

# Jenner & Block Team Secures Asylum for Pro Bono Client

## News

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On February 2, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) granted asylum to a pro bono client who was evacuated from Afghanistan in August 2021 as part of Operation Allies Welcome (OAW).

After spending several months as a refugee in Albania, our client was granted humanitarian parole and moved to the United States to begin a new life.

The case was referred to Jenner in 2022 through our pro bono partnership with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Partner Mike McNamara, Pro Bono Counsel Nura Maznavi, and Client Contracts Counsel Michael DeMar prepared the client's Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal, with invaluable assistance from Of Counsel Anne Kenney, and former Associate Maura Smyles. Mike, Nura, and Michael also prepared the client for her Asylum Interview and all three accompanied her to her interview at USCIS' Los Angeles Asylum Office.

This was the ninth OAW client that Jenner & Block has helped obtain asylum in the last 12 months.

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