



## COURT OF APPEALS GRANTS ABDUR-RASHID AND HASHMI'S APPEAL AGAINST THE NYPD IN A PROMINENT FOIL SURVEILLANCE CASE

On behalf of Samir Hashmi and Imam Abdur-Rashid, the Law Firm of Omar T. Mohammed, LLC is pleased to announce that on November 21, 2016, the State of New York Court of Appeals granted OTMLAW leave to appeal the Appellate Division decision. This case challenges the NYPD's assertion of the federal Glomar theory by stating "it cannot confirm or deny" the existence of illegal surveillance documents it has on Samir Hashmi and Imam Talib in violation of the "Open Government" under NY Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL").

This is a great victory for Imam Abdur-Rashid, Samir Hashmi and the principle of "Open Government" under FOIL, considering that the Court of Appeals grants only 2% of such requests. We thank our clients for their courage in pursuing this matter, especially in the current Islamophobia atmosphere. OTMLAW will be filing the appeal in the coming days and will continue to litigate this matter zealously. Please read the New Your Law Journal article on this great news at: [Cases Seeking Disclosure About NYPD Muslim Surveillance Will Be Heard](#)



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