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PRESS RELEASE

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CEO LAWYER: Delta Flight Attendant Strikes Palestinian Passenger In The Face, CEO Lawyer Demands \$20 Million And Requires Education About Palestine For All Delta Employees

(ATLANTA, GA, 8/26/2025): Today, CEO Lawyer (founded by Attorney Ali Awad) announces a \$20 million legal demand against Delta Airlines following a shocking in-flight assault against passenger Mr. Mohammad Shibli, who was slapped in the face by a Delta flight attendant during a cross-country flight. The Delta employee was detained, and the FBI is involved.

See Full Press Conference Here: www.facebook.com/ceolawyer

On July 29, 2025, Mohammad Shibli boarded Delta Flight 0561 with his wife and 2 young children. When Mr. Shibli's wife asked a Delta flight attendant for water to give to her crying 2-year-old child, the Delta employee refused. Mr. Shibli then requested water for his child, and again, the Delta employee refused. Other passengers were being served at this time. When Mr. Shibli went to get water for himself from a different attendant, the Delta employee whispered a vulgar word to him and then struck him in the face. One of the witnesses reported that the smack was so loud it could be heard through their noise-canceling headphones.

Mr. Shibli's wife was wearing a Palestine shirt on the flight. Attorney Awad pointed to Delta's tweet on their official X account in 2024, where Delta stated they would be "terrified" if someone wore a Palestinian flag - responding to a customer who complained about two Delta employees wearing Palestinian pins on their uniforms. Delta later deleted the tweet and implemented a company-wide policy to exclude such flags. This dress code change came in the middle of the ongoing genocide in Gaza, which has killed at least 60,000 Palestinians.

Mr. Shibli said in the press conference: "the Delta attendant... struck me with an open palm as hard as she could. I couldn't believe what was happening. I stood up and yelled for help... the Delta attendant who struck me proceeded to serve other passengers as if nothing happened."



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Mr. Shibli continued, “I was on that plane for almost 4 more hours. It was painful and embarrassing. As a father, I looked helpless in front of my son. As a husband, I was humiliated. And as a passenger, I feared for the safety and security for myself and my family.”

He concluded: “No one should ever experience physical abuse like this, especially on a plane mid-air with nowhere to go for 4 hours.”

Attorney Awad stated Delta has a pattern of discrimination against Palestinians, physical violence, and negligent hiring - citing three different articles about Delta in the past year alone. The entire altercation also took place in front of Mr. Shibli’s four year old son.

CEO Lawyer Personal Injury Law Firm is submitting a formal demand against Delta Airlines on behalf of Mr. Shibli. Attorney Ali Awad, joined by Associate Attorney Dia Jada and Senior Trial Attorney Nathan Kratzert are submitting a formal demand to Delta Airlines as follows:

- 1) Mandatory education and sensitivity training to all Delta employees about Palestine
- 2) One day of Delta’s profits

When asked what the monetary damages would be, Mr. Awad referenced Delta’s own quarterly earnings report which showed profits in excess of \$2 billion during a 91-day period.

Atlanta-based CEO Lawyer Personal Injury Law Firm represents injured victims nationwide. With over 1 million followers on social media and over \$100 million won for clients, the mission of CEO Lawyer is to bring justice to those who have been wronged - no matter where they come from or who they’re up against.

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