

Sterne Kessler Succeeds in Petition to Reunite Unaccompanied Refugee Minor with Family in the United States

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 17, 2018) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is pleased to announce success today in its petition to release a 17-year-old unaccompanied refugee from a Northern Virginia juvenile secure detention facility. The Guatemalan minor was held in custody by the Office of Refugee Resettlement for nine months. In conjunction with the Legal Aid Justice Center, the Sterne Kessler team including Directors, Dennies Varughese and Salvador Bezos; Associate, Josh Miller; and Secretary, Renee Moore filed a petition two weeks ago for grant of *habeas corpus* for the minor’s release.

“We were elated to receive the news that our client boarded a flight this morning to reunite with his uncle in another state. Our Sterne Kessler *pro bono* immigration team continues to make us all proud,” said Director Jorge Goldstein, head of the firm’s award-winning *pro bono* practice.

Through Sterne Kessler’s *pro bono* efforts, the firm is assisting many deserving organizations and underserved communities—both locally and internationally. A list of representative matters the team has supported, as well as further information on the practice is available [here](#).

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