

## *Advancing Advocacy, Access to Justice, and Learning Objectives Through Technology*

### **Sample Projects:**

#### ***Pro Se Asylum Resources:***

[AsylumHelpCarolinas.org](http://AsylumHelpCarolinas.org) and [AyudaAsiloCarolinas.org](http://AyudaAsiloCarolinas.org)

Duke Law Immigrant Rights Clinic developed these resources to help asylum seekers exercise their rights to apply asylum more than a year after entry under the Mendez Rojas settlement. We designed the site with asylum seekers in North and South Carolina in mind, though we include resources and information for asylum seekers throughout the country.

U.S. law requires asylum applications to be filed within one year of entry into the United States, with some limited exceptions. But a recent court case called Mendez Rojas gives some people until April 22, 2022 to file their first asylum application or to refile or update an application that was filed after the one year period. This resource will help you determine if you can still file for asylum even if you missed the one year deadline. It also provides the information and documents you need to protect your right to apply for asylum.

#### **The Document Assembly Line Project:**

[courtformsonline.org](http://courtformsonline.org)

MassAccess was created and is maintained by the Document Assembly Line Project. The project is run out of Suffolk Law's [Legal Innovation and Technology Lab](#) in cooperation with the [Access to Justice Commission](#)'s COVID-19 task force. It is staffed by a collection of volunteers, and operates as an assembly line to rapidly create mobile-friendly accessible versions of online court forms and self-help materials in multiple-languages for key areas of urgent legal need during the COVID-19 crisis.

Though we are focused on MA specific content, we are sharing our work [on GitHub](#) in the hopes that our efforts can be replicated in other jurisdictions. All novel code we generate will be licensed under an [MIT License](#), and we're intentionally building on the open source [docassemble](#) platform.

#### **South Rupununi District Council, Wapichan Environmental Monitoring Report**

<http://wapichanao.communitylands.org/1548691773093-wapichan-environmental-monitoring-report-2018-v2.pdf>

Margaret Satterthwaite, "Critical Legal Empowerment for Human Rights," in LEGAL MOBILIZATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS: COLLECTED COURSES OF THE ACADEMY OF EUROPEAN LAW (Grainne de Búrca ed., forthcoming 2022), [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/351104052\\_Critical\\_Legal\\_Empowerment\\_for\\_Human\\_Rights\\_to\\_appear\\_in\\_The\\_Collected\\_Courses\\_of\\_the\\_Academy\\_of\\_European\\_Law\\_De\\_Burca\\_ed\\_forthcoming\\_2021](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/351104052_Critical_Legal_Empowerment_for_Human_Rights_to_appear_in_The_Collected_Courses_of_the_Academy_of_European_Law_De_Burca_ed_forthcoming_2021)

#### **Catalyzing Rights: Index of Advances during COVID-19**

<https://catalyzingrightscovid19.law.duke.edu/>

While governments around the world have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic in ways that violate human rights, other official efforts have tried to protect rights from incursion or even improve them. To track measures that advance civil and political, equality, governance, and socio-economic rights, Duke Law's [International Human Rights Clinic](#) has launched an interactive website, "[Catalyzing Rights: Index of Advances During COVID-19](#)." Containing more than 200 measures across 20 categories of human rights ranging from digital rights and fiscal policy responses to racial and gender equality, the index serves as both an accountability tool and a way to help advance a more rights-centric approach to the pandemic and beyond, said Clinical Professor of Law [Aya Fujimura-Fanselow](#), the clinic's supervising attorney.

### **Background Resources:**

Quinten Steenhuis and David Colarusso, *Digital Curb Cuts: Towards an Inclusive Open Forms Ecosystem*, AKRON L. REV. (forthcoming):

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3911381](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3911381)

Matthew Burnett and Tom Walker, "How Small Data Can Improve Access to Justice for the Poor," Open Society Justice Initiative (May 1, 2018),

<https://www.justiceinitiative.org/voices/how-small-data-can-improve-access-justice-poor>

Tom Walker and Paola Verhaert, *Technology for Legal Empowerment: A Global Review* (2018),

<https://www.theengineerroom.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Tech-for-Legal-Empowerment-The-Engine-Room.pdf>