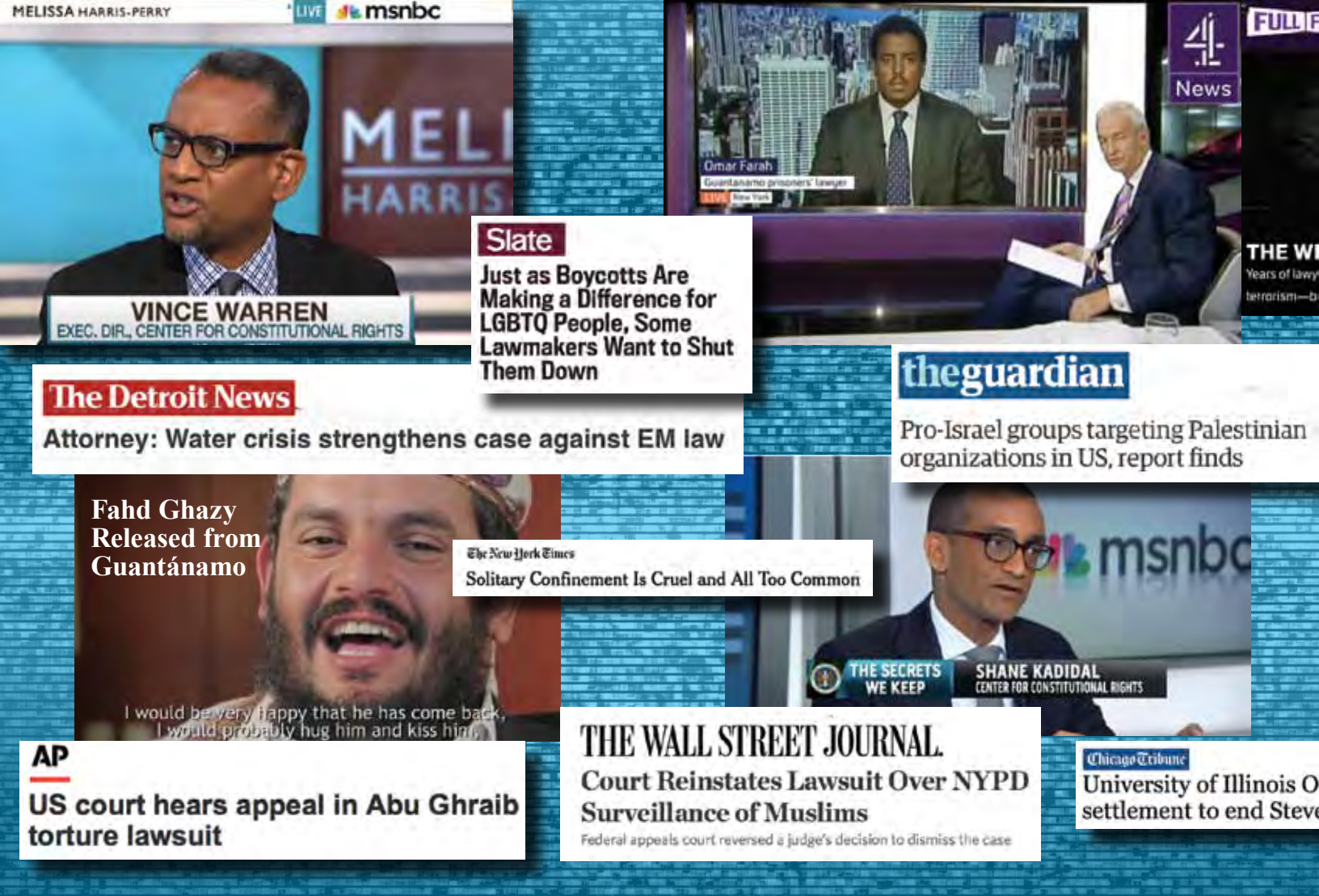
Televised Puerto Rican Senate hearings

1983

Conyers v. Reagan

Challenged the U.S. invasion of Grenada..





It's been another banner year for the CCR Communications Department, thanks to your loyal support and participation.

From solitary confinement to Guantánamo to Black Lives Matter, we made sure that the issues you care about were in the news, on social media, and in your in-box. With the new tools and possibilities on our redesigned website, we're able to keep you informed and involved in more ways than ever.

Our unique multichannel approach strategically combines an array of communications platforms to maximize the impact of your donation dollars. These include:

- **Press releases** and press statements on breaking news developments
- **Media outreach** to reporters, producers, and bookers throughout the year to keep our issues on their radars
- **Op eds and blogs** that help frame the issues
- **Frequent appearances** on Democracy Now!,

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1983
Briggs v. Goodwin

Led a team of lawyers in successfully defending leaders of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War and the Gainesville 8, who were prosecuted for conspiring to disrupt the 1972 Republican National Convention.



The Gainesville 8

1983
Nation v. Haig
Defended the right of Americans to receive Cuban publications.





STRONG GUY
...erless interrogation at Guantanamo Bay failed to connect Murat Kur...
...at Samantha grills him just in case.



THE DOCKET Rachel Meeropol
Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights

CCR in the News



MICHAEL RATNER
ATTORNEY, CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

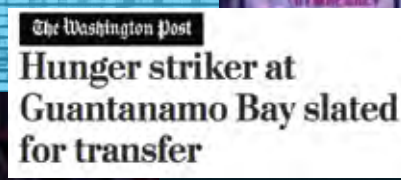
Five Reasons Michael Ratner Was A Badass

LATIN POST

New Study Finds ICE 'Guaranteeing Minimums' to Keep Private Detention Centers Filled With Mothers and Children



...Ks \$875,000
...en Salaita dispute



The Washington Post
Hunger striker at Guantanamo Bay slated for transfer



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Center for Constitutional Rights



The Atlantic
The Beginning of the End for Solitary Confinement?
California's settlement with prisoners will massively reduce the state's use of isolation—and is the latest win for the movement against the practice.

MSNBC, and other shows that offer our distinctive and authoritative analysis

- **Videos** that connect to viewers with emotional impact
- **24/7 social media** that pushes our content out to additional audiences
- **Frontlines of Justice**, our weekly email newsletter that puts all the latest news in our cases

in your in-box every Monday morning

- **The Daily Outrage**, CCR's own blog
- **Emails** on breaking news, upcoming events, and more
- **Our new and improved website** that connects all of our other communications media and offers tons of interactive features that allow you to find exactly

what you need and share exactly what you want.

Our success is a result not just of your generous and faithful support, but also your direct participation. With each Facebook comment, retweet, website share, and email forward, you enable us to grow our audience and deepen our influence.

1984
Sanchez v. Reagan
Challenged U.S. officials' support for torture, murder and rape in Nicaragua.



Morty Stavis and Peter Weiss in Nicaragua

1984
Reagan v. Wald
Sought, with Leonard Boudin and the NECLC, to enjoin restrictions on travel to Cuba on the basis that such restrictions deprived people of the constitutional right to travel; lost 5-4 in the Supreme Court.





Hundreds of lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers from around the country came together in Harlem, New York, last summer to help vision and build the legal arm of the Black Lives Matter movement.

#Law4BlackLives

Thanks to the generous support of the Bertha Foundation, the Wallace Action Fund, Open Society Foundations and the David Rockefeller Fund, CCR’s Bertha Justice Institute (BJI) is training the next generation of movement lawyers on a larger scale than ever before.

Last summer over 700 participants came together to envision radical change and continue building the legal arm of the burgeoning #BlackLivesMatter movement.

The #Law4BlackLives conference, organized by CCR’s BJI together with several co-sponsors, took place in Harlem, NYC, on July 31 and August 1, 2015. The convening was an historic gathering of lawyers, law students, legal workers, activists,

artists and jailhouse lawyers prioritizing the voices and leadership of people of color.

Connecting past and present, law and action, vision and nuts and bolts, the conference featured plenaries, caucuses, workshops, panels, art, organizing spaces and more.

#Law4BlackLives explored how legal advocates can work collaboratively with activists and organizers on a range of issues—from defending the civil rights of protesters to drafting transformative local and federal policy to advancing innovative international human rights advocacy strategies.

The convening also surfaced current legal needs from the ground, identified legal strategies,

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1985

U.S. v. Maria del Scorro Pardo de Aguilar
 Defended sanctuary workers, members of church groups who provided shelter, medical care and protection for refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala, from government prosecution.



1985

McSurely v. McClellan
 Won damages from the U.S. government on behalf of Al and Margaret McSurely, two voting rights activists, for gross violation of their privacy and Fourth Amendment rights.



and brought together a community of like-minded individuals to build a deeper collective understanding of how legal advocates can develop the power of movements.

CCR has played a crucial role in helping build legal infrastructure in Ferguson and Baltimore in the wake of the local uprisings after the police killings of Michael Brown and Freddie Gray.

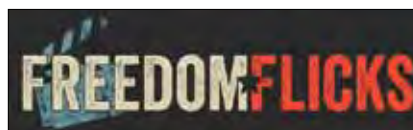
#Law4BlackLives is about continuing and broadening that work by bringing together the people who can—and are—making it happen!

Unable to attend? Watch online at: www.law4blacklives.org/

Training the Next Generation

CCR launched the BJI to build a new generation of lawyers and legal workers that have the vision, expertise and determination to create social

change. Through the Bertha Fellowship, CCR hosts three emerging lawyers who are interested in gaining both practical experience and a theoretical understanding of how legal advocacy can create social change. Since 1987, the Center has run the Ella Baker Summer Internship Program, a training program named after the pioneering civil rights activist, which provides intensive experience working on CCR cases for first- and second-year law students.



Each month the BJI hosts a free screening of a cutting-edge, socially engaged documentary, harnessing the power of film to educate, activate, and build community.

1985

CISPES v. FBI

Brought suit after CCR's Movement Support Network Campaign and Freedom of Information Act requests revealed massive spying on the El Salvador solidarity movement.

1985

Greenham Women Against Cruise Missiles v. Reagan

Fought nuclear weapons proliferation; sought to use the U.S. legal system to enjoin the United States from deploying first use nuclear missiles in Great Britain.



Women's Peace Camp at Greenham Common

1986

People v. Liberta (amicus)

Struck down New York State's marital rape exemption in its entirety.

Case Index

Guantánamo

Barhoumi v. Obama

Successful Periodic Review Board (PRB) representation of an Algerian citizen held at Guantánamo since 2002.

Al-Bihani v. Obama

Representing a Yemeni citizen held without charge at Guantánamo since 2002 and who was cleared for release in 2014.



Viigil outside of the Southern District of New York federal courthouse with banner of CCR client Tariq Ba Odah

Davliatov v. Obama

Habeas corpus case on behalf of Muhammadi Davliatov, who was detained without charge at Guantánamo for more than 13 years, despite being cleared for release for more than six years.

Bergdahl v. Burke (Amicus)

Amicus brief in the case of U.S. Army Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl, a former Taliban prisoner in Afghanistan who was released in 2014 in exchange for the release of five Guantánamo prisoners.

Zahir Hamdoun: Periodic Review Board (PRB) Proceedings

Representing a Yemeni citizen who has been held without charge in Guantánamo since 2002 and who was cleared for release in 2015.

Mohammed Kamin: Periodic Review Board (PRB) Proceedings

PRB representation for Mohammed Kamin, an Afghan who has been detained at Guantánamo since 2004 and who was cleared for release in 2015.

Ameziane v. Obama / Ameziane v. United States / Ameziane FOIA

Guantánamo habeas corpus petition in D.C. District Court, and human rights petition and request for precautionary measures before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).

Al Qahtani v. Obama / CCR v. DoD, et al. (al Qahtani FOIA)

A habeas corpus petition on behalf of the only Guantánamo detainee who the government has openly admitted was tortured; FOIA litigation against the Department of Defense, the Department of Justice, the FBI, and the CIA for public release of videotapes that document torture of al Qahtani during interrogations.

Mohammed Al Hamiri v. Obama

Advocacy and legal representation of Mohammed Al Hamiri, who was released from Guantánamo to Saudi Arabia in April 2016 after more than 14 years of detention.



Mohamed Al Hamiri reunited with his family

Al-Zahrani v. United States

IACHR petition filed on behalf of the families of Yasser Al-Zahrani and Salah Al Salami, who died at Guantánamo in 2006.

Celikgogus v. Rumsfeld / Allaithi v. Rumsfeld

Civil suit for damages filed on behalf of an Egyptian doctor who is now confined to a wheelchair due to the torture and mistreatment he experienced at Guantánamo.

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1986

Republic of the Philippines v. Marcos

Recovered New York real estate bought with illicit funds by Philippine dictator.



Corazon Aquino, president of the Philippines, thanks CCR founder Morty Stavis (far right)

1986

Kinoy v. Mitchell

Challenged warrantless wiretapping and massive surveillance of Arthur Kinoy in his role as lawyer for the United Electrical Workers.

1987

Jackson v. Allain

Filed a federal class action lawsuit challenging racially discriminatory runoff elections in Mississippi.

Case Index

Corporate Accountability

GTMO IACHR General Precautionary Measures
Thematic hearing on U.S. Guantánamo detention policy.

Fahd Ghazy v. Obama

Litigation and advocacy on behalf of former juvenile detainee Fahd Ghazy, who was released from Guantánamo to Oman in January 2016 after more than 14 years of detention.

Khan Tumani v. Obama

Representation of father and son from Syria who were detained at Guantánamo for years without charge and resettled apart in 2009 and 2010, in efforts to seek accountability for their torture and remedy the collateral consequences of their detention.



Human rights activists, torture survivors, and Guantánamo attorneys rally at the White House to mark the 14th anniversary of the prison

Othman v. Obama

Habeas corpus petition on behalf of Khaled Abd Elgabar Mohammed Othman, a Yemeni man detained at Guantánamo without charge until he was released to the United Arab Emirates in November 2015.

Khan v. Obama / Khan v. Gates / United States v. Khan

Representation of Guantánamo prisoner and victim of CIA torture Majid Khan.

Tariq Ba Odah v. Obama

Habeas petition and advocacy on behalf of long-time hunger striker Tariq Ba Odah, who was released from Guantánamo to Saudi Arabia in April 2016 after more than 14 years of detention.

Al Shimari v. CACI, et al.

A challenge to corporate impunity under the Alien Tort Statute (ATS) for war crimes and torture at Abu Ghraib prison on behalf of four Iraqi former detainees.



Haunting image of an Iraqi prisoner being tortured at Abu Ghraib

Doe v. Cisco Systems, Inc. (Amicus)

Amicus brief in ATS case bringing claims that U.S. technology company Cisco Systems, Inc. aided and abetted serious human rights abuses against Falun Gong practitioners in China.

In re South African Apartheid Litigation (Amicus)

Amicus briefs in a case seeking civil liability from multinational corporations for their role aiding and abetting the South African apartheid regime.

Adhikari v. Daoud & Partners, KBR, et al. (Amicus)

Amicus brief in post-Kiobel ATS corporate accountability case regarding migrant laborers illegally trafficked to work on a U.S. military base in Iraq for contractors.

1987

United States v. Turner

Secured the acquittal of voting rights activists charged with voter fraud and revealed a Justice Department campaign to intimidate activists who sought to ensure compliance with the 1965 Voting Rights Act.



From left: Margaret Carey-McCray, Morton Stavis, Evelyn Turner, Albert Turner and J.L. Chestnut

1988

In the Matter of Randall

Won right of poet Margaret Randall to regain her U.S. citizenship in the face of attacks by U.S. that she was ineligible because she was a Communist.



Margaret Randall

Case Index

International Human Rights

Al-Majalah Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request
A FOIA request for information about a U.S. airstrike on a rural community in southwestern Yemen, in the al-Majalah region in 2009.

Hernández v. Mesa (Amicus)

Amicus brief in support of petitioners in Supreme Court case seeking accountability for cross-border shooting under *Boumediene v. Bush* decision.

SNAP v. the Pope, et al.

Legal submissions before international human rights bodies and advocacy on behalf of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) charging Vatican officials with enabling and concealing widespread and systematic sexual violence against children and vulnerable adults by Catholic clergy.



SNAP representatives in front of the United Nations in Geneva

Accountability for U.S. Torture: France

Supporting action seeking accountability for U.S. torture brought in France under the principle of universal jurisdiction.

Accountability for U.S. Torture: Germany

Supporting action seeking accountability for U.S. torture brought in Germany under the principle of universal jurisdiction.

Accountability for U.S. Torture: Spain

Actions seeking accountability for U.S. torture brought in Spain under the principle of universal jurisdiction.



The "Bush Six"

Accountability for U.S. Torture: Canada

Action brought before the United Nations Committee Against Torture and in Canada under the principle of universal jurisdiction.

Mamani, et al. v. Sánchez de Lozada / Mamani, et al. v. Sánchez Berzaín

Federal lawsuit challenging government-ordered, extrajudicial killings in Bolivia.

Honduras: True Commission and CCR Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests

FOIA requests to various U.S. government agencies regarding the 2009 military coup in Honduras.

Munoz Santos v. Thomas (Amicus)

Amicus brief in support of a successful petition for rehearing a panel decision, arguing that extradition to Mexico where probable cause determination was based in part on torture violates Article 15 of CAT, which is binding and enforceable in extradition proceedings.

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1988

Haase v. Webster

Challenged Customs Service spying, seizure and copying of address books of travelers to Nicaragua.

1988

Martinez-Baca v. Suarez-Mason

Sought justice for victims of Argentine death squads under Alien Tort Statute.

1988

NOW v. Terry

Established precedent for a buffer zone around abortion clinics, where anti-abortion "Operation Rescue" campaigners could not harass or intimidate women seeking medical services.



Protesting against "Operation Rescue"

Case Index

Bigwood v. Department of Defense

FOIA case on behalf of Jeremy Bigwood, an investigative journalist, against the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for withholding materials regarding the U.S.'s role in the 2009 coup d'état in Honduras.

Georges v. UN (Amicus)

Amicus brief in support of Haitian victims of catastrophic cholera outbreak in Haiti arguing that the UN should not have immunity for causing the outbreak.



CCR's Amnah Almukhtar reads an excerpt from *Against All Odds: Voices of Popular Struggle in Iraq* and relates the book to her personal experience

Right to Heal

Advocacy and legal project challenging U.S. war crimes and promoting accountability and reparations for Iraqis, Afghans, and U.S. service members through international advocacy, Freedom of Information Act requests, and other efforts.

Advocacy before the UN Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures

Follow-up advocacy related to several CCR issues regarding the completion of treaty reviews by independent bodies, as well as before two special procedures—the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association—both of which issued findings and shared concern related to policing practices, police violence, surveillance of activists, and more.

Defending Dissent

Animal Legal Defense Fund, et al. v. Otter, et al. (Amicus)

Amicus brief supporting plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment challenging Idaho's "ag-gag" law.



CCR staff stand in solidarity with Kevin and Tyler, plaintiffs in *United States v. Johnson* who were indicted under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act

United States v. Johnson

A federal prosecution, under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, of two animal rights activists for allegedly liberating animals from fur farms.

Animal Legal Defense Fund, et al. v. Herbert, et al. (Amicus)

Amicus brief supporting plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment invalidating Utah's "ag-gag" law.

Animal Legal Defense Fund, et al. v. Wasden, et al. (Amicus)

Amicus brief supporting affirmance of lower court ruling that Idaho's "ag-gag" law violates the First Amendment, on behalf of two journalism professors who are experts in undercover and participatory reporting.

1988

Palestine Information Office v. Schultz (amicus)

Defended PIO's right to disseminate information freely as guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

1989

Texas v. Johnson

Won decision in the Supreme Court and defended freedom of expression in flag burning case.



William Kunstler and client Gregory Lee Johnson

1990

County Redistricting Cases

Ensured that electoral redistricting complied with federal standards set by the Voting Rights Act in more than a dozen cases brought in the South.

Case Index

Policing, Profiling & Immigration Enforcement

Immigrant Defense Project (IDP), et al. v. Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE), et al.

FOIA request and litigation against DHS and ICE seeking information related to ICE's home raids policies and arrest data as well as the particulars of a December 2011 ICE warrantless home raid.

Turkmen v. Ashcroft

Class action lawsuit challenging the 9/11 immigration detentions.

Detention Watch Network (DWN) v. Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

FOIA request and litigation against DHS and ICE seeking information on both national and local immigration detention bed quotas.

Hassan v. City of New York

Challenge to NYPD's suspicionless surveillance of Muslim Americans in New Jersey on the basis of their Muslim identity.



CCR staff, co-counsel and clients in *Tanvir v. Lynch*

Tanvir v. Lynch (formerly Tanvir v. Holder)

A federal lawsuit that challenges the FBI's abuse of the No-Fly List to coerce law-abiding American Muslims into spying on their religious communities.

Ibrahim v. Department of Homeland Security (Amicus)

Amicus brief on behalf of Dr. Rahinah Ibrahim in support of payment of her attorney's fees after her successful challenge to her erroneous placement on the No-Fly List and other terrorist watchlists.

Floyd, et al. v. City of New York, et al.

A federal class action lawsuit against the City of New York that successfully challenged the NYPD's practice of racial profiling and unconstitutional stop and frisks, and that is implementing broad reforms to NYPD policing practices.



When CCR put the NYPD on trial for its stop and frisk practices, community members and activists showed up in support

U.S. v. Ganius (Amicus)

Amicus brief in support of accountant Stavros Ganius, who challenged search warrant to seize computer data originally collected, copied and kept indefinitely pursuant to an earlier warrant directed to his clients.

Houser v. Pritzker

Class action lawsuit on behalf of African American and Latino plaintiffs whose applications for more than a million temporary jobs were rejected by the Census Bureau's flawed screening process that unfairly used criminal background records to disqualify applicants.

Color of Change v. FBI, DOJ & DHS

FOIA request to federal law enforcement agencies for information on surveillance of Black Lives Matter protestors.

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1990

Dellums v. Bush

Challenged George H. W. Bush's attempt to declare war unilaterally, without congressional authorization, during the first Gulf War.



Michael Ratner at a press conference for *Dellums v. Bush*

1990

Municipal At-Large Cases

Rid municipalities throughout the southern United States of this particular type of racially discriminatory voting system.

1990

U.S. v. Eichman

Defended freedom of expression and won decision in the Supreme Court for the second time in flag burning case.

Case Index

Prisoner & Detainee Justice

Fahad Hashmi

Legal support to former Brooklyn College student who was unjustly prosecuted for material support for terrorism and held in solitary confinement and under Special Administrative Measures for years.

Ashker v. Governor of California

A federal class action lawsuit that successfully challenged prolonged solitary confinement as cruel and unusual punishment, and that is implementing substantial reforms to California confinement practices.



CCR's landmark settlement in *Ashker v. Governor of California* is ending indefinite longterm solitary confinement in California

Moore v. Texas (Amicus)

Amicus brief challenging prolonged solitary confinement on death row.

Aref, et al. v. Lynch, et al.

A due process challenge to the Communications Management Units (CMUs), two highly restrictive federal prison units that segregate certain prisoners and severely limit and control their communications.

Jailhouse Lawyers Handbook

Free self-help legal manual for people in prison whose constitutional rights have been violated.

Racial Justice

Phillips, et al v. Snyder, et al.

Federal lawsuit challenging constitutionality of state-appointed "Emergency Managers" in predominantly Black and Brown communities of Michigan.

Gulino v. The Board of Education of the City of New York and the New York State Education Department

A class action lawsuit challenging the racially discriminatory impact of several standardized tests New York City used in a re-certification process for city public school teachers.



Engine 234 in Brooklyn, NY, is the FDNY's first majority Black fire company since the successful settlement of our case against the FDNY on behalf of the Vulcan Society

United States of America and Vulcan Society, Inc. v. City of New York

A federal class action lawsuit on behalf of the Vulcan Society and individual firefighters and firefighter applicants that successfully challenged the New York City Fire Department's racially discriminatory hiring practices.

1991

American Baptist Churches v. Thornburgh

With the National Lawyers Guild and Marc Van der Hout, won asylum for Salvadoran and Guatemalan nationals fleeing persecution by U.S.-supported regimes.

1991

The Nation Magazine v. U.S. Department of Defense

Challenged government press restrictions during first Gulf War.

1992

Linder v. Calero

Exposed U.S. support for the Contras in Nicaragua as responsible for the 1987 murder of Benjamin Linder, an American community worker. 1992 decision won the right to sue for personal injury for war crimes.



Benjamin Linder

Case Index

Palestinian Human Rights

Davis, et al. v. Cox, et al.

Representing current and former Olympia Food Co-op board members who are being sued over their decision to boycott Israeli goods.

Salaita v. Kennedy, et al.

A lawsuit against the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for firing Professor Steven Salaita from a tenured position over his tweets critical of Israel's summer 2014 attack on Gaza.



CCR represents Professor Steven Salaita (R) in a case challenging his termination in violation of the First Amendment

CCR v. Department of Defense / Gaza Freedom Flotilla FOIA

A FOIA lawsuit seeking information regarding U.S. knowledge of, role in, and response to a deadly Israeli attack on a humanitarian flotilla to blockaded Gaza.

Palestine Legal

Advocacy and legislative work around suppression of Palestinian rights advocacy.

Brooklyn College Student Disciplinary Process

Representation of Brooklyn College Students for Justice in Palestine for charges stemming from a demonstration.

U.S. v. Rasmia Odeh (Amicus)

Amicus brief arguing that post-traumatic stress from torture and sexual violence should have been considered by the court.

New York BDS Executive Order FOIL

New York Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request seeking information on the decision-making process behind Governor Cuomo's anti-BDS Executive Order.

LGBTQI Rights

Sexual Minorities Uganda v. Scott Lively

Federal lawsuit against a U.S.-based anti-gay extremist for his active role in the conspiracy to strip away fundamental rights from LGBTI people in Uganda, which constitutes persecution.



CCR, SMUG clients and allies packed the courthouse in Springfield, MA, at oral arguments in Scott Lively's motion to dismiss our case against him

State of Missouri v. Michael L. Johnson (Amicus)

Amicus brief on behalf of Michael Johnson, a former Missouri college student sentenced to more than 30 years in prison for violating Missouri's draconian HIV transmission and exposure statute.

CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1992

AFSC v. Brady

Won right to group travel to Vietnam and Cambodia.

1992

Weinbaum v. Cuomo

Challenged New York State's disparate funding of programs in its two public university systems; where the predominantly white SUNY system is funded at higher levels than the CUNY system, which serves mostly people of color.

1993

Haitian Centers Council Inc. v. Sale

Secured an order in federal court that closed detention camp at Guantánamo Bay for HIV-positive Haitian refugees.



Protesting Haitian refugees being held at Guantánamo

Partners in Litigation

Accountability for U.S. Torture: Canada
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Accountability for U.S. Torture: Spain
European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR); Gonzalo Boye of Boye-Elbal y Asociados

Adhikari v. Daoud & Partners, KBR, et al. (Amicus)
EarthRights International

Advocacy before the UN Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures
US Human Rights Network, National Economic and Social Rights Initiative, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU), Malcolm X Grassroots Movement

Al Qahtani v. Obama / CCR v. DoD, et al. (al Qahtani FOIA)
Ramzi Kassem; Sandra Babcock of Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern University School of Law; Lawrence Lustberg and Joseph A. Pace of Gibbons P.C.

Al Shimari v. CACI, et al.
Jeena Shah of Constitutional & International Human Rights Clinics at Rutgers School of Law-Newark; Robert P. LoBue, Peter Nelson, and Matthew Funk of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP; Mohammed Alomari; Shereef Akeel of Akeel & Valentine, PLC; John Zwerling of the Law Offices of John Kenneth Zwerling, P.C.

Al-Bihani v. Obama
National Organization for Defending Rights and Freedoms (HOOD)

Al-Majalah Freedom of Information Act Request
Hina Shamsi of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) National Security Project

Ameziane v. Obama / Ameziane v. United States / Ameziane FOIA
Andrew J. Brouwer of Refugee Law Office; Sophie Weller; Jennifer Oscroft of Cornerstone Barristers; Francisco Quintana and Charles Abbott of Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)

Animal Legal Defense Fund, et al. v. Herbert, et al. (Amicus)
R. Shane Johnson of R. Shane Johnson, PLLC

Animal Legal Defense Fund, et al. v. Otter, et al. (Amicus)
Michael Bartlett of Nevin, Benjamin, McKay & Bartlett, LLP

Aref, et al. v. Lynch, et al.
Gregory Silbert, Eileen Citron, John Gerba, Lara Trager, and Nathaniel West of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; Kenneth A. Kreuscher

Ashker v. Governor of California
Jules Lobel; Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP; Law Offices of Charles Carbone; Legal Services For Prisoners With Children; California Prison Focus; Siegel & Yee; Ellenberg & Hull; Bremer Law Group PLLC; Samuel R. Miller; Eva DeLair

Barhoumi v. Obama
Maj. Justin Swick (USAF) of Military Commissions Defense Organization; Richard Reiter; Jared Kneitel

Bigwood v. Department of Defense
Barbara Moses of Civil Rights and Constitutional Litigation Clinic at Seton Hall University School of Law's Center for Social Justice; Zachary Wolfe of the George Washington University

Brooklyn College Student Disciplinary Process
Radhika Sainath of Palestine Legal; Alan Levine

Celikogus v. Rumsfeld / Allaihi v. Rumsfeld
Russell P. Cohen, Jason Cabot, Emmanuel Fua, Kayvan Ghaffari, and Cathy Shuong of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

Color of Change v. FBI, DOJ & DHS
Color of Change

Davis, et al. v. Cox, et al.
Bruce Johnson and Brooke Howlett of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; Barbara Harvey; Steven Goldberg

Davliatov v. Obama
Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP; Reed Smith LLP

Detention Watch Network v. Immigration Customs and Enforcement and Department of Homeland Security
Jenny-Brooke Condon of Seton Hall University School of Law's Center for Social Justice; Detention Watch Network

Doe v. Cisco Systems, Inc. (Amicus)
EarthRights International

Fahad Hashmi
Jeanne Theoharis of Brooklyn College; Sally Eberhardt of Theaters Against War; No Separate Justice

1994
Helen Todd v. Sintong Panjaitan
Held Indonesian military official responsible for massacre in East Timor.

1994
Paul v. Avril
Won \$41 million judgment against Haitian military dictator responsible for torturing political dissidents.



Penn Station circa 1994

1994
Lebron v. Amtrak
Won Supreme Court decision that struck down federal restriction of political artwork in New York's Penn Station.

Partners in Litigation

Fahd Ghazy v. Obama

HOOD; New Media Advocacy Project; Witness Against Torture; Aja Monet; Saul Williams

Floyd, et al. v. City of New York, et al.

Jonathan Moore and Joshua Moskowitz of Beldock Levine & Hoffman LLP; Jenn Rolnick Borchetta of DEMOS; Communities United for Police Reform (CPR); Eric Hellerman, Gretchen Hoff Varner, Philip Irwin, Bruce Corey and Theresa Lin of Covington & Burling LLP

Georges v. UN (Amicus)

William Aceves of California Western School of Law; Sara Dávila-Ruhak of John Marshall Law School; Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti

GTMO IACHR General Precautionary Measures

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Guantánamo Partners

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Gulino v. The Board of Education of the City of New York and the New York State Education Department

Rachel Stevens, Anthony Gill, Lane Earnest, Kate Green, Joshua Kane, and Valerie Ruppert of DLA Piper; Josh Sohn, Shauneida Navarrete, Robert Mantel, Mark Lee, Joe Parilla, and Elizabeth Wanunu of Watson Farley & Williams LLP; Joel Hellman; Samuel R. Miller

Hassan v. City of New York

Glenn Katon, Farhana Khera, Adil Haq, and Naheed Qureshi of Muslim Advocates; Lawrence Lustberg, Portia Pedro, and Joseph A. Pace of Gibbons, P.C.; Ravinder S. Bhalla of Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC

Hernández v. Mesa (Amicus)

Brent M. Rosenthal of Rosenthal Weiner LLP

Houser v. Pritzker

Adam T. Klein, Lewis M. Steel, Ossai Miazad, Sally Abrahamsson, and Deirdre Aaron of Outten & Golden LLP; Ray P. McClain of Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Judith Whiting of Community Service Society; Robert T. Coulter of Indian Law Resource Center; Sharon Dietrich of Community Legal Services, Inc.; Jackson Chin of LatinoJustice PRLDEF; Samuel R. Miller

Ibrahim v. Department of Homeland Security (Amicus)

ACLU of Southern California; Chet A. Kronenberg and JoAnne S. Jennings of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

Immigrant Defense Project, et al. v. Immigration Customs and Enforcement, et al.

Immigrant Defense Project; Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama

In re South African Apartheid Litigation (Amicus)

EarthRights International

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Khan v. Obama / Khan v. Gates / United States v. Khan

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Mohammed Al Hamiri v. Obama

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1995

Xuncax v. Gramajo; Ortiz v. Gramajo

Held Guatemalan Minister of Defense responsible for torture, assault and false imprisonment.



Guatemalan Defense Minister Hector Gramajo, served with the lawsuit

1995

StreetWatch v. National Railroad Passenger Corp.

Won an injunction in federal court preventing Amtrak police from evicting or arresting those they suspected of being homeless where no criminal behavior was suspected.

1998

Salas v. United States

Required the U.S. to respond to an international tribunal for the first time with respect to allegations by ordinary citizens of gross human rights violations committed during U.S. invasion of Panama.

Partners in Litigation

Moore v. Texas (Amicus)

National Religious Campaign Against Torture; Reprieve; Eric L. Lewis, Jeffrey D. Robinson, and Esther Yong of Lewis Baach PLLC

Munoz Santos v. Thomas (Amicus)

Jennifer Pasquarella of American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California; Steven M. Watt of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Human Rights Program; Melissa Hooper of Human Rights First

New York BDS Executive Order FOIL

Dima Khalidi, Radhika Sanaith, and Rahul Saksena of Palestine Legal; Jewish Voice for Peace

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Phillips, et al. v. Snyder, et al.

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Salaita v. Kennedy, et al.

Anand Swaminathan, Gretchen Helfrich, Steven Art, Jon Loevy and Art Loevy of Loevy & Loevy; Jonathan Romberg of Seton Hall University School of Law's Center for Social Justice

Sexual Minorities Uganda v. Scott Lively

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SNAP v. the Pope, et al.

Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP); Bishop Accountability

State of Missouri v. Michael L. Johnson (Amicus)

Center for HIV Law & Policy; ACLU of Missouri Foundation; Gibbons P.C.

Tanvir v. Lynch (formerly Tanvir v. Holder)

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Tariq Ba Odah v. Obama

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Turkmen v. Ashcroft

Nancy Kestenbaum, Jennifer Robbins, Joanne Sum-Ping, Matthew Q. Verdin, and David Zions of Covington & Burling LLP; Michael Winger

U.S. v. Ganius (Amicus)

Alan R. Friedman, Samantha V. Ettari, and Noah Hertz-Bunzl of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

U.S. v. Rasmea Odeh (Amicus)

International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims; Bellevue/NYU Program For Survivors of Torture; Public Committee Against Torture In Israel (PCATI); REDRESS; World Organization Against Torture

United States of America and Vulcan Society, Inc. v. City of New York

Richard Levy, Dana Lossia, Robert Stroup, and Rebekah Cook-Mack of Levy Ratner, P.C.; Judy Scolnick of Scott + Scott LLP; The Vulcan Society

United States v. Johnson

Michael Deutsch of People's Law Office; Lillian McCartin; Geoffrey Meyer of Federal Defender Program in Chicago

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John Chandler

1998

Finley v. NEA

Challenged the decency provision in government grants to artists; lost in an 8-1 Supreme Court decision.



Karen Finley at a CCR benefit

1999

Reno v. American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Challenged selective enforcement of immigration laws in defense of Palestinian activists singled out for deportation because of their political beliefs.



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Thank you!



CCR 50 Years Fighting for Justice

1999

Goosby v. Town of Hempstead
Contested Hempstead, NY's at-large voting system, which was racially discriminatory; forced a transformation of the voting system.



Attorneys Randolph Scott-McLaughlin (in sunglasses) and Fred Brewington with their clients

1999

Reno v. American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
Challenged selective enforcement of immigration laws in defense of Palestinian activists singled out for deportation because of their political beliefs.



1999
Campaign To Save Our Hospitals v. Giuliani
 Won case in the New York State Court of Appeals to prevent the takeover of public hospitals in New York City by for-profit private companies.



2000
Doe v. Karadzic
 Won a \$4.5 billion judgment against Bosnian-Serb leader for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. The 1995 Second Circuit decision in this case recognized that rape and sexual violence constitute torture and genocide.



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2001

Kiaredeen v. Reno
Challenged the use of secret evidence in deportation trials.



Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno

2003

Daniels v. City of New York
Challenged racial profiling and forced the notorious NYPD Street Crime Unit to disband and established ongoing monitoring by CCR and the courts.



Ron Daniels and Susan Sarandon protesting the police murder of Amadou Diallo

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Hamdi v. Rumsfeld (amicus)

Challenged the denial of habeas corpus to an American citizen, Yaser Hamdi, in the Supreme Court; won a decision restoring Hamdi's right to contest his detention. He was subsequently released.



Donald Rumsfeld and
George W. Bush

2004

Doe v. Unocal

Historic settlement in case that alleged corporate complicity in human rights violations in Burma. Previous landmark rulings in this case established that companies can be sued in U.S. courts for human rights violations such as forced labor and rape.

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2004

Rasul v. Bush

Won a Supreme Court decision establishing U.S. courts' jurisdiction over Guantánamo Bay detainees and affirming detainees' right to habeas corpus review.



Shafiq Rasul

2004

Wilkinson v. Austin

Ruled that prisoners at a maximum security prison in Ohio cannot be placed, or indefinitely detained, in solitary confinement without due process.



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Hamdan v. Rumsfeld (amicus)
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Commissions; resulted in
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2006

Tummino, et al. v. Von Eschbach
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2007

Walton v. NYSDOCS

Challenged exorbitant telephone rates that constituted a financial burden on the families, friends, and attorneys of prisoners in New York State prisons.



Ivy Walton

2007

Corrie v. Caterpillar

Charged Caterpillar, Inc. with aiding and abetting war crimes and other serious human rights violations; filed on behalf of families of those killed or injured when Caterpillar bulldozers demolished their homes in Palestine.



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2007

Belhas v. Ya'alon

Lawsuit against the former head of the IDF Army Intelligence for his participation in the shelling of a UN compound in Lebanon that killed and injured hundreds of civilians.

2008

Witt v. Department of Defense

Challenged the Air Force's "don't ask, don't tell" policy that discriminated against LGBT members of the military.

2008

Bandele v. City of New York

Defended members of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, a community-based organization that seeks to politically empower the Black community, who were pushed to the ground and arrested for videotaping the NYPD as part of the group's CopWatch program.

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2008

Boumediene v. Bush / Al Odah v. United States

Established the right of the men held at Guantánamo to challenge their detention in federal court.

2008

Bowoto v. Chevron

Sought accountability for Chevron's role in the murder, shooting, and subsequent torture of Nigerian villagers who were engaging in environmental protest against the oil giant.



2008

Kunstler v. City of New York
Secured a \$2 million settlement from the City of New York on behalf of 52 peaceful protesters who were unlawfully arrested and detained for excessively long periods of time during an anti-war rally in NYC.

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2009

Rasul v. Rumsfeld

Sought accountability for the torture, detention and abuse of former prisoners at Guantánamo.

2009

Doe v. Constant

Sought accountability for the brutal torture and rape of three women by Haiti's paramilitary death squad (FRAPH) under the leadership of Emmanuel "Toto" Constant.



2009

Matar et al v. Dichter

Class action lawsuit charging the former Director of Israel's GSS with war crimes, extra-judicial killing and other gross human rights violations resulting from the aerial bombing of a Gaza residential neighborhood that killed or injured over 150 people, including children.

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2009

CCR v. Pittsburgh

Lawsuit against the City of Pittsburgh and various City Police officers alleging that the Pittsburgh police unconstitutionally used TASERS against peaceful demonstrators at an anti-war demonstration in Pittsburgh.



Parents of Mohammed Sulaymon Barre

2009

Barre v. Obama

Habeas case on behalf of Mohammed Sulaymon Barre, a Somali citizen granted refugee status in Pakistan, who was kidnapped by Pakistani authorities soon after the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, and later imprisoned in Guantánamo for nearly eight years.

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*Wiwa v. Royal Dutch Petroleum /
Wiwa v. Anderson / and Wiwa v. Shell
Petroleum Development Company*
Lawsuit on behalf of relatives of
murdered activists who were fighting
for human rights and environmental
justice in Nigeria.



Ken Saro-Wiwa, Jr.

2010

Khan Tumani, et al., v. Obama, et al.
Habeas petition on behalf of
Abdul Nasser Khan Tumani and
Muhammed Khan Tumani, a father
and son from Syria who were
unlawfully detained in Guantánamo.



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Arar v. Aschcroft
Challenged the rendition to
torture of Canadian citizen
Maher Arar by U.S. government
officials.



Maher Arar

2010

*Wilner v. National Security Agency
(NSA)*
Demanded that the government comply
with requests to turn over all records
of the NSA's warrantless wiretapping
of 23 attorneys who represented men
detained at Guantánamo.

2010

Al-Aulaqi v. Obama
Challenged the government's
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2010

Abtan, et al. v. Prince, et al. and Albazzaz, et al. v. Prince, et al.

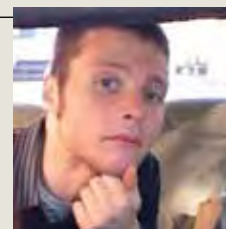
Two cases against private military contractor Blackwater and its founder, Erik Prince, on behalf of Iraqis wounded and families of Iraqis killed by shooters from Blackwater in Baghdad.



In 2007, Blackwater shooters opened fire on a crowd of Iraqi civilians

2010

State of California v. Kevin Olliff
Ruled that the Animal Liberation Front was not a gang and Kevin was ordered for release after reduced sentence.



Kevin Olliff

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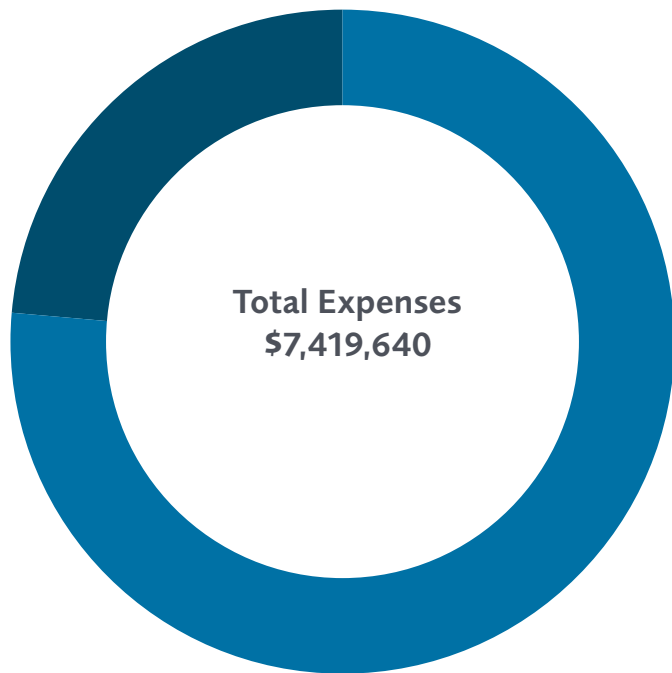
2010

Amnesty Int'l USA, CCR, et al. v. CIA, et al.
Sought the release of records related to the CIA's secret prisons and extraordinary rendition program that held people outside the law, without contact with lawyers, family members, or the outside world.

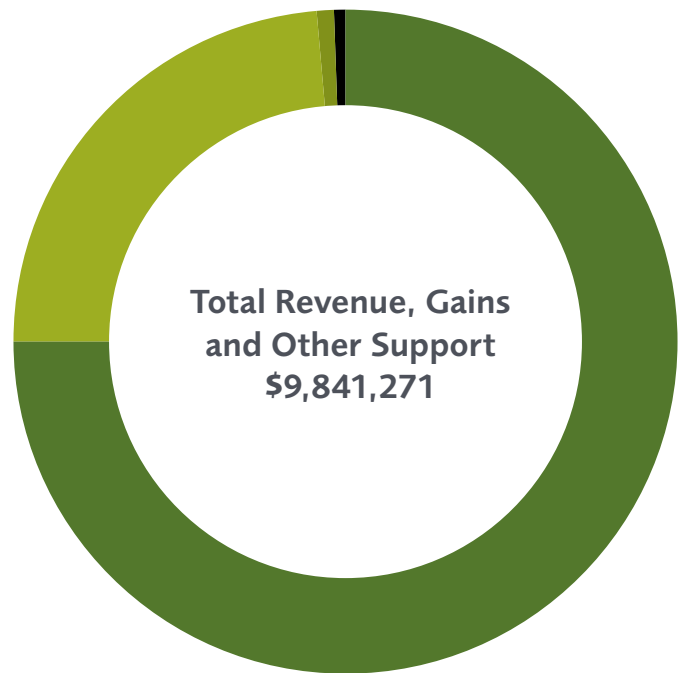
2011

Saleh, et al. v. Titan, et al.
Federal class action lawsuit against U.S.-based private contractors for their role in torture and other illegal acts committed at Abu Ghraib prison, where they were hired by the U.S. to provide interrogation and translation services.





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Litigation	\$3,953,231
Advocacy	\$1,715,058
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Administration & General	\$814,765
Fundraising	\$936,586



■ Grants and Contributions	\$7,394,927
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■ Investment Income	\$80,460
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EXPENSES

Program Services	\$5,668,289
Supporting Services	\$1,751,351
Total Expenses	\$7,419,640

NET ASSETS

Net Assets as of June 30, 2015	\$6,907,083
Change in Net Assets	\$2,129,393
Net Assets as of June 30, 2016	\$9,036,476

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2011

Murillo v. Micheletti

Challenged the extrajudicial killing, crimes against humanity of murder and persecution, wrongful death and other gross human rights violations that occurred in Honduras under the authority and/or direction of Roberto Micheletti Baín.

2011

Goodman, et al. v. St. Paul, et al.

Successfully challenged the targeting by law enforcement of journalists during the 2008 Republican National Convention, the unlawful arrests of the journalists, and the use of excessive force.



CCR Legal Director Baher Azmy with Amy Goodman

2012

Salah v. U.S. Department of Treasury

Successfully challenged a U.S. citizen's designation as a "Specially Designated Terrorist," which was imposed without notice or an opportunity to be heard.

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2012

Al-Quraishi, et al. v. Nakhla and L-3 Services

A federal lawsuit against U.S.-based private contractor for their role in torture and other war crimes at Abu Ghraib and other prisons in Iraq.



2013

National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON) v. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE)

Forced the U.S. government to release documents about the origins and implementation of the controversial Secure Communities (SCOMM) deportation and fingerprinting program.



Pablo Alvarado of NDLON

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2013

Aguilar, et al. v. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), et al.
Established new national policies governing the conduct of immigration agents during raids.

2013

Blum v. Holder
Challenged the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA) on behalf of five long-time animal rights activists whose speech and other activism had been chilled out of fear that they could be prosecuted as terrorists.



Long-time animal rights activists and plaintiffs in *Blum*

2013

CCR v. Chief Judge Lind
Fought to grant access to the trial evidence, including trial transcripts, in the court-martial of WikiLeaks leaker PFC Chelsea Manning; and challenged that substantive legal matters—including a pretrial publicity order—were argued and decided in secret.



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2013

Floyd, et al. v. City of New York, et al.
Landmark ruling found the New York City Police Department liable for a pattern and practice of racial profiling and unconstitutional stop-and-frisk practices.



CCR Executive Director Vince Warren, *Floyd* client Nicholas Peart and Mayor Bill de Blasio

2014

Al-Aulaqi v. Panetta
Challenged the drone killings by the United States of three U.S. citizens, including a 16-year-old, in Yemen.



Abdulrahman Al-Aulaqi (right)



2015

Ashker v. Governor of California
 Ended indeterminate solitary confinement in the state of California, dramatically reducing the number of people in isolation.

2015

Hicks v. United States
 Overturned the first Military Commissions conviction of former Guantánamo detainee David Hicks who pled guilty to providing material support for terrorism in 2007 because he was tortured and desperate to be free from Guantánamo.



David Hicks

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2016

Ghazy v. Bush

Habeas corpus petition on behalf of Fahd Ghazy, a Yemeni man who was detained at Guantánamo without charge from 2002-2016.



Fahd Ghazy

2016

Ba Odah v. Obama

Habeas corpus petition on behalf of Tariq Ba Odah, a Yemeni man who was detained at Guantánamo without charge from 2002-2016.



Tariq Ba Odah

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