**NLG-MASS CHAPTER**

**FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES – WHAT TO KNOW IN CASE OF ICE APPREHENSION**

1. Make sure you have a copy of your entire Immigration file in a secure location and designate someone to be able to access it in the event that you are taken into custody by ICE as any immigration attorney would need to review your file in order to represent you effectively.

2. Make sure that someone has a legal power of attorney to access your assets in the event that ICE removes you from the United States

3. Make sure that there is a designated person to take care of your children in the event of your removal from the United States.

4. Make sure that if you have a criminal record that you have copies of your docket sheet and consult with a criminal lawyer to see if he/she can vacate any criminal convictions that you might have.

5. You should always carry your green card/work authorization with you at all times.

6. Speak to an Immigration attorney if you must appear in any court for any reason as ICE now are stationed in every court around the State.

7. Do not travel if you have an advanced parole based on DACA, if you have a deportation order or a criminal issue!

8. If you are an arriving Alien, an immigrant with an aggravated felony conviction, or been arrested, charged or convicted of certain crimes listed in the new Laken Riely Act, signed into law on January 29, 2025, then you will not be eligible to be released on bond and you will be mandatory detained without being eligible to be released on bond.

**If you are detained by ICE because you are undocumented, be aware of the following:**

• You might be eligible to be released on bond provided that you can show that you are not a danger to the community, and you are not a flight risk.

• ICE might move you to a different State away from your friends/family or even your attorney.

• You can apply for a relief from deportation before the Immigration Judge if you are eligible for such relief. The forms of relief from deportation that you might be eligible for include but not limited to, asylum, withholding of removal, cancelation of removal, and voluntary departure.

• With all of these reliefs, the Immigration Judge has absolute discretion in deciding to grant or deny your request for relief from removal.