

Sterne Kessler Succeeds in the Release of Father from ICE Detention Center and Reunification with Son

Washington, DC (July 18, 2018) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is proud to announce the successful release of a father from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention Center and the reunification he has had with his son. After a perilous travel from Honduras, where they were subject to gang-related violence, the two were separated at the U.S./Mexico border due to the family separation policy that was in place at the time of their arrival. The Sterne Kessler *pro bono* team including Director, Christian Camarce; Associates, Stephanie Nguyen and James Buchanan; and Legal Secretary, Stacy Hill, worked hard to fight bureaucratic hurdles to ensure that the client could remain in the country due to the extreme danger he faced in his home country.

"We are overjoyed by our client's release from ICE custody, and I am proud of the energy our team brought to this effort in order to make an immediate difference in the lives of our client and his son. And, we are grateful for the support and mentoring of our *pro bono* partner Sophia Gregg of the Legal Aid Justice Center," said Director <u>Sal Bezos</u>, lead of Sterne Kessler's immigration-focused *pro bono* matters. "We will continue to engage *pro bono* clients struggling to navigate the convoluted U.S. immigration system."

With the help of the Legal Aid Justice Center, both father and son will be leaving temporary shelter in the Midwest and will have transportation coordinated, so they can return to the East Coast where they will be reunited with family members.

This successful immigration *pro bono* matter immediately follows an immigration unification case the firm won for an unaccompanied minor in May (see here).

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