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**W**hen Mr. Hinajosa came to Inner City Law Center he was on the brink of homelessness. Mr. Hinajosa is a veteran who was deployed on several tours in Vietnam. In combat, he was dropped in and out of bloody firefights via helicopter and repeatedly exposed to massive amounts of Agent Orange. After he was discharged, Mr. Hinajosa's mental and physical health slowly deteriorated and he spiraled into poverty. The emotional and physical ailments Mr. Hinajosa suffered were caused by his service in the military.

ICLC took his case and fought the Department of Veterans Affairs' bureaucracy, eventually winning \$2,200 per month in compensation benefits and a retroactive award of \$76,000. Mr. Hinajosa was able to get the medical treatment he needed, buy a home, and get his life back on track.