

2025 AT A GLANCE

20 YEARS ADVANCING MIGRANT JUSTICE



CDM celebrated 20 years of working alongside migrant workers to advance justice. Over these two decades, **we have trained over 44,000 workers, visited over 230 communities and recovered over \$50 million in stolen wages and damages.**

BIG WIN FOR CHICKEN CATCHERS

CDM helped 56 people who worked as chicken catchers in Maryland recover more than **\$650,000 in unpaid wages** by filing a complaint before the Department of Labor (DOL) alongside the Farmworkers Support Committee (CATA), Cohen Milstein, FarmSTAND and Public Justice. Their employer had failed to pay workers for all hours worked and did not provide vital protective gear and equipment, such as gloves and masks.



RESPONDING TO WORKPLACE RAIDS



CDM trained over 2,000 attorneys, migrant worker leaders, and other advocates on rapid response best practices and workers' rights during worksite raids.

CDM also developed and shared with allied organizations a digital intake tool that will facilitate organized response to mass raids.

STANDING WITH WORKERS AFTER THE HYUNDAI PLANT ICE RAID

In collaboration with Migrant Equity SouthEast (MESE) and other immigrant rights, labor, and community-based groups, **CDM met with impacted workers and analyzed potential claims in response to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid in Ellabell, Georgia**, in September 2025, during which 475 workers at a Hyundai supplier and the LG Energy Solution plant were detained.



ONADIA V. CITY OF NEW YORK: FINDING CLAIMANTS IN \$92.5 MILLION CASE



CDM located claimants in a **\$92.5 million settlement case (Onadia v New York)**, drawing on its considerable experience providing litigation support services. Through an extensive outreach and communications campaigns in Mexico, the U.S. and the Dominican Republic. Through this work, CDM helped bring justice closer for individuals who were unjustly detained by the New York City Department of Correction beyond their scheduled release dates between 1997 and 2012 due to ICE detainers.



CENTRO DE LOS DERECHOS DEL MIGRANTE, INC.

CDM IN THE NEWS

The New York Times

Response to workplace raids

After the historic raid at the Hyundai supplier and LG Energy Solution plant in Ellabell, GA, CDM's Legal and Policy Director, Julia Solorzano, told [The New York Times](#) that the Hyundai supply chain has a documented history of labor violations — and that workplace raids only heighten fear and enable abusive employers.

 PROPUBLICA
 EL ECONOMISTA

 Food Policy Tracker
Presented by

Rallying with H-2A Farmworkers

CDM called out the Trump administration's DOL for rescinding crucial, life-saving protections that safeguarded farmworkers from traffic accidents, employer retaliation, and human trafficking—reiterating our concern, as reported in [Civil Eats' Food Policy Tracker](#), [ProPublica](#), and Mexican outlets such as [El Economista](#).

 THE BALTIMORE BANNER

Flawed Guestworker Programs

In a letter to the editor of [The Baltimore Banner](#), CDM's Executive Director Rachel Micah-Jones spoke out against efforts like the Save Our Seafood Act (S.1292) to expand temporary visa programs without addressing their structural flaws.

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DEFENDING HARD-FOUGHT WINS

- **We defended key worker protections** included in DHS's 2024 anti-trafficking regulations by filing a friend-of-the-court brief when employers led efforts to dismantle them.
- **We opposed the Trump Administration's rescission of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Farmworker Protection Rule**, which expanded workers' protections related to safe transportation, recruitment fraud, retaliation, and human trafficking.
- **We opposed the administration's attacks against farmworkers' wages** through changes to the way wages are calculated (the Adverse Effect Wage Rate - AEWR), which would reduce farmworkers' already low pay by an estimated \$6,000 per worker per season.
- **We resisted efforts in Congress, backed by low-road employers, to exponentially expand guestworker programs** without worker protections.^H

2025 IN NUMBERS



3,271

legal inquiries handled

60+

media mentions

380k+

visits to contratados.org

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Litigation Support in Action

Our efforts to spread the word and find victims resulted in multiple stories in the media. Thanks to coverage in radio, TV, print and online media across Mexico and the Dominican Republic, class members will soon have the compensation they deserve.

Bloomberg Law

Fair work for fair workers

Following the introduction of dangerous bills aiming to remove fair and carnival workers from the H-2B program and its protections, Executive Director Rachel Micah-Jones spoke to [Bloomberg Law](#) calling out the fair and carnival industry for its efforts to further erode worker protections.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Building TN Worker Power

Since filing a class action suit against Hyundai Glovis and GFA Alabama, defrauded workers have continued to speak out across the border about the abusive working conditions they endured while working in the United States as well as the flaws within the TN visa program that facilitated the abuse.