

# Partnership with NIJC Yields Grant of Asylum to Pro Bono Client Who Fled Iran

## News

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On August 3, the Chicago Immigration Court granted asylum to a pro bono client who had been persecuted in his home country of Iran due to his political activity protesting the current ruling regime and for his conversion to Christianity.

Our client was arrested for his political activity and faced brutal imprisonment in Iran. In 2016, after the Revolutionary Guard learned that he is a practicing Christian, he made the difficult decision to flee the country.

After entering the United States, he was connected with the National Immigrant Justice Center, which partnered with Jenner to take his case. Now, our client is free to openly practice his religion and express his political views without fear of being forced to return to Iran where he would face imprisonment, torture, and even death.

The team was led by Partner Megan Poetzel and included Associates Hope Tone-O'Keefe, Sara Stappert, and Brian Bornhoft; Staff Attorney Ehsan Khah; and Paralegal Fallon McDowell.

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