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## Hughes Hubbard Obtains Asylum for Transgender Immigrant

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Hughes Hubbard obtained asylum for a transgender woman who fled her native Mexico to escape severe mistreatment and persecution due to her perceived sexual orientation and gender identity.

The 31-year-old client, who has been in the U.S. since 2001 and lives in New York City, began identifying as a woman in 2002 and started the process of transitioning in 2012.

Immigration Equality referred the matter to HHR in June 2014, when the client applied for asylum. Due to a severe backlog in immigration courts, the client waited for more than two years to receive a decision.

Finally, on Oct. 11, 2016, an immigration judge issued a final order granting the client asylum and legal status within the U.S. She expressed her gratitude to HHR and said she was happy and relieved that she is now free to live in the U.S without fear of deportation.

Meaghan Gragg represented the client.

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