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**Transformative Immigration Defense:  
Law in Support of An Intersectional Movement**

**CALL FOR PAPERS FOR PUBLICATION**

2017 CUNY Law Review Symposium

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This spring, CUNY Law Review will host a symposium exploring the role of legal practitioners at the intersection of aggressive federal immigration enforcement and emerging people's movements for racial, economic, and social justice.

Federal legislation in the 1990s dramatically expanded the deportation and criminal enforcement infrastructure in the United States. Passage of the 1994 Crime Bill, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act (commonly known as the Welfare Reform Bill), the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, and the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act vastly changed the legal landscape for poor communities of color in the United States, often with deadly consequences. More recent expansion of federal, state, and local national security operations have further targeted and surveilled Muslim, Arab, and South Asian communities.

At the same time, multiracial movements have grown, changed, and blossomed. From #BlackLivesMatter to #Not1More, communities continue to organize, march, and build toward a more just future where we can all be free. Following a presidential election marked by xenophobia and racism, these movements are more crucial than ever.

This symposium asks how legal workers can be part of that vision, defining present constraints, and articulating future visions for truly transformative immigrant defense. By bringing legal practitioners and organizers working on the front lines of the movements for immigrant rights and racial and economic justice together, this symposium will explore what works (and what does not work) in past and current legal interventions, and ask how legal practitioners can best exist in collaboration with and at the intersection of movements for racial, gender, economic, and social justice towards a transformative and expansive vision for immigrant defense.

CUNY Law Review invites scholars, legal practitioners, advocates, and organizers to submit articles for consideration for publication in an upcoming volume of CUNY Law Review dedicated to the symposium.

Please send one-page proposals via email to [CUNYLR@mail.law.cuny.edu](mailto:CUNYLR@mail.law.cuny.edu) and [kathryn.joseph@live.law.cuny.edu](mailto:kathryn.joseph@live.law.cuny.edu). The editors will review the submitted proposals on a rolling basis, with a final due date of January 15, 2017. Please include "Immigration Defense 2017

Submission” in the subject line. Articles not selected for inclusion in the symposium volume may be considered for publication through the Law Review’s digital platform, Footnote Forum.

Proposals should contain the following information:

- Name and affiliation of the authors
- Working title
- An article abstract, no longer than 500 words
- Expected article length
- Whether attendance at the symposium is contingent on travel reimbursement

*Please note that the due date for article drafts for selected articles is March 10, 2017. CUNY Law Review values dialogue and would be amenable to considering alternative timeframes requested in the proposal.*