

Team Earns Early Release for Incarcerated Pro Bono Client

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Jenner & Block won a victory for pro bono client Shauna Gilstrap, a federal prisoner who suffers from a seizure disorder and a meningioma brain tumor and became confined to a wheelchair during incarceration. She had her sentence reduced to time served and was released on June 20.

Ms. Gilstrap's team argued that her medical conditions had become extraordinary under the Sentencing Commission's guidelines and that she would receive the medical care she needed if she returned to the home of her mother, a retired nurse. In addition, the team argued that her personal history, changed circumstances, and rehabilitative efforts while incarcerated meant that she did not pose a public safety risk. Judge Alan Albright in the Western District of Texas agreed.

The team was led by Associate Laura Koeller with supervision by Partners Chris Renner and Mark Davis. West Coast Paralegal Coordinator Chris Ward and Summer Associate Tyler Emeney assisted.

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