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Luis Mancheno '13, who led the fight against the Trump Administration's Muslim Ban, says America saved his life -- and he wants to make sure it saves other people too.



From THE HUFFINGTON POST: "[The Gay Refugee Lawyer Who Helped Fight The Muslim Ban](#)" by Christopher Mathias, Omar Kasrawi

NEW YORK, March 15, 2017 — Luis Mancheno [RWU Law '13] remembers the moment he knew he had to get out of Ecuador.

[...] First on a student visa to Willamette University in Oregon, where he learned he could claim asylum in the U.S. as a refugee fleeing persecution. (He was granted asylum in 2009.) **And then to Roger Williams University School of Law in Rhode Island on a full scholarship, where he became involved in representing low-income clients in immigration court.**

Mancheno said that going through the asylum application process taught him what “a huge difference” immigration lawyers can make. (There’s no right to a lawyer in immigration court, and immigrants in deportation proceedings are at least [twice as likely to be deported](#) when they don’t have an attorney.)

Mancheno said he wanted to “help the next Luis Mancheno that comes down the line, who needs a lawyer, who doesn’t have all the privileges that I had.” [...]

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