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Cid & Macedo claims victory in defending Bullard High Student Against Terry Slatc's demand for Attorney's Fees

Fresno, CA (February 20, 2020) – Cid & Macedo, a leading social justice law firm in the Central Valley, is honored to provide legal representation to the most vulnerable in our community. Aida Macedo, a partner at the firm, provided *pro bono* legal representation to a brave 16-year-old girl who faced harassment by a powerful Fresno Unified School District (FUSD) trustee.

Today, the 16-year-old continued in court, now facing his demand for attorney's fees. Aida Macedo said forcing a "16-year-old minor with no income" to cover the full costs of court and attorney bills "is another example of bullying behavior this trustee continues to exhibit, and it shows the public the behavior she had to deal with. Today the court rightfully found that her case against Terry Slatc was not frivolous and was brought in good faith. The court granted him only \$1,000 for attorney's fees out of the \$10,000 he requested to pay his lawyer. That is a victory for us." Because the minor has no income the firm will cover that fee for her.

When Bullard High School experienced an incident of blackface and racist slurs, those incidents brought up a painful history in Fresno of deeply rooted systemic racism. The client Cid & Macedo represented in court, was not responsible for the racial slurs, and did not wear blackface. Yet, she continues to be harassed by an adult man who holds a position of power and wields that power to intimidate minors.

The restraining order against the trustee was not granted due to a high standard of proof of his harassing behavior. Still, it does not mean the minor was not disturbed and traumatized by this experience. The draining and mentally exhausting journey for the young student should not be prolonged. Cid & Macedo supports the young student and is proud of the minor for having the courage to stand up to an adult bully.