

Federal Circuit Rules in Favor of University of Farmington Student Victims of Fake ICE University

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WASHINGTON, DC -- Tuesday, the Federal Circuit ruled in favor of the University of Farmington students, seeking to recover tuition payments to a fake university run by ICE. In an unanimous decision, a three-judge panel ruled the impacted students have jurisdiction to pursue their lawsuit for breach of contract for failure to provide educational services at the accredited, ICE-operated University of Farmington.

Previously, [forty plus civil rights groups called for a probe into this fake ICE university](#). The University collected six million dollars of student tuition payments without providing classes and educational opportunity to the students, as promised. The fake university led to the approximately 600 impacted students arbitrarily losing their visas; in some cases, students were also held in immigration detention facilities. Students report that they enrolled at University of Farmington under the understanding that they would be completing a full educational program, but the classes never materialized.

According to Norris Law Associate Attorney Anna Nathanson, "The University of Farmington students and their legal team are ecstatic that the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has ruled to allow the 600 students unjustly targeted by this fake ICE university to have their day in court."

The implications of the precedential ruling far extend this case. The *Ravi* ruling gives an avenue for justice in contracts where the government "steps off the throne" when contracting with private parties. There are many other contexts where The *Ravi* precedent could apply in the next decade; now, individuals have an avenue for justice when entering into agreements with the Government, unknowingly or knowingly.

The ruling means the lawsuit will return to the trial court for further proceedings. "For the University of Farmington class action, it could still be years before the 600 plus impacted students could possibly get justice in the trial court," said Nathanson, "It's been five years since the Farmington operation-- five long years of the US government refusing to take accountability for the parents separated from their children over this, the couples separated over this, and the financial burden on families. The need for justice is urgent."

Farmington student Prudhivi Raj states, "This decision is not just a legal win, but a moral one. It underscores that no one, not even the government, is above the fundamental principles of fairness and honesty. It is a reminder that justice prevails and that the voices of those wronged will be heard. We are grateful for this outcome and remain steadfast in our commitment to justice and that justice, though delayed, is never denied."

The case is Ravi v. U.S., case number 22-1559, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The ruling can be found online [here](#). Media Requests can be directed to Anna Nathanson – anna@norrislawgroup.org.

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