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## *Alycia Moss – A volunteer whose help meant so much*

COUER d'ALENE - Alycia Moss, one of the few attorneys in North Idaho who practices Immigration Law, was recently recognized for her work through the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program. Ms. Moss was matched with Manuela “Nellie” Cota, who lived in North Idaho more for than a decade in obscurity.

Manuela needed an advocate to help resolve some immigration issues. Her current paperwork was inadequate to receive Medicare which she needed to get treatment for her kidney problems. After being overwhelmed by bureaucracy and paperwork, she turned to Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, which then matched her up with Alycia Moss, who is one of the only attorneys in North Idaho who specializes in immigration law.

“It was a very difficult case given the complexities of United States immigration law and the documentation needed to prove she was a citizen,” Moss told the Idaho Press Tribune, which ran a story about her work. Moss works at the firm of Anderson Palmer George Walsh & Taylor. “I had to walk the person at the recorder’s office through the evidence I was presenting because normally most people simply provide the application, fee, and a U.S. birth certificate.”

After more than 100 hours of pro bono work, Ms. Moss found the necessary paperwork proving Nellie’s citizenship. Her break came by researching through ancestry.com. In the end, the two celebrated her legal status and paperwork with an emotional celebration.

The article can be seen at: [http://m.cdapress.com/article\\_2267128e-c80d-11e5-b6ca-3fc74d4dfac2.html?mode=jqm](http://m.cdapress.com/article_2267128e-c80d-11e5-b6ca-3fc74d4dfac2.html?mode=jqm)

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