

Cozen O'Connor attorneys work pro bono to help mother and son earn asylum in United States

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Matthew DiCianni and Amy Doig spoke with *Chicago Lawyer Magazine* about working with their client's request for asylum. They both understood that if they failed to win a judgment for their clients' request for asylum it would mean deportation to a country where their lives would be at grave risk. "Our clients, a young single mother and her 10-year-old son, were threatened with torture and death if her son refused to join a gang that regularly recruits young male children. Instead of facing almost certain violence, she chose to seek asylum in the United States," said Amy. The case went to immigration court in November 2022 where the attorneys won and secured asylum in a pro bono case that spanned six years. "One of the most amazing moments was as the asylum was granted. She burst into tears and thanked the judge and thanked us," Matthew said. "Just to see the gratitude in her, she knew how hard we fought and that her life would be safe."

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