Immigration Judge Ends Deportation of Trans Woman With HIV

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An immigration judge has officially closed the case against a transgender woman with HIV, according to a statement by the Center for HIV Law and Policy (CHLP), which filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the case. She had already won in August her challenge against removal from the United States to Mexico. The Board of Immigration Appeals reversed a decision to deport the trans woman after an arrest for sex work. Arrests for sex work are typically handled as disorderly conduct charges, but a California judge ruled that her having HIV while offering or participating in sex posed a danger to the community warranting removal. CHLP filed the brief on behalf of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), the HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA), the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) and Bienestar.

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