

“Pro Bono Innovators 2022 Honoree Jenner & Block,” *Bloomberg Law*

Recognition

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In its inaugural issue recognizing Pro Bono Innovators, *Bloomberg Law* honored Jenner & Block for the firm’s work in “successfully defending veterans whose discharges were impacted by their service-related mental health conditions, providing guidance to nongovernmental organizations operating in Afghanistan during the Taliban takeover, and other matters.”

In a Q&A, Pro Bono counsel Nura Maznavi and other pro bono team members discussed the firm’s strategy and the most innovative aspects of these matters. “In our veterans case, the class certification order was one of the first ever issues in a case challenging a military branch’s discharge review policies. The structure of our settlement with the Army was unprecedented,” they write.

When asked about the impact of the matters on the local, national, or global level, they said, “all of our matters had a far-reaching impact. Our veterans case was filed on behalf of approximately 50,000 less-than-honorably discharged Iraq and Afghanistan-era Army veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, and other related mental health conditions.” As for our work in Afghanistan, it “had the immediate impact of allowing organizations to make real-time decisions about the safety and security of their personnel as the situation was unfolding on the ground.”

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