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NIJC has been a leader in challenging the legality of summary removal procedures through legal representation, litigation, and advocacy work. Many of NIJC's clients are subject to summary removals, which provide minimal due process, expedited procedures, and extremely limited access to protections and relief from removal. NIJC's representation of these clients is critical given that these individuals are detained during the pendency of the removal process, further limiting due process, particularly access to counsel. In addition to direct representation, NIJC files administrative complaints and federal lawsuits to challenge the constitutionality of summary removal procedures, serving as catalysts for change in our advocacy work.