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PHOTOS:



Laura Goldsmith with Austin Msowoya, who is Malawi's Supreme Court of Appeal's Chief Judicial Research Officer, a newly-established position. Laura, a career law clerk from New Mexico, spent 2 months in Blantyre helping design a pilot Judicial Research Department.



Volunteer Bill Gardner (far right), with staff from the Special Court of Sierra Leone who accompanied him "up country" to interview witnesses.
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Introducing ISLP-UK

It is with great pleasure that ISLP and the former International Lawyers Project announce the creation of the **International Senior Lawyers Project-UK (ISLP-UK)**. The "ISLP family" now includes ISLP, ISLP-UK and Paris-based ISLP-Europe. Working closely together, these entities will expand and enhance the capacity of each to fulfill our common mission of capturing the resources of highly experienced lawyers and distinguished law firms to promote the rule of law, human rights and equitable economic development worldwide.

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ISLP to Celebrate 10 Years with December 1 Gala Luncheon

ISLP will celebrate 10 years of global pro bono service with a gala luncheon on Thursday, December 1st in New York. Three distinguished guests of honor will join the celebration: philanthropist **George Soros**, Liberian President **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** and actor **Matt Damon**. Mr. Soros, Founder and Chairman of the Open Society Foundations, will be the keynote speaker. The 10th anniversary luncheon will also be an opportunity for ISLP to thank the law firms **Clifford Chance** and **Hogan Lovells** for their generous and visionary support over the years and to honor the contributions of five outstanding "Global Volunteers of the Decade". Already, 14 firms have joined as sponsors; additional sponsorships are available and we hope to share the occasion with as many friends as possible!

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"Zambina" vs. "Southeast Africa"

Weil, Gotschal senior partner **Jean Anderson** and DC lawyer **Patrick Macrory**, Senior Advisor for ISLP's Trade Negotiation Training Programs, traveled to Zambia in early May to implement a 3-day workshop on international trade negotiations. Officials from the **Ministry of Commerce, Trade & Industry** dove enthusiastically into the mock negotiation exercises.

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Arms Control Network Needs YOU

ISLP is working with **Oxfam International** to recruit a network of treaty, arms control and humanitarian law experts from around the world to provide free, real time legal advice during United Nations negotiations to craft a global Arms Trade Treaty. To join the network, please take a moment to fill out [this form](#) or read on for additional information.

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Volunteer Spotlight: Special Investigators in Sierra Leone

Veteran prosecutors **Bill Gardner** and **Bob Herbst** were unfazed when their ISLP missions landed them in Freetown, Sierra Leone to support the **Special Court of Sierra Leone** by investigating possible witness intimidation or interference in the trials of Charles Taylor and other accused.

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HAITI UPDATE

The National Endowment for Democracy has strongly endorsed ISLP's Haiti Rule of Law & Justice Sector Reform Program with a 2011/2012 grant renewal to:

- Provide critical assistance to Haiti's new legal aid system;
- Strengthen the capacity of Haitian human rights lawyers advocating on behalf of indigent prisoners;
- Help protect the thousands of displaced persons in IDP camps threatened with eviction.

We encourage volunteers fluent in French who are interested in Haiti to register on the ISLP website for further information.

Many thanks to these firms for the pro bono support their lawyers have recently provided to ISLP global projects:

- Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
- Alston & Bird
- Artus Wise Partners
- Baker & McKenzie
- Blake, Cassels & Graydon
- Chaffetz Lindsey
- Clifford Chance
- Covington & Burling
- Davis Wright Tremaine
- Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson
- Gide Loyrette Nouel
- Hahn Loeser & Parks
- Hogan Lovells
- Jones Day
- Kirkland & Ellis
- Latham & Watkins
- Mayer Brown
- McDermott, Will & Emery
- Morrison & Foerster
- Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt
- Ropes & Gray
- Salans
- Sills Cummis & Gross
- Skadden Arps
- Torys
- Weil, Gotschal & Manges

CURRENT OR RECENT VOLUNTEERS IN THE FIELD

Jim Dube (Canada)
Provided ongoing contract review assistance to the Government of Liberia.

Joe Hahn (Maine)
Is completing a project with South African NGO Global Call to Action Against Poverty to prepare a legal advocacy handbook aimed at increasing the effectiveness of the Equality Courts.

Peter Henner (New York)



Jean-Roch Poulin (right), a retired defense attorney and Crown Prosecutor from Quebec, Canada spent a month mentoring young defenders in the legal aid office in Petit-Goave, Haiti.



Peter Henner, a life-long advocate for social justice, took time out from his work on public interest litigation training in Mongolia to learn the fine art of milking a Mongolian goat.



The makeshift "tent cities" of Haiti. ISLP is working with Haitian human rights lawyers to prevent wrongful evictions and to protect residents from sexual violence, a growing crisis in the camps.



New Faces!
ISLP is very pleased to announce two stellar recruits to its staff: Heather Eisenlord (above) as ISLP's new Human Rights Program Director in New York and Fouzia Javaid as Director, ISLP-UK.
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"I wanted to say Thank You for your part in the commercial law programme, your energy was amazing and all the delegates were impressed because your methods allowed us to not only understand and absorb the complex commercial subject matter, but more importantly it made remembering and recalling the information effortless."

- 2011 Commercial Law Training Program participant, Denogran Padayachee, writing to ISLP instructor Robert Brown of Atlanta

Giving a Firsthand History of U.S. Media Freedom Laws in China

Dick Winfield, head of ISLP's Media Law Working Group, spoke in April on American media law at a Beijing workshop for 70 Chinese journalists, media lawyers and academics. His remarks included the landmark *Sullivan* and Pentagon Papers cases, which drew considerable interest among the participants.
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Paris Pro Bono

The ISLP-Europe office responded to a request from the Union Internationale des Avocats for a third-party intervenor's (amicus curiae) brief in support of a case before the **European Court of Human Rights** regarding the protection of lawyers against searches in their homes. The UIA is an international lawyers organization headquartered in France with members from over 110 countries. Many thanks to **Philippe Derouin**, a partner at **Skadden Arps** in Paris who prepared the brief, as well as to the Alliance des Avocats pour les Droits de l'Homme for their assistance in connecting ISLP with M. Derouin.

Attorneys in the **Hogan Lovells Paris** office supplied legal research and anti-slavery materials to Magistrates in Mali for use in a workshop to combat descent-based slavery.

The Paris offices of **Gide Loyrette Nouel** and **Latham & Watkins** provided vital and timely research to protect the rights of Haitians faced with eviction from the internally displaced persons (IDP) camps which have become their sole shelter since the January 2010 earthquake. The firms delivered a memorandum analyzing the substantive law and procedures for bringing eviction actions under French law, as Haiti's Civil Code and Code of Civil Procedure still closely resemble the French versions. Haitian human rights lawyers used this to prepare a "Know your Rights" campaign for camp residents and to better mount their defense in eviction cases brought by landowners. It was recently reported that none of the IDP camps where the "Know your Rights" campaigns were held have suffered evictions even though cases of forced evictions are on the rise.

COMMERCIAL LAW TRAINING IN AFRICA UNDERWAY

For the 8th straight year, ISLP commercial law specialists are sharing their expertise with lawyers in South Africa who have historically been denied the opportunity to participate or grow in this practice area.

The South Africa program, created in partnership with the **Black Lawyers Association-Legal Education Centre** and the **Senior Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association**, has been presented each year since 2004 and has provided training to over 500 South African attorneys. Each year the volunteer team strives to enhance the training, i.e. by developing multi-level courses presented with South African co-instructors from local firms.

In addition to programs taking place in Johannesburg, Durban, East London, and Cape Town throughout July and August, ISLP returned to Lusaka, Zambia with a special 3-day intensive program from July 12-15 in partnership with the **Law Society of Zambia**. And, thanks to a grant from the **Coca-Cola Africa Foundation**, the intensive course will be presented for the first time in both Harare and Victoria Falls in conjunction with the **Law Society of Zimbabwe**.

Watch for updates on the 2011 program once our great volunteers return! In the meantime, positive feedback has been coming in loud and strong from participants (see left), confirming how critical it is to enhance the skills and capacity of historically-disadvantaged attorneys who can then use these skills to promote economic and social progress in their country through effective representation of local entrepreneurs and foreign investors.

Spent 7 weeks with the Center for Human Rights and Development in Mongolia mentoring in the first student law clinic in Mongolia dedicated to public interest litigation (PIL) and leading a capacity-building program for Mongolian PIL lawyers.

Natasha Lisman (Boston) Participated in a European Court of Human Rights hearing before the Grand Chamber in the case *Konstantin Markin v. Russia*.

David Oxenberg (Davis Wright Tremaine) Assisted Georgian parliamentarians and the broadcast regulatory authorities in Tblisi with reform measures to increase transparency and accountability in the broadcast industry.

John Reboul (New York) and **Bill Appleyard** (Ropes & Gray) Ongoing contract review work with the Government of Liberia.

Perla Tirado (Illinois) and **David Baluarte** (DC) Provided strategic litigation support to advance the human rights of Dominican citizens of Haitian decent born and living in the Dominican Republic.

HAITI
Paul-Claude Bérubé (Canada) In collaboration with Haitian and other colleagues, including engineers and architects, prepared draft accessibility regulations that have been integrated into the new draft building code and construction guidelines for use in rebuilding Haiti's public buildings.

Boris Dolgonos and **Annabelle Gardere** (Jones Day) Presented notes and facilitated discussion of draft legislation for microfinancing institutions in Haiti.

Coralie de Lloneux (Belgium) **Richard Jannini** (Canada) **Jean-Roch Poulin** (Canada) **Jean-Louis Libert** (Belgium) Each volunteer spent at least one month providing onsite support and training to a legal aid office based in a Haitian province.

Simone Michaud (Canada) **Delphine Kips** (Belgium) Will work onsite in Port-au-Prince to advance anti-gender based violence projects.

Barbara Swann (NewMexico) As an ISLP Media Law Advisor, Barbara has made multiple trips to the Rep. of Georgia, provided commentaries on four pieces of draft legislation, and has prepared and coordinated various research in support of the IREX Georgian Media Enhance Democracy, Informed Citizenry and Accountability (G-MEDIA) project to improve the media environment in Georgia.
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