DOJ Threatens Immigration Rights Lawyers, Demands They Drop Their Clients

A federal judge in Seattle has temporarily blocked a Justice Department order that called on a local immigrant-rights organization to stop some of its legal work. His ruling also applies to similar groups around the country. according to ***The Seattle Times***.

The nonprofit Northwest Immigrant Rights Project brought the lawsuit that resulted in the ruling by U.S. District Judge Richard Jones.

"In a letter last month, the Justice Department told the group it must 'cease and desist' providing certain legal assistance to immigrants unless it undertakes full representation of them in court," writes reporter **Nina Shapiro**.

The ruling also barred the Justice Department from sending similar orders to any other organizations around the nation.

Read the *Seattle Times* article.

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