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Sur Legal Collaborative

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BIG BOLD IDEA

End the labor abuse-to-deportation pipeline for immigrant workers in America's Deep South by democratizing legal knowledge so impacted communities can fight for their labor rights and advance mass decarceration.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Sur Legal Collaborative, an immigrant and worker rights legal nonprofit based in Georgia in the United States, gives grassroots organizers and immigrant workers the legal tools and support they need to hold abusive employers accountable. Sur provides legal education, technical assistance, and direct representation to immigrant workers and community advocates so that they can advocate for their rights and become a visible part of the labor rights movement. Sur provides immigrant and working-class communities with the legal resources they need to fight for economic, racial, and social justice in the Deep South.

PERSONAL BIO

Shelly Anand is a co-founder and the executive director of Sur Legal Collaborative. The daughter of Indian immigrants and the granddaughter of refugees from the Partition of India and Pakistan, Shelly has been fighting for immigrants and workers in the Deep South for over a decade as a legal aid attorney, a litigator with the U.S. Department of Labor, and an immigrant rights attorney. In addition to running day-to-day operations at Sur, Shelly shares her legal expertise on federal labor laws with impacted communities, including assisting with labor complaints, and engages in advocacy efforts to protect immigrants from the labor abuse to deportation pipeline. Shelly is also a children's book author who writes books she wishes she had growing up as a brown girl in the Deep South. She received her B.A. from Wellesley College and her J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill. She lives with her husband and two children in Decatur, Georgia.

Issue area

Racial Equity

Organization/Fellow Location

Decatur, United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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