



Hello, I'm Maya Tsukazaki.

I am honored to serve as the Vermont Poverty Law Fellow, working on the project of breaking down barriers to justice for noncitizens in the state of Vermont.

This is more important now than ever as Vermont welcomes populations fleeing violence and humanitarian crises abroad, as well as with a growing noncitizen workforce providing essential services to some of Vermont's biggest industries.

During my fellowship, I plan to provide direct legal services to noncitizen Vermont residents before federal immigration agencies, including for local youth and their families, survivors of domestic

violence, migrant farmworkers, and individuals who have fled persecution abroad.

I also am working on broader advocacy projects around the state, including building partnerships with local community organizations, producing Know Your Rights and educational materials for Vermont's noncitizen populations, and hosting trainings and CLEs for other attorneys in the state.

If you are interested in supporting this work, please consider donating to the Vermont Bar Foundation to support future generations of Vermont Poverty Law Fellows in expanding access to justice for Vermonters. Donate online at <https://vtbarfoundation.org/donate>.

If you are interested in getting involved in the work I am doing during my fellowship, please feel free to contact me at [mtsukazaki@vermontlaw.edu](mailto:mtsukazaki@vermontlaw.edu).