

Did you know...

... that small businesses account for half of the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)?

... that in 2008, there were 4 million U.S.-citizen children with at least one parent who was an unauthorized immigrant?

... that Illinois ranks at the 4th-worst state in the nation in terms of domestic violence?

Our Mission:

BENNU Legal Services is an innovative nonprofit *Supporting American Dreams*. We provide **low-cost** legal services and education to help families and individuals new to the United States to legalize and integrate. Through our services, we also support small business entrepreneurs and help address important issues such as domestic violence.



Legal Services

BENNU's lawyers have decades of combined experience and specialize in the following areas:

Immigration

- Family-sponsored permanent residency ("green cards")
- Company-sponsored permanent residency ("green cards")
- Temporary visas for business, study, or pleasure
- Change or adjustment of status, or extensions of stay
- Waivers of inadmissibility
- Deportation and removal defense
- Citizenship

Small Business

- Incorporation & DBA (doing business as) registration
- Accounting
- Agreements, such as for loans, distributorships, franchises or shareholders
- Annual reporting requirements
- Purchase and sale of business
- Exiting a business
- Nonprofit organizations

Family Law

- Adoption
- Child custody & visitation
- Child support
- Divorce
- Marital settlement agreements
- Domestic violence

Education

SKILL Program

- Helps immigrants integrate and increases their employability
- Consists of 20 hours of classroom training as well as 100 hours of practical experience in an actual office
- Improves participants' telephone etiquette, communication skills, and English
- Accustoms participants to computers, general office equipment and protocol, and basic book-keeping principles

Volunteering/Internships

BENNU provides many opportunities for anyone seeking volunteer hours or experience in the legal, business, financial, or nonprofit fields. Visit www.BENNULegal.org for more information!

Events

Seminars

- *BENNU* hosts seminars throughout the community on a variety of topics, ranging from "Immigration Demystified" to "Training & Motivating Workers from Other Cultures."
- Admission for prescheduled seminars is free and open to the public.
- Interested in having *BENNU* host a seminar at your location? Email us at info@BENNULegal.org.

Roundtables

BENNU hosts roundtable discussions on various pertinent topics. Past guests include the President of the Lake County Bar Association and the Lake County Sheriff!

Visit www.BENNULegal.org to register for an upcoming event!

Help Support American Dreams



After working for many years in the United States on a foreign worker visa for a Japanese company, **"Frank"** wanted to start his own travel agency business. He did not have a clue where to start, or if there was a way for him to legally stay and work in the United States with his own business. **BENNU** guided Frank in setting up his own business and successfully petitioning for a visa through his new company. He is now legally authorized to run and work for his business, and he is actively helping to create American jobs and to bring tourists to visit the United States for sight-seeing and shopping.

"Mary" and her husband (a green card holder) have six children. Sadly, Mary's husband viciously and repeatedly beat her, and threatened to have her deported if she reported the abuse. With no immigration status, Mary felt trapped, helpless and hopeless. With **BENNU's** help, Mary obtained legal permission to work, a valid social security number, and a driver's license. Mary now takes English classes and works full time. She and the children escaped the abuse and no longer live in terror.

Stories like these are common at **BENNU**. However, we cannot do it alone! The secret to **BENNU's** success lies in the dedication of its volunteers and donors. To learn more about **BENNU** and how **you** can help *Support American Dreams*, visit

www.BENNULegal.org.

*The legendary bennu bird,
also known as the Egyptian phoenix,
has long symbolized new beginnings.*

*It is therefore a fitting symbol
for a nonprofit agency
Supporting American Dreams.*

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Polski • 汉语 • Русский

한국어 • Українська

• Tagalog