



2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WHO WE ARE

Muslim Advocates is a national civil rights organization working in the courts, in the halls of power and in communities to halt bigotry in its tracks. We ensure that American Muslims have a seat at the table with expert representation so that all Americans may live free from hate and discrimination. We are a big tent organization that recognizes the rich and full diversity of the American Muslim community - all are welcome.

WHAT WE DO

We litigate and advocate to uphold our country's promise of equal treatment under the law for all Americans - and we get results. Muslim Advocates takes legal action to challenge discriminatory laws and policies and to hold those who engage in anti-Muslim hate accountable. No matter how big the challenge—from the White House, Congress or the largest corporations in the world—we take on anyone trying to violate the rights of Americans.

WE HALT BIGOTRY IN ITS TRACKS

In communities across the nation, including:

» **Carmel, Indiana and Culpeper, Virginia**

Won legal battles that allowed the Al Salam Foundation and the Islamic Center of Culpeper to finally build mosques in their communities.

» **New York, New York**

Achieved a groundbreaking settlement against the New York Police Department for surveilling American Muslims.

» **Wilmington, Delaware**

Successfully represented the students of Daruul Amaanah Youth Academy, who were wrongfully ejected from the city's public pool because of their race and religion.

» **Nationwide**

Won a \$4 million judgment against the neo-Nazi website The Daily Stormer and its founder Andrew Anglin on behalf of Dean Obeidallah, an American Muslim comedian and political commentator.

» **In Congress**

With our support, Dr. Mohammad Abu-Salha, father of the Chapel Hill, North Carolina murder victims, became the first Muslim hate crime victim to testify before Congress.

We lead the resistance to the Muslim Ban in the courts, in Congress, in the media and in communities:

- » Filed the first legal challenge to the federal government's implementation of the Muslim Ban, following the Supreme Court's decision in *Trump v. Hawaii*, by targeting the government's sham waiver process. The court recently ruled that our lawsuit will move forward.
- » Worked with members of Congress to support the NO BAN Act, legislation that would repeal the Muslim Ban and ensure that no president abuses the law to ban people based on religion again.
- » Testified before Congress at the historic hearing on the impact of the Muslim Ban.
- » Released a comprehensive Muslim Ban report and know-your-rights fact sheet in seven languages.

We hold politicians and elected officials accountable for their role in enabling the spread of anti-Muslim bigotry, including:

- » Defended Reps. Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib against a wave of anti-Muslim rhetoric following their election to Congress.
- » Released *Running on Hate: 2018 Pre-Election Report*, which maps and analyzes the widespread anti-Muslim rhetoric of the 2018 election.

We hold corporations accountable for their role in promoting bigotry and discrimination:

- » Successfully advocated for Hyatt Corporation to ban hate groups after they hosted the largest anti-Muslim convening in America.
- » Succeeded in having Twitter remove prominent anti-Muslim provocateurs from its platform who have targeted and threatened American Muslims.
- » Represented Muslim Amazon warehouse workers when the company denied the workers basic rights.
- » Pushed Facebook to take action against bigotry on its platform and conduct a long overdue, comprehensive civil rights and privacy audit.

We defend Muslims at the border and in our prisons:

- » Achieved a settlement on behalf of thousands of immigrants who were wrongfully separated from their children at the southern border and had their asylum claims denied.
- » Released a first-of-its-kind report documenting the religious freedom crisis impacting Muslims in state prisons.
- » Sued Glades County Detention Center in Florida on behalf of prisoners who were denied access to the Quran and halal food.

TAKING MUSLIM ADVOCATES TO THE NEXT LEVEL

- » Launched our **new online action** center and **website** to leverage the power of thousands of people to engage Congress, their local governments and major corporations.
- » Hosted a historic **congressional iftar**, the first ever hosted by three Muslim members of Congress in the Capitol building.