

### Sheppard Mullin Pro Bono Victory

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New York-based Sheppard Mullin partners Daniel Brown and Paul Garrity and associate Amanda Zablocki succeeded in obtaining asylum for Abdalmageed Haroun, a prominent human rights activist and former Sudanese prisoner. In the Sudan, Mr. Haroun's work focused on women's rights, the plight of internally displaced refugees, and the victims of the conflict in Darfur. As a result of his selfless and heroic efforts, Mr. Haroun was detained for months, persecuted, tortured, and threatened with death by the Sudanese government, forcing him to flee the country he worked so relentlessly to improve. His experience strengthened his resolve, and he continues to be a forceful advocate for human rights in Sudan.

Sheppard Mullin represented Mr. Haroun in connection with his application for asylum to the United States. Brown, Sheppard Mullin's pro bono chair, said, "We are incredibly thankful for the opportunity to assist Abdalmageed and humbled by the experience of working with a true hero to achieve a great result."

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