

# Greenberg Traurig, National Jewish Advocacy Center, Schoen Law Firm, and Holtzman Vogel Represent American and Israeli Victims of Hamas Oct. 7 Terrorist Attack

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The lawsuit, which seeks compensatory damages for nine American and Israeli victims of the attack in which Hamas killed 1,200 people and took 240 people hostage, alleges that AMP and NSJP work in the United States as collaborators and propagandists for Hamas. Hamas is a United States designated Foreign Terrorist Organization. The suit also notes that AMP and NSJP are merely the current version of several prior entities that were already determined by the U.S. government to be supporters of Hamas.

"I couldn't be prouder of our firm for taking on this important representation. It is an honor to lend our voice and resources to this fight in support of plaintiffs who have suffered greatly at the

hands of terrorists," said **Richard A. Rosenbaum**, Executive Chairman of Greenberg Traurig. "We have assembled a formidable team who will make certain that the strong evidence showing the defendants have violated the rule of law is presented in an American courtroom. Our team will work tirelessly to hold these organizations accountable for their actions carried out in concert with terrorists."

The suit alleges AMP and NSJP responded on Oct. 8, 2023, the day after the horrific atrocities perpetrated by Hamas, by participating in the terrorist's propaganda to justify its appalling brutalities. AMP and NSJP answered Hamas's "call for mass mobilization" by disseminating a manifesto and plan of attack. This manifesto confirms that "AMP and NSJP are not merely organizing to assist Hamas's ongoing terror campaign abroad—they are intentionally extending their aid to fomenting chaos, violence, and terror in the United States." In this manner, the groups acted to support and further the goals and directives of Hamas.

Further, the lawsuit states that "Plaintiffs—survivors of Hamas's October 7 terrorist attack, family members of those murdered by Hamas, civilians still under fire from Hamas's ongoing terrorism, and persons displaced by Hamas's ongoing terrorism—have been, and continue to be, injured because AMP and NSJP knowingly provide continuous, systematic, and substantial assistance to Hamas and its affiliates' acts of international terrorism. AMP and NSJP are thus liable to Plaintiffs for the damages they incurred because AMP and NSJP aid and abet Hamas's terrorism."

"Since Oct. 7, our country has witnessed a shocking rise in anti-Semitism, verbal and physical threats against Jews on our campuses and in our streets, vandalism, blockades, economic disruption, illegal encampments, and hostile takeovers of academic buildings—largely and concertedly directed by Hamas and its collaborators, American Muslims for Palestine and National Students for Justice in Palestine. Until now, they have seemingly operated in a world without consequence. With this lawsuit, we will hold Hamas's collaborators accountable for their actions and show them and those in sympathy with them that no one is above, or beyond, the rule of law. As the son of one of the youngest survivors of Auschwitz, I am proud to be part of the team seeking vindication for our clients. We look forward to presenting the evidence to the judge and jury," said **Scott J. Bornstein**, Senior Vice President of Greenberg Traurig.

**Richard A. Edlin**, Vice Chair of Greenberg Traurig, notes: "It is deeply ironic that the same people carrying signs saying 'Death to America' and 'Death to Jews' claim they are protected by free speech. They are not. Free speech has never included the active support of terrorism, and it has never protected the destruction of private property or the brutalization of innocent men, women, and children of many faiths, not just Jews. In the defendants, we confront an American problem, as well as a Jewish problem. We cannot—and through this lawsuit, we are saying we will not—allow the infiltration of Hamas-directed hatred, violence, and intimidation anywhere we can prevent it. If the defendants believe they can set up operations in America to create a mass culture of fear, threats, violence, and intimidation to undermine our cherished educational

institutions, affect our governmental policies, and force Hamas's evil ideology on American or Israeli soil, they are about to find out how mistaken they are."

"As a lawyer with a long history of fighting antisemitism, I am proud to sign my name to this important lawsuit," said **Brad Kaufman**, Co-President of Greenberg Traurig.

According to Mark Goldfeder, the CEO and director of the National Jewish Advocacy Center, "This case is very simple: When someone tells you they are aiding and abetting terrorists—believe them."

Jason Torchinsky, a partner at Holtzman Vogel who also represents the victims, emphasized that "[t]he chaos we are seeing at American colleges and universities has been well planned and organized, and National SJP's work to support the end goals of Hamas needs to be exposed and stopped. We hope this lawsuit sees justice for our clients."

The group of American and Israeli victims have experienced a wide spectrum of physical and emotional injuries.

"It is time that Hamas and all of its agents, like AMP and NSJP, be held responsible for their horrific actions," the victims said in a joint statement. "We want to go on record to expose these groups for the terrorists they are and make certain that they are stopped from operating in the United States and other countries they infiltrate."

Professor Anat Alon-Beck's decision to join the lawsuit was motivated by personal experiences of harassment as an Israeli American corporate law professor. She wants to prevent this from happening to others on campuses. She is concerned about the alarming rise in antisemitism, demonization, delegitimization and dehumanization of Israel and the United States.

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About the National Jewish Advocacy Center: The National Jewish Advocacy Center, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to our mission to advocate for the Jewish nation and the Jewish state as prisms through which people from all walks of life can learn about the dignity of difference, the power of coexistence, and the strength that comes from tolerance. NJAC is a thought leader in the field of combatting antisemitism with a demonstrated ability to innovate creative legal solutions and substantively support them.

Web: <https://jewishadvocacycenter.org/>.

About Schoen Law Firm: David Schoen is a solo practitioner focusing on civil rights litigation and criminal defense work and has for many years represented victims of terrorism. David is the recipient of the American Bar Association's national Pro Bono Publico award and the U.S. District Judge David Nelson public interest award for his civil rights work.

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