



Kelley Drye's Pro Bono Work Helps Liberian Man Receive Political Asylum

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Washington, DC — Kelley Drye won a significant and gratifying victory on behalf of a client seeking political asylum in the United States. The client, identified only as “Mr. X”, was granted political asylum by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Mr. X fled his native Liberia last year after being falsely accused by the Liberian government of subversive activities.

“We work on a lot of matters that are make or break for our clients and their businesses,” said Paul Rosenthal, Managing Partner of Kelley Drye's Washington, DC office. “It is rare to be able to work on a case that is literally a matter of life and death. It’s an incredible privilege and responsibility. We are glad we could make a difference.”

Mr. X was referred to Kelley Drye by the Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. Kelley Drye partners with the Washington Lawyers' Committee to offer pro bono work for those in need. Kelley Drye reaffirmed its commitment to offering pro bono services by agreeing to participate in the D.C. Bar's Pro Bono Initiative. As part of that commitment, the firm will donate a minimum of three percent of all billable hours towards pro bono work.

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