

## Sample fictitious Good-Faith Efforts Declaration

I, Lina Cerullo, declare under the penalty of perjury:

1. I am applying to be added to the List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers for the Stewart Immigration Court in Lumpkin, Georgia. I intend to provide pro bono bond-only representation to fulfill the required 50 hours of pro bono legal services.
2. There are very few non-profit organizations that serve respondents detained in Lumpkin; they are limited in the cases they accept and generally take the cases in-house.
3. On January 4, 2016, at approximately 1pm, I contacted James P. Sullivan at (678) 555-9090. He is the supervising attorney and pro bono coordinator at the Georgia Immigrant Legal Center (GILC), which is located at 987 Brontosaurus Street, Suite 321, Atlanta, GA 30303; GILC's website is <http://georgiainmigration.org>. We spoke about the possibility of GILC referring pro bono cases to me. He said his organization primarily sought to refer non-detained cases that were before the Atlanta Immigration Court. Although GILC did take pro bono cases that were before the Stewart Immigration Court, they only represented detainees if they were seeking asylum and rarely referred those cases to volunteer attorneys. Although GILC has not referred detained cases for bond-only representation in the past, he said it might be a possibility, but they could only do so for detainees who had already filed a Form I-589 with the court. He said he would follow up with me after speaking with the director, but thought it would be unlikely that they would choose to refer bond-only representation to volunteer attorneys. I followed up with a phone call and an email to Mr. Sullivan on February 1, 2016. I have not heard back from Mr. Sullivan as of March 3, 2016.
4. On January 11, 2016, at approximately 9am, I called (404) 555-1234, the only number I could find on the website for Atlanta Immigration Advocates (<http://atlantaimmigrationadvocates.org>). I left a voicemail explaining that I was an immigration attorney seeking to volunteer through them to represent immigrants in proceedings before the Stewart Immigration Court. I called again on January 19, 2016, around noon, and left another voicemail with the same message and made sure to provide my office number as well as my email address. On January 27, 2016, at 10:54am, I emailed [contact@atlantaimmigrationadvocates.org](mailto:contact@atlantaimmigrationadvocates.org), the email address listed on their website, with the same information. As of March 3, 2016, I have not heard from Atlanta Immigration Advocates.
5. On the afternoon of February 17, 2016, I met with Professor Gial Ackbar, the Director of the Immigration Clinic at the Moncala School of Law, located at 914 Coral Depths Road, Jekyll Island, GA 31527. His email is [gackbar@moncalalaw.edu](mailto:gackbar@moncalalaw.edu) and his telephone number is (912) 555-0088. Although the students of his immigration clinic represent detained respondents before the Stewart Immigration Court, they only take six cases each semester and do not refer cases to other attorneys.

6. I checked the existing pro bono list for the Stewart Immigration Court and also consulted the Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) Legal Services Directory Map to find additional organizations. The existing pro bono list for Stewart only lists private bar attorneys and does not list any nonprofit organizations or referral services. The IAN Directory lists three more organizations in the Atlanta area: 1) Buddhist Services of Georgia, 2) Immigration Relief Services, and 3) Center for Human Rights. All three indicate that they assist with filings with USCIS, but do not list representation before immigration courts as a type of legal service provided.
7. I also emailed Tod Clifton, the pro bono chair of the Georgia chapter of the National Immigration Lawyers Association (NILA), at [tod@nila.org](mailto:tod@nila.org), to ask about whether he knew of any other organizations I could contact regarding pro bono representation in bond hearings before the Stewart Immigration Court. Mr. Clifton responded to my email on February 19, 2016 (see attached), indicating that he only knew of the Georgia Immigrant Legal Center and the Atlanta Immigration Advocates. Although he offered to keep me informed about discrete pro bono initiatives in the Lumpkin area, he stated that the Georgia chapter of NILA did not refer pro bono bond cases to private attorneys.
8. Based on the foregoing, I believe that there is an unmet need for pro bono representation for the immigrants detained in Lumpkin, Georgia.

Lina Cerullo //signature

Signed on March 3, 2016