

Pro Bono Matters

Fighting for Justice:
How Ifrah Law Gives Back



Ifrah Law attorneys participate in numerous pro bono projects across the country which engage their superior litigation and negotiating skills, and their commitment to justice.

The firm is dedicated to defending individuals and organizations against unfair treatment by the government, and to promoting just and equitable treatment for all, regardless of race, gender, religion or ideas.



The background of the slide is a photograph of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., taken at sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue. The building's dome and classical architecture are visible, though somewhat dimly lit. A dark semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid on the image, serving as a background for the text.

Your **First Line** of Defense

When the government
overreaches, Ifrah Law attorneys
are there to push back.

The background of the slide is a dark, semi-transparent overlay of the United States flag. The stars and stripes are visible but muted, creating a textured, patriotic backdrop. The text is centered over this background.

Presidential Clemency Decisions



For several years Ifrah Law worked extensively with the Clemency Project, an Obama administration initiative that provided pro bono assistance to federal prisoners imprisoned under onerous and outdated sentencing guidelines.

Ifrah Law secured the early release of one prisoner who had been sentenced to a mandatory minimum life sentence for low-level drug dealing. Due to the firm's efforts, he served almost 12 ½ years, the length of time he would have served under current law; he was freed several weeks before his 39th birthday.

The firm also succeeded in securing compassionate release for an elderly and ailing prisoner who had been formerly sentenced to life.





Ifrah Law succeeded in obtaining one of the only two clemency decisions made so far by Donald Trump since he took office. The President commuted our client's prison sentence, resulting in his release from prison 19 years earlier than planned.



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Securities Fraud & Sentencing



Ifrah Law has submitted an amicus brief in a case currently pending in the **Southern District of New York** concerning an individual sentenced to 85 years in prison for securities fraud. Our brief proposes an alternative framework for sentencing due to “exaggerated culpability” - when the formula used to calculate the length of a prison sentence gives disproportionate weight to the dollar value of damages, which in securities cases can be huge.



The image features a dark, atmospheric scene. In the upper half, a line of soldiers in silhouette stands against a warm, orange-hued sunset sky. To their right, the large, dark silhouette of a tank is visible. The lower half of the image shows a body of water reflecting the orange light from the sky. A semi-transparent dark blue rectangle is overlaid on the middle of the image, containing the title text.


Veterans' Matters



The firm represents pro bono a U.S. Army JAG officer regarding his disability claims when his illness was misdiagnosed and resulted in the loss of a limb; we are seeking a determination that the injury occurred in the line of duty.



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Protection of Children, the Disabled and Other Vulnerable or Disadvantaged Populations



Partner Jim Trusty was asked to consult by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children on a high profile case involving the murder of a nine-year-old child; he provided guidance to local prosecutors on the most effective way to pursue a homicide conviction where no body was ever recovered by investigators.



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A close-up, artistic photograph of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a slightly blurred, painterly style. The colors are vibrant, with the red, white, and blue clearly visible.


Counsel Jeff Hamlin
successfully negotiated a
deal for two non-English –
speaking naturalized citizens
who became unwittingly
involved in a fraudulent
mortgage scheme. They
ultimately testified in
exchange for no charges
being filed against them.





Jeff Hamlin also represented an elderly woman who disputed an insurance policy sold to her by a fraternal benefit society. He persuaded his opponent to proceed to arbitration and eventually settled the claim under satisfactory terms for our client.





Women's Rights and Equality



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Partner Michelle Cohen is Vice President of the National Women's Party's Executive Committee which provides educational programs, tours, exhibits, research and publications that explore the evolving role of women in modern society, and documents the continuing effort by women and men of all races, religions and ideas to win voting rights and equality for women.



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Human Rights & Asylum Issues



Associate David Yellin volunteered at Dulles Justice Center in response to Donald Trump's Muslim Ban, providing information and assistance at the airport's international arrivals terminal and working with detainees' family and friends to obtain releases or explanations.





David Yellin also volunteered at Human Rights First's asylum clinic where they help asylum seekers complete their asylum applications and prepare them to file pro se.





International Matters



Jim Trusty is working to negotiate an international prison transfer to Israel for a high profile figure convicted of financial crimes.



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Conclusion

Ifrah Law is committed to ensuring fair treatment by the government for all of its clients. When state attorneys general or federal regulators allege that someone has broken the rules, Ifrah Law fights to make sure that these entities follow the rules, as well.