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Attorney Ali Beydoun Dedicates Pro Bono Service to International Human Rights Case

For more than three years, Carr Maloney associate **Ali A. Beydoun** has dedicated numerous pro bono hours to an international human rights case that aims to repatriate the indigenous people of the Chagos Archipelago. Beginning in 1965, that group was forcibly removed from their island home in the Indian Ocean by the United States and U.K. governments to make way for a U.S. military base. The legal battle to allow the Chagossian people back to their home is now being waged on two continents.

Beydoun became involved in the case through his role as Director of the UNROW Human Rights Impact Litigation Clinic at American University's Washington College of Law. He serves as co-counsel on the case, known as **Bancoult, et al. v. McNamara, et al.**, to Michael Tigar, well-known legal consultant, speaker and law professor. Together they represent the Chagossian people in the matter's U.S. litigation, which was filed in tandem with ongoing litigation in the U.K. Although efforts to date have been stalled by various court decisions, Beydoun's pro bono work has been tireless, and there is hope that the U.S. case can achieve a positive outcome based on the successful resolution of the U.K. litigation, which could come as early as this summer.

"The Chagossians are not requesting the removal of the military base on their homeland, but rather are merely asking for a declaration that their removal was wrongful and violated their fundamental human rights. They are also seeking access to employment opportunities on their native land, which they have been denied for more than 30 years," said Beydoun. "My time spent working on this case has been incredibly satisfying. Pro bono work is a critical part of my practice, and I am a better attorney because of it."

"Ali represents the best of what we strive for in the pro bono endeavors of our attorneys: dedication, resilience and passionate advocacy," said **Thomas L. McCally** a Senior Member of the firm. "He is a terrific example of the spirit and generosity that Carr Maloney represents."

In addition to his role as director of UNROW, Beydoun is an adjunct professor at the Washington College of Law at American University, where he teaches a clinical seminar on human rights litigation. In his practice at Carr Maloney, Beydoun handles a wide range of legal matters, including toxic and mass torts, commercial litigation, and other complex litigation matters.

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