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We envision a world where the fundamental right to move is respected and appreciated by all.

Our view is that all human beings are entitled to respect, documents, and a process through which to move, settle, and resettle in the world.



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Florisel speaking at a press conference the day after being released from immigration detention. (Federal District Court, San Francisco, March 15, 2018)

Pangea Paves Positive Legal Path for

Client Floricel and Many Others

Pangea client, Floricel Liborio Ramos, was freed from immigration detention in March, after powerful community-led advocacy and multiple appeals at the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and the [Federal District Court in Northern California](#). Floricel's case will set a positive example for judges and courts in California and across the United States, especially after the negative Supreme Court decision in [Jennings v. Rodriguez](#).

[Read Floricel's press release here.](#)



Outside the federal district court after Floricel's hearing. The federal judge found that Floricel had "substantial community support – as evidenced by 80 community letters and 30 attendees at her hearing, including the Bishop of San Francisco.[...]." (March 13, 2018)



Pangea and Loved Ones Win Freedom for Detained Client, Jesus, and Build Community Power

Pangea client, Jesus Medrano, won his bond hearing before an immigration judge in the San Francisco detained immigration court on the same day as the emergency rally to stop deportations (see below)! Pictured above is Jesus reunited with his two daughters the morning that he returned home.

On the morning of his son's bond hearing, Jesus's father, Francisco, spoke out at the emergency rally outside the detained court. Francisco shared his son's story with the [hundreds of community members that gathered to protest ICE's raids and deportations](#). Jesus is a father of four U.S. citizen children who was unlawfully and violently detained during an ICE raid in Fair Oaks, CA, in November 2017. Francisco was taking care of Jesus's children while he was detained. He wiped away tears as he shared that his grandchildren often asked where their dad was and why he hadn't come home; Francisco always replied, "He's working."

After being detained for almost four months, Jesus was granted release on bond. With

help from community members, Jesus's father Francisco was able to post bond, and Jesus was reunited with his family the following morning.



Jesus's father Francisco speaking out at the Stop Deportations: Emergency Rally, expressing his wish that no immigrant be detained (Feb. 28, 2018)

Pangea Launches Individual Giving Program!

Pangea Legal Services creates pathways to lawful status and advocates with immigrants at risk of deportation and family separation. Every day, Pangea works with immigrants across the Bay Area to empower communities, defend their legal cases, and keep families united. That is why we are launching our Individual Giving Program! Monthly contributions will help sustain our work at such a critical time in history. The time is NOW to uplift our community members and help root our solidarity with people from every corner of the world! Together, we can amplify our support for immigrant justice.

**Are you ready for the call to action?
Stand with Pangea and our community today!**

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Organized by ILM, FreeSF, and Bay Resistance: Emergency Rally to Stop Deportations, outside detained immigration court in San Francisco (Feb. 28, 2018)

Pangea Joins Community in Rally to Stop Raids and Deportations

In response to the [mass arrests by ICE in Northern California](#), the [Immigrant Liberation Movement \(ILM\)](#), [FREE SF](#), and [Bay Resistance](#) organized an [emergency rally](#) outside of the ICE building in San Francisco on February 28. Over 300 people blocked city streets and demanded that those arrested be provided with the right to see an attorney.

Hours before [the rally](#) began, attorneys at Pangea and others arrived at the ICE holding center to enforce the rights of those newly arrested as part of ICE's mass [raids in Northern CA](#). However, ICE officers informed the attorneys that individuals were being processed at remote ICE offices in Stockton instead of San Francisco. Despite persistent efforts to speak with the individuals in Stockton, ICE denied these individuals access to available attorneys in violation of their right to counsel. Those arrested were never informed that attorneys were available to speak to them.

We believe that ICE's coordinated arrest of approximately 150 people and their processing at remote ICE offices was a [deliberate attempt on ICE's part](#) to keep individuals from communicating with attorneys, which ICE knows are located only a few blocks away from the ICE holding center in San Francisco.

Together with community members, Pangea used the February 28 rally to expose ICE

abuses and to inform the community of existing resources to prevent unlawful arrests in the future.

Check-out other reports on the raids and rally from: [Telemundo Nacional](#), [HuffPo](#), [CBS National](#), [USA Today](#), the [Associated Press](#), [Bay Area News Group](#), [KQED](#), [KGO - ABC 7](#), [KTVU - Fox 2](#)

Pangea Provides Legal Support to Caravan Refugees in Mexico, in Solidarity with International Human Rights Advocates



Members of the Central American caravan in Puebla, Mexico (April 2018)

Pangea advocates, Marie Vincent and Edwin Carmona-Cruz, traveled to Puebla, México, in early April with [Pueblo Sin Fronteras](#) and the [caravan of asylum seekers from Central America](#).

"We went to Puebla to provide legal support and information to asylum seekers, and we met an incredible group with a life and community of its own. In Puebla, we got on one of 20 buses transporting a caravan of over 500 asylum seekers fleeing violence in Central America and headed to the United States for safety. We only spent 4 days with the families, the children, the single mothers and the unaccompanied youth, but a day was enough time to fall in love with their resilience, their strength, their search for safety and dignity, and their solidarity." -Marie Vincent, Pangea attorney

Take a look at the [interview broadcasted on MSNBC](#) where Marie explains the informational workshops the group of attorneys from the U.S. conducted. You can read the [powerful press releases from the caravan](#) on [Pueblo Sin Fronteras' Facebook page](#). And check out [Pangea's Facebook page](#) for [reflections](#) and further updates.



Pangea attorney Marie Vincent speaking with MSNBC reporter in Puebla, Mexico (April 2018)

EJW Fellow to Join Pangea's South Bay in Fall 2018

Pangea received its first [Equal Justice Works Fellowship](#) (EJW), funded by the City of San Jose and Hewlett Packard Foundation!

Our new attorney-fellow is Pete Weiss, who will graduate from UC Berkeley this spring. Beginning in the fall, Pete will work on a 2-year project focusing on immigration detention and removal defense based in Pangea's South Bay office and working closely with our partners at the [Santa Clara County Public Defender Office](#) and [Silicon Valley DeBug](#).

**Warmly,
The Pangea Family**

**(Nilou, Marie, Bianca, Celine, Luis Angel, Etan,
Esperanza, Jehan, Juan Camilo, Mariel & Edwin)**

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