



CABA v. CHRISTOPHER

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Background

In the summer of 1994, tens of thousands of Cuban refugees boarded boats, rafts, and even truck tires in a desperate attempt to leave Cuba and come to the United States. Many died at sea. Approximately 8,000 reached South Florida. The majority of refugees—more than 33,000—were picked up by U.S. Coast Guard cutters and brought to the U.S. Naval Base at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, where they lived in tents for a year before finally entering the United States.

CABA v. Christopher is the lawsuit filed on the Cuban refugees' behalf. A large group of attorneys volunteered to represent the refugees *pro bono*. In both the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the attorneys argued for the refugees' due process rights to seek asylum in the United States, to be free from indefinite detention, and to be repatriated only with consent and the advice of counsel.

On the twentieth anniversary of *CABA v. Christopher*, we recognize the service of the attorneys:

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