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NY TIMES: CARDOZO IMMIGRATION JUSTICE CLINIC REPORT SAYS CUSTOMS INSPECTORS VIOLATED RIGHTS OF TRAVELERS WITH VISAS

February 7, 2017

February 7, 2017 - The New York Times

- A complaint filed with the inspector general for Homeland Security details what two legal advocacy groups call “systemic abuses and violations of the rights of individuals lawfully entering the United States” after an executive order banning travel from seven predominantly Muslim countries.



Cardozo Law Visiting Assistant Professor, Lindsay Nash, co-author of the report.

People caught up in the confusion after the travel ban was imposed were denied access to lawyers, held in detention for hours without food, and were in some instances coerced into signing away their entry visas, **the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic at Cardozo School of Law and the Center for Constitutional Rights said in the 99-page complaint filed late Monday.**

The report was redacted to protect the names of people caught up in the disruption. It included 26 accounts by lawyers barred from reaching their clients and in some cases by affected individuals or their relatives.

As the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in San Francisco, prepares to hear arguments over whether to lift a stay on enforcement of the ban, immigration lawyers and refugee groups continue to try to take advantage of the window provided by a federal judge in Seattle to bring people into the country.

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