

# Securing Asylum for Afghan Air Force Pilot

## News

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A team of Jenner & Block lawyers secured asylum for a former Afghan Air Force pilot who was forced to flee his home country of Afghanistan when the United States government withdrew from the country in connection with the Taliban takeover in 2021. The Chicago Asylum Office approved our client's application for asylum this week.

Our client was facing a life of persecution and danger in Afghanistan at the hands of the Taliban, because of his status as a former pilot for the Afghan Air Force. While serving as a pilot in Afghanistan, our client helped support the US and the Afghan military in their war against the Taliban and other affiliated terrorist groups, by flying dangerous helicopter medical evacuation and other supportive missions. Due to this service, our client was directly targeted for execution by the Taliban on multiple occasions prior to its takeover of Afghanistan and was unable to leave his military base for fear of being killed.

After fleeing Afghanistan, our client travelled through multiple countries where he experienced inhabitable living conditions, before reaching the US in late 2021. He has successfully found employment in the US and now supports his fellow Afghan nationals seeking asylum here through his work as a translator and outreach coordinator for a legal aid organization serving immigrants and asylum seekers. Securing asylum will increase our client's ability to build a successful life here.

The team included Partner Jason Hipp and Associate Sean Sheely, with support from former paralegal Caroline Giberson and the Digital Document Center staff.

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