



OTMLAW is grateful that 31 media outlets filed an Amicus Brief to support Abdur-Rashid and Hashmi in their lawsuit against the NYPD on FOIL and surveillance

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Law Firm of Omar T. Mohammadi, LLC, (“OTMLAW”) is pleased to announce that an (Amici Curiae brief) (friend of the court brief) of 31 media organizations, including Bloomberg L.P., Forbes, the New York Times, the Daily News and the Reporters Committee For the Freedom of the Press, is filed with the New York State Court of Appeals in support of OTMLAW’s [appeal filed](#) on February 20, 2017 on behalf Abdur-Rashid and Samir Hashmi against the New York Police Department (“NYPD”) in a surveillance and Freedom of Information Law (“FOIL”) case.

These 31 members of the news media frequently utilize state and federal freedom of information laws such as the New York Freedom of Information Law (“FOIL”), to gather news and keep the public informed about the activities and operations of the government. Amici have a strong interest in ensuring that such laws remain powerful tools to facilitate public access to government records and assure government accountability.

Our gratitude to all the media organizations listed below:

1. Advance Publications, Inc.
2. American Society of News Editors
3. Association of Alternative Newsmedia
4. Association of American Publishers, Inc.
5. Bloomberg L.P.
6. BuzzFeed
7. Daily News, LP
8. The E.W. Scripps Company
9. First Amendment Coalition
10. Forbes Media LLC
11. Freedom of the Press Foundation
12. Gannett Co., Inc.
13. Gizmodo Media Group
14. Hearst Corporation
15. International Documentary Assn.
16. Investigative Reporting Program
17. Investigative Reporting Workshop at American University
18. MP A - The Association of Magazine Media
19. The National Press Club
20. National Press Photographers Association
21. National Public Radio, Inc.
22. The New York Times Company
23. Newsday LLC
24. The NewsGuild - CW A
25. Online News Association
26. PEN America
27. Radio Television Digital News Association
28. The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press
29. The Seattle Times Company
30. Society of Professional Journalists
31. Tully Center for Free Speech

The matter is yet to be fully briefed for the Court's consideration.

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Omar Mohammedi joined an Islamic panel at the 2017 Black Lives Matter Summit at LaGuardia Community College



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