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Hughes Hubbard & Reed received a 2016 "Commitment to Justice" Award for "Outstanding Legal Team" from Her Justice (formerly inMotion) for its pro bono representation of a single mother in a child support case.

Susan Campbell, Gabrielle Genauer, Apoorva Patel and Rose Ann Kenna received their award on March 30 at an evening reception at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld's New York office.

Marcia struggled to support her two teenage children after their father, someone she had been in a relationship with for 18 years, refused to provide financial support or even appear in court in the child support proceeding Marcia filed in Queens Family Court. Without child support, Marcia and her family lost their home and had to move in with a family member.

Hughes Hubbard took over the case in 2013, and compelled the father to appear in court, where he claimed he could not support his children because he earned only \$8,000 a year. The Hughes Hubbard team set out to prove otherwise, engaging in discovery in the face of obstructionist tactics from the father and his attorney. At trial, the Hughes Hubbard team established that the father lived a lavish lifestyle and funneled most of his personal expenses through his business accounts and his girlfriend's bank account. The Support Magistrate concluded that the father's account of his income was not credible and awarded Marcia a very favorable child support order.

The father then attempted to evade his support obligations through various tactics, even claiming he had closed his business. The Hughes Hubbard team overcame these challenges and reached a settlement with the father. Marcia went from not receiving a penny of child support to receiving regular support payments that have had a tremendous impact on the well-being of her children.

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