

# Legacy

## BARBARA HINES

Barbara Hines has dedicated more than five decades to immigration law, advocacy, and education. She is the founder of the University of Texas School of Law Immigration Clinic, which she directed and co-directed from 1999 to 2014. Her career has combined litigation, teaching, and advocacy focused on protecting the rights of immigrants and immigrant families.

Barbara began her legal career at Legal Aid in Austin and later practiced privately before joining the University of Texas School of Law. She served as the first co-director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Immigrants and Refugee Rights Project, and later as a Senior Fellow at the Emerson Collective. There, she focused on immigration issues, particularly the detention of immigrant families.

Her litigation and advocacy have addressed the constitutional and statutory rights of immigrants in federal and immigration courts. She was involved in the lawsuit that led to the closure of the Hutto immigrant family detention center and helped establish the Karnes Pro Bono Project. She also played a role in the passage of Texas legislation providing in-state tuition to undocumented students—the first law of its kind in the country.

Barbara has received numerous honors, including the Ohtli Award, MALDEF Excellence in Legal Services Award, Texas Law Review Association Leon Green Award, and multiple awards from the American Immigration Lawyers Association. A two-time Fulbright scholar in Argentina, she helped establish the country's first immigration clinic and continues her work in immigrant education and advocacy.

She earned her B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law.



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