

Matthew Rebelo Honored as Constituent of the Month for Pro Bono Work Helping Afghan Asylum-Seekers

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Sheppard Mullin attorney Matthew Rebelo was honored as constituent of the month by U.S. Rep. Mike Levin for his pro bono work assisting Afghan refugees who are seeking asylum in San Diego. Rebelo's pro bono efforts were recently featured in *The Daily Journal* and *Law360*, which is how the congressman learned of his work.

Rep. Levin recognized Rebelo in the *Congressional Record*, saying, "Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Carlsbad resident and attorney Matthew Rebelo as my July Constituent of the Month. In his work assisting Afghan refugees through the legal challenges of gaining asylum, Matthew embodies the critical importance of supporting those who face violence – especially the women and children most often at risk.

"For Matthew, this work is personal. In 2015 he immigrated to the United States from South Africa and relates his own experience with starting anew here to his desire to help others coming to the United States. A former barrister in South Africa, Matthew continued his legal career in the United States after obtaining his green card and passing the California bar exam. It's inspiring to witness Matthew's initiative in using his time and skills to assist on a pro bono basis those escaping the Taliban's violence.

"I'm forever grateful to the members of our CA-49 community who dedicate their time and effort towards helping others in critical need. I'm proud to honor Matthew Rebelo as my July Constituent of the Month."

Rep. Levin's constituent of the month program recognizes outstanding residents in his congressional district who have gone above and beyond to help their neighbors, give back to their community and represent the best of the country.

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