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BIG BOLD IDEA

Operate a transnational workers' rights law firm based in Central Mexico that addresses the legal rights of low-wage migrant Mexican workers employed in the United States.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. (CDM) envisions a world where migrant workers' rights are respected and laws and policies reflect their voices. Through education, outreach, and leadership development; intake, evaluation, and referral services; litigation support and direct representation; and policy advocacy; CDM empowers Mexico-based migrant workers to defend and protect their rights as they move between their home communities in Mexico and their workplaces in the United States.

PERSONAL BIO

Rachel Micah-Jones is an attorney and the Founder and Executive Director of Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc., the first transnational migrant rights organization based in Mexico and the United States. An award-winning leader in the migrant and workers' rights movement, Rachel has focused on reforming international labor recruitment and the H-2A and H-2B guestworker programs to protect low-wage workers. Rachel has built an international coalition on recruitment reform, advocated for workers' rights in strategic litigation against US government agencies and employers, and testified before international organizations, in US Congressional briefings, and before the Mexican Congress. Rachel's writing on transnational migrant justice and clinical legal education has been published by the The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, where she co-led a groundbreaking international clinic for law students. Rachel is a graduate of Georgetown University and American University Washington College of Law.

Issue area

Civil and Human Rights

Organization/Fellow Location

Baltimore, United States

Impact Location

North America

Mexico

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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