

**Biography for Laura Huizar, Senior Staff Attorney
National Employment Law Project**

Areas of Expertise

Immigrants and Work • Living Wage and Minimum Wage • Wage and Hour Protections

Biography

Senior Staff Attorney Laura Huizar joined the National Employment Law Project in 2015. Laura supports NELP's efforts to create a good jobs economy by providing legal and technical assistance to local, state, and national campaigns to raise the minimum wage and to enforce federal overtime regulations and other protections.

Her background includes a variety of social and economic justice-related work, including an Equal Justice Works Fellowship at LatinoJustice PRLDEF, where she represented low-wage immigrant workers in litigation and assisted community groups seeking policy change. As a Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellow with the American Civil Liberties Union's Racial Justice Program, Laura supported litigation and conducted legal research related to debtors' prisons, the school-to-prison pipeline, and other major sources of racial injustice in the U.S.

Before attending law school, Laura worked for JUNTA for Progressive Action in New Haven, Connecticut, focusing on local economic development and immigrant worker advocacy.

Valued for her expertise on living and minimum wage and immigrant worker issues, Laura has been quoted by Bloomberg, New Republic, CBS News, Newsweek, and more. Laura is admitted to practice law in New York.

Education

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