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Stepping up, hitting hard in immigrant-rights fight



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Jorge Barón, executive director of Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, found purpose when he changed career paths from entertainment to the law, specifically immigration law. "We see the right to having an attorney as a human right," he said.

SEATTLE-BASED GROUP SEEMS TO BE EVERYWHERE

Trump era's focus brings national spotlight on work

By NINA SHAPIRO
Seattle Times staff reporter

There was a moment when Jorge Barón knew Hollywood was not for him. He was in a training program for assistant directors and he arrived on a set for the military law show "JAG."

It was meant to replicate Lima, Peru. Instead, it looked like the stereotype of a Mexican village, complete with donkeys and sombreros.

"Listen, I'll admit I've never been to Lima, but I know this is not what it looks

like. It's bigger than Bogotá," he told his boss, referring to the sprawling metropolis that is the capital of his home country, Colombia.

"I know you're right," came the reply. "But this is what it is... Maybe someday you'll become the boss and you can change the system."

Barón did become a boss and started confronting the system — but only after deciding his first career path was meaningless and embarking on a new one: immigration law.

It's a tack that has made the 44-year-old Seattle attorney — executive director of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIIP) — a "legal hero" of Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson and a figure in constant demand as the nation's immigration de-

bate turns white-hot under President Donald Trump.

It's also one that brought Barón together with another local immigration lawyer coming into his own, Matt Adams, to file a series of nationally significant lawsuits — arguing, for instance, that children and people who are mentally ill should not be deported without access to counsel.

In the early days of the Trump administration, Barón and his staff seem to be everywhere: at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, running to stop a plane carrying foreigners turned away by the president's travel ban; at countless "know your rights" and "Immigration 101" presentations with fearful immigrants and their advocates; in

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"It's an example of them litigating the most important issues in the country."

ACLU'S LEE GELERT
On Northwest Immigrant Rights Project's work on the travel ban

Ex-exec in bank scandal owe \$75M

FRAUDULENT-ACCOUNTS FUROR AT WELLS FARGO

Pair's return of pay, stock among largest in history

By STACY COWLEY
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The New York Times

Wells Fargo's board said Monday that it would claw back an additional \$75 million in compensation from the two executives on whom it pinned most of the blame for the company's scandal over fraudulent accounts: the bank's former chief executive, John Stumpf, and its



John Stumpf



Carrie Tolsted

former head of community banking, Carrie Tolsted.

The clawbacks — or forced return of pay and stock grants — are the largest in Wall Street history and among the largest in corporate America, according to the four-person committee of Wells Fargo's directors that investigated the extensive fraud.

Wells Fargo's board said in a report issued Monday that the former chief executive, Stumpf, had turned a blind eye to the fraudulent accounts being created under his nose, while Tolsted, who ran the branch system, had focused obsessively on sales targets and withheld information from her boss and the board.

Wells Fargo's misdeeds, which came to light in September, have at least temporarily become a more widely recognized symbol of the bank than its signature stagecoach. Bankers across Wells Fargo's giant branch system were tacitly encouraged to meet their sales goals by committing fraud;

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U.S. stance on Syria crisis missing clear strategy

MIXED MESSAGES AFTER MISSILE ATTACK

Trump's silence leaves leaders scratching heads

By PETER BAKER
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The New York Times

LUCCA, Italy — Seeking support from abroad, the U.S. struggled Monday to explain a hazy Syria strategy that has yet to clarify key questions: whether President Bashar Assad must go, how displaced Syrians will be protected and when America might feel compelled to take further action.

Successive attempts by top Trump administration officials to articulate a plan have only fur-

thered the appearance of a policy still evolving, even after the U.S. broke with precedent last week by ordering a cruise-missile strike against Syria in retaliation for a chemical attack on civilians.

The only voice not heard from is President Donald Trump himself.

As various officials have described it, the United States will intervene only when chemical weapons are used — or any time innocents are killed. It will push for the ouster of Assad — or pursue that only after defeating the Islamic State group. America's national interest in Syria is to fight terrorism. Or to ease the humanitarian crisis there. Or to restore stability.

The latest mixed messages were

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Neil Gorsuch with his wife, Louise Gorsuch

GORSUCH SWORN IN

Promising to be a faithful servant, Neil Gorsuch was sworn in as the 113th justice of the Supreme Court. President Trump told him: "Our country is counting on you..." Story, A2

United fumbles overbooked flight, on hot seat once again

FLIER DRAGGED OFF PLANE

Video exposes questionable handling of sour situation

By ALLY MAROTTI
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Chicago Tribune (TNS)

CHICAGO — A 30-second video of a United Airlines passenger being dragged from his seat and bloodied on an overbooked flight Sunday at O'Hare International Airport racked up more than 6 million views Monday and sparked plenty of outrage.

The video threatened to unravel more than a year of work by United CEO Oscar Munoz to rebuild the airline's battered customer-service reputation, and prompted questions about why United didn't try harder to fix the situation rather than apolo-

gizing afterward for having to "re-accommodate" passengers.

It was the second time in two weeks that Chicago-based United took a beating on social media, having previously been chastised for not allowing two teenagers wearing leggings — a violation of a dress code for employees and guests traveling free — to board.

For the flying public, Sunday's incident was a stark reminder that a seat isn't guaranteed until a flight is

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