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**NEW YORK BAR FOUNDATION PRESENTS GRANT TO THE IRAQI REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT (IRAP) AT THE URBAN JUSTICE CENTER**



*Photo caption L to r: Stephen Poellot, legal director; Mark Doss, Equal Justice Works Fellow sponsored by ALM; Katie Reisner national policy director; New York Bar Foundation Board Member, Martin Minkowitz; Becca Heller, director and co-founder; Catherine Crooke, operations & communications associate; Kelly Blundin, development manager; and Lara Finkbeiner, deputy legal director, Equal Justice Works Fellow, sponsored by Getnick & Getnick.*

The New York Bar Foundation recently presented a grant of \$6,400 to the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) at the Urban Justice Center, New York. The grant will be used to expand IRAP's legal capacity to pursue several key initiatives: an access to counsel pilot project; a sexual and gender-based violence project to aid women and girl refugees in Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon; an influx of new Syrian and Iraqi refugees cases; a growing a LGBTI refugee protection program; and the pursuit of special immigrant visas for Afghan and Iraqi clients who are displaced and persecuted due to their work with US forces in those countries.

In early 2015, The New York Bar Foundation allocated over \$500,000 in grants to 93 organizations across New York to assist in:

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