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**Public Charge Update: Federal Government's Anti-Immigrant Wealth Test Blocked**

This morning, the federal court for the Northern District of Illinois entered judgment in favor of Legal Council's client ICIRR and co-plaintiff Cook County, stopping the United States Department of Homeland Security from applying the public charge rule, effective immediately.

*Related: [Cook County & Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights File Lawsuit to Block Discriminatory Trump Administration Action](#) (Sept. 24, 2019)*

**The court held the public charge rule is both substantively and procedurally defective under federal law. As a result of this win, the harmful and dangerous public charge rule is no longer in effect.**

We congratulate our client ICIRR and thank our co-counsel Shriver Center, National Housing Law Project, Sidley Austin LLP, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and Goldberg Kohn Ltd.

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