

Joining the ISLP Family

International Lawyers Project (ILP), a UK based charity, and the International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP) a US based non-profit organisation have joined forces to form the International Senior Lawyers Project-UK (ISLP-UK). The "ISLP Family" now includes ISLP, ISLP-UK and the Paris-based ISLP-Europe. Working closely together, these entities will expand and enhance the capacity of each to fulfil their common mission which is capturing the resources of highly experienced lawyers and distinguished law firms to promote the rule of law, human rights and equitable economic development worldwide. We welcome your participation and support in this enterprise.

ILP was founded in 2004 with the aim of using the legal skills and experience of senior lawyers to help establish the rule of law, advance human rights and promote equitable economic development in developing countries. ILP's most notable projects were in Tanzania. Its Tanzanian work led the new, and only, post-graduate Law School in Tanzania to ask for ILP's support and partnership. ILP helped develop a core part of the School's legal practice course and, over the past two years, has sent over 30 volunteers to deliver legal training to the students and lecturers. This highly successful Law School legal education project is ongoing (see the article below).

ISLP, which was founded in 2000 and began its active programmes in late 2001, was the original inspiration for the creation of ILP. Over the past decade, ISLP has established a strong reputation for undertaking a wide range of outstanding pro bono projects in or affecting more than 40 countries worldwide. These include, for example, legal aid and criminal law reform in Haiti, reform of mining codes and workshops on best practices in the extractive industries in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and other African countries, juvenile justice in China, and many others. With the establishment of **ISLP-Europe**, ISLP significantly strengthened its capacity to engage senior lawyers with civil law training and non-English language skills in international pro bono lawyering. ILP's leadership became convinced that becoming part of the wider ISLP family would enable their vision to be more effectively realised in the UK, and that ILP's partners overseas would benefit from the resources and wider skills base that all three ISLP organisations, working together, could draw upon. ILP was delighted to find that ISLP agreed about the benefits of creating an integrated approach to international pro bono lawyering and that the two organisations had much in common.

ISLP-UK was created earlier this year when a formal agreement was reached bringing the two organisations together. A new Director, Fouzia Javaid, was recruited, and several new Trustees were appointed to the UK Board. We are extremely fortunate to have the support of these highly able individuals and confident that ISLP-UK will grow from strength to strength under their direction and the chairmanship of **Michael Smyth CBE**.

ISLP, ISLP-UK and ISLP-Europe, and all the staff in London, Paris and New York look forward to working together to capture the tremendous resource represented by experienced lawyers around the world to serve the world community.

For a copy of **ISLP's latest newsletter** click here or visit <http://www.islp.org/ISLPsummer2011newsletter.pdf>

ISLP-UK'S Mission

ISLP-UK's Mission is to engage more senior lawyers in pro bono lawyering opportunities in developing countries which further the rule of law, human rights, access to justice, legal education and promote economic development in an equitable and sustainable manner. ISLP-UK's development partners include developing country governments, NGO's and other institutions worldwide. ISLP's Mission is also to raise awareness of the benefits of pro bono lawyering worldwide.

Save the Date! ISLP-UK Launch Party October 17 2011, 6pm

The Attorney General Dominic Grieve will be giving a Keynote Speech at ISLP-UK's launch party on October 17, 2011, kindly hosted in the London office of **Hogan Lovells**. A key goal of ISLP-UK's launch party is to raise awareness amongst UK-based senior lawyers of the importance of engaging in pro bono lawyering. Given the Attorney General's personal commitment to pro bono, we are delighted that the Attorney General will be honouring us with his presence. **If your law firm or Chambers is interested in supporting this event, please contact Fouzia Javaid to discuss opportunities for supporting the launch party at fjavaid@islp.org.**

A New Face At ISLP-UK

ISLP-UK has recently appointed a new Director, Fouzia Javaid. Fouzia is a UK-qualified solicitor with experience of working in City law firms, and also has human rights experience. She trained at **CMS Cameron McKenna** and then qualified into the EU and UK competition team at **Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton (London)**, where she practiced competition law for three years. She then worked as a lawyer at **Public Interest Lawyers** with Phil Shiner, acting as the lead solicitor on high profile cases relating to the mistreatment of Iraqi civilians by UK armed forces in Iraq, such as *Al-Saadoon* and *Al-Jedda*. Fouzia has also worked pro bono for **Reprieve** in Islamabad, Pakistan, where, as part of Reprieve's work on secret prisons, she assisted Reprieve with litigation on behalf of Pakistani civilians detained in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Additionally, Fouzia has worked pro bono for a South African NGO, the **Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation**. Fouzia also has an LL.M in International Legal Studies from New York University, specialising in International Human Rights

and an LL.M in Comparative European and International Law from the European University Institute in Florence.

Having a solid understanding of life as both a commercial lawyer in the City and more recently as a human rights lawyer, Fouzia is well suited to this new role. Fouzia brings much energy with her and is very enthusiastic and excited about the prospect and the challenge of growing ISLP-UK and engaging more UK-based senior lawyers in international pro bono lawyering opportunities which serve the world community.



New Name, New Board, Same Vision

Wednesday 22 June 2011 was the day that ILP was reborn as ISLP-UK. At a Board meeting kindly hosted by Allen & Overy, the baton was handed over. Robert Kapp, **retired Partner at Hogan Lovells (Washington DC) and Co-Founder of ISLP**, was appointed as the ISLP-US representative on the UK Board, and Ramon Mullerat of **KPMG (Spain)** as the ISLP-Europe representative. Susan Hazledine, **Partner at Allen & Overy**, Gavin Davies **Partner at Herbert Smith** and Nicholas Cheffings **Partner at Hogan Lovells** were all appointed as new Trustees of ISLP-UK and took their places alongside the former and re-appointed trustees: Catherine Churchard (**retired Director of Legal Services Royal Mail**), Tim Soutar (**Consultant Clifford Chance**) and Michael Smyth CBE (**Consultant Clifford Chance**). Michael was appointed Chair of the Board and his first task was to record ILP's great thanks to Catherine Churchard, retiring Chair, and Martin Richards (**retired Partner Clifford Chance**). Martin, a founder trustee, retired from ILP on 22 June.

What followed, under Michael's leadership, was an enthusiastic and committed debate about the Mission, Vision Statement and Strategy for ISLP-UK. It was agreed that there is a need to raise further the awareness of ISLP-UK and its work. One element of that will be a "launch party" to be held **on October 17th from 6pm**, kindly hosted at the London office of Hogan Lovells. **The Attorney General, Dominic Grieve**, will be giving a Keynote Speech (of which more details soon) but the arrival on the scene of ISLP-UK is not simply a rebranding exercise. It brings together the resources of the UK with those of the US and Europe and gives access to the valuable experience which our US colleagues in particular have gained over the last 10 years.

The change from ILP to ISLP-UK - it is not just about letters. It is about delivery.



From left to right- Tim Soutar, Catherine Churchard, Nicholas Cheffings, Fouzia Javaid, Susan Hazledine, Gavin Davies (back), Tina Shaw (front), Michael Smyth CBE.

New Oxfam Project on International Arms Control

ISLP and ISLP-UK are working with Oxfam International to create panels of treaty, arms control and humanitarian law experts around the world to assist NGO's and under-resourced countries during the forthcoming negotiations at the UN to achieve an Arms Trade Treaty. **ISLP-UK is seeking British lawyers to serve on the UK panel.** This is a great opportunity for any individual with an interest in international human rights, humanitarian law and/or arms control to get involved in an important and high impact project.

Oxfam is looking for volunteers with significant knowledge of arms control or experience with international humanitarian law or international treaty negotiation. The project will involve working as part of a team of lawyers to provide advice to the members of the Control Arms NGO alliance, as they engage in discussions at the UN on the various provisions that will be proposed for the Arms Trade Treaty.

If you are interested in joining this network, or require further information please email Andra Moss at amoss@islp.org at ISLP and Fouzia Javaid at fjavaid@islp.org at ISLP-UK.

New Jamaica Project on Police Misconduct

ISLP-UK seeks the assistance of a senior-level barrister or solicitor with experience in the legal systems of the Commonwealth for potential mentoring on desk-based pro bono assignments related to judicial review cases in Jamaica. ISLP-UK expects to receive requests in the foreseeable future from its partner, a Jamaican human rights organisation, that assists victims of police brutality before the Supreme Court of Jamaica and also represents individuals in the Coroner's Court in Jamaica. For more information or to add your name to our "roster" of interested volunteers please contact Fouzia Javaid at fjavaid@islp.org.

Update on ISLP-UK's Law School of Tanzania Legal Education Project

The legacy International Lawyers Project, now ISLP-UK, has been involved in a significant legal education training project with the only **Law School in Tanzania**. ISLP-UK was instrumental in developing half of the post-graduate legal practice course for the Law School. Since 2010, ISLP-UK has been sending experienced and enthusiastic lawyers to Tanzania to deliver a number of core legal training modules to the Tanzanian law students. In parallel, ISLP-UK's energetic volunteers have also been delivering training to the local lecturers as part of its successful "Trainer Training" initiative.

The rationale behind the Trainer Training initiative is to ensure sustainability of this 3 year project when ISLP-UK's involvement ends.

This initiative has been designed to develop the teaching skills of members of the new School faculty and has been tailored to their specific needs.

In 2010, ISLP-UK sent 30 volunteers, to deliver five legal modules to the Tanzanian law students (Civil Procedure, Advocacy Skills, Professional Conduct, Legal Drafting and Criminal Procedure).

In 2011, five more teams of volunteers, travelled to Dar es Salaam. They delivered training in Civil Procedure and Advocacy Skills, Criminal Procedure and Legal Drafting to a group of approximately 200 new students and also built upon the successful "Trainer Training" initiative.

It is anticipated that the current stage of this project will be completed during 2012. However there may be other areas in which ISLP-UK can continue to assist the School with the implementation of its vision to be a centre of excellence in practical legal training in East Africa and beyond. ISLP-UK would also like to take the opportunity to thank the **Clifford Chance Foundation** for their generous support in funding this important legal education project.

Join ISLP-UK!

ISLP-UK welcomes the participation of lawyers from all over the world. Our volunteers include retired, semi-retired and full-time practising lawyers, both barristers and solicitors. Volunteers who go abroad to conduct trainings or work on-site with local NGO's must be highly experienced, while projects undertaken by law firms may include younger associates under the supervision of experienced partners.

To register, please go to: <http://islpbase.org/rls/weblead.html>.