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Freedom Fighters Unite

Nine attorneys have formed **Freedom Now**, a nonprofit volunteer organization that will represent people persecuted for their legal, political, or religious ideas. The group is led by **Jared Genser**, a D.C.-based management consultant with **McKinsey & Co.** It will officially launch on Aug. 1 with a reception at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Already two members of the group, Genser and **Fani Cyd Geroff**, an associate at **Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld**, are representing **Ayub Masih**, a Pakistani Christian who has been jailed for six years despite a U.N. finding that the sentence violates international law. "We're now applying pressure through diplomatic channels," says Genser. Other Freedom Now members are **Hillary Coyne Brill**, an associate at **Covington & Burling**; **Arent Fox Kinter Plotkin & Kahn** associate **Vanessa Garcia-Brito**; **Stephanie Genser**, a circuit court clerk in Prince George's County, Md.; **Nicole Herron**, an associate at **Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering**; **Haylie Iseman** of **Michael J. Eig & Associates**; **Glenn Kaminsky**, an attorney at the **Department of Commerce**; and **Hogan & Hartson** associate **Jeremy Zucker**.

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