

A vibrant, colorful market scene at night, featuring numerous tents and stalls in various colors like red, yellow, blue, and green. The scene is illuminated by warm lights, creating a lively atmosphere. The tents are arranged in rows, and some people can be seen in the background.

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# 2017 GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP REVIEW





Our 2017 Global Citizenship Review reveals a world grappling with more frequent natural disasters, as well as man-made emergencies caused by intractable conflicts or human failings. It also brings into focus some of the important work being done to build a more peaceful, resilient, sustainable and just world.

This year, we are pleased to include five photo essays that bring these themes to life, vividly illustrating the challenges facing the most vulnerable, while emphasizing their strength and resilience.

These images were captured by some of the world's leading photographers for Ripple Effect Images, a collective founded by photographer Annie Griffiths to cover the underreported issues and solutions that impact women and children in emerging economies and conflict zones.

Like these photographers, our lawyers are using their skills to make a difference around the world. Our global pro bono practice is one of the largest in the world. In 2017, we provided more than 100,000 hours of pro bono legal service to non profit organizations and the individuals they serve. Since 2010—when we brought together our pro bono work, legal education, volunteering, charitable contributions and responsible business practices under the rubric of Social Responsibility—we have focused our efforts on making a greater impact globally.

Today, the wide variety of ways we contribute exceeds the boundaries of the term social responsibility. This year's review reflects a change in how we describe these contributions. Global Citizenship describes our role, as a business and as individuals, as members of a global community. As global citizens, it is our privilege and our responsibility to help address the challenges and opportunities facing the world today.

HUGH VERRIER  
CHAIRMAN



In the relentless storm of tragic stories in the media today, one essential story is often overlooked: the world is, in fact, getting better. There is less poverty, less hunger, less disease; there are more children in school and growing opportunities for women. Dedicated humans with innovative solutions are having tremendous impact on this world of ours.

Ripple Effect Images is a nonprofit team of extraordinary photojournalists dedicated to shining a light on these solutions, because we believe they should be shared and replicated. Through the power of great storytelling, we ignite empathy and encourage investment in programs that empower women and their children in the developing world. Because they work. In less than seven years, Ripple has helped our aid grantees raise more than US\$10 million for their programs.

We are delighted to share some of the stories in the photo essays here. We have never been more hopeful.

ANNIE GRIFFITHS  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER  
FOUNDER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RIPPLE EFFECT IMAGES

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ABOUT THE PHOTO ESSAYS

Five photo essays by the photojournalists of Ripple Effect Images appear throughout this report. They illustrate stories of the resilience of women and girls in the face of adversity and the hope for a better future through girls' education and women's empowerment.





# When the earth moves

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Climate change impacts all corners of the earth, but hits hardest on the most vulnerable populations, especially poor women and their children. Bangladesh is one of many countries that is literally sinking into the sea, as storms and floods increase in number and intensity. Coastal

communities have become nomadic, forced to move in order to escape erosion that pulls their land into the sea at an alarming rate. In this photo, a mother looks out of her inundated house to check on her children, who are swimming in their front yard. It won't be long until they, too, will need to move again.

In other countries, the land simply blows away as relentless droughts descend, not for months, but for years at a time, destroying crops and livestock, and making survival nearly impossible.

The effects of climate change are everywhere, from melting snow in the high Andes that severely decreases water availability, to raging fires across the driest parts of the earth. In all these places, people are forced to flee. Without global mitigation efforts, climate migration may spawn the greatest human disaster ever seen as millions look for a safe place to survive.

In Bangladesh, Runa Khan, the founder of the nonprofit Friendship, travels by ship to reach thousands of people who are trapped on flooded islands called “chars” in northwestern Bangladesh. Friendship’s small fleet delivers medical care and emergency evacuation to these remote and vulnerable populations. Runa Khan has also started schools and training facilities on every island, preparing communities for survival beyond an agrarian lifestyle.





OPPOSITE PAGE, UPPER LEFT ▪ Runa Khan, founder of Friendship, visits island children at one of her Friendship schools.

OPPOSITE PAGE, UPPER RIGHT ▪ A mother and her children in the doorway of their flooded home in Bangladesh.

OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM ▪ Flooding brings increased disease, including malaria. A Cambodian family sleeps beneath mosquito netting.

TOP ▪ Bangladeshi women and girls are taught livelihood skills, including weaving.

LEFT ▪ Women recover from cataract surgery aboard Friendship's floating hospital.

## **EARLY RESPONDERS**

**In the wake of any disaster,  
after the first responders have provided  
for the basic needs of medical care,  
food and temporary shelter, pressing legal  
issues are often the next need  
that must be addressed with urgency.**

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# All hands on deck in Mexico City

**Our people mobilize to support earthquake relief and reconstruction.**



When the Chiapas earthquake hit Mexico on September 7, 2017, it was the strongest earthquake the country had experienced in a century. Followed just 12 days later by the Central Mexico earthquake, the devastation was widespread and serious.

Immediately after Chiapas struck, our people had an overwhelming desire to help. Very quickly, the office mobilized to collect a huge selection of items requested by local centers serving those who needed help. Food, clothing, medical supplies and more all poured in and were taken to central distribution points, often by our people in their personal vehicles. Many people also made charitable contributions to the relief and reconstruction efforts.

With the second earthquake causing significant damage to Mexico City itself, our people coordinated their response overnight, taking water and medical supplies to distribution points. The following day, many of our people began sorting donations, making sandwiches and distributing supplies, including the catering from an office social event that was immediately canceled. White & Case messengers, used to navigating the city by motorcycle, volunteered to get donations and materials to areas of the city not accessible by car.

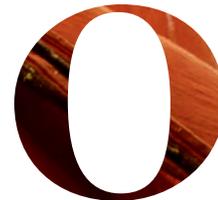
Ismael Reyes Retana Tello, a partner in the Mexico City office who was part of the team coordinating efforts, explains his perspective, “We do it because we want to help each other and to help the community, in good times and bad. We were working on coordinating donations and ensuring supplies got to where they were needed, but it always felt like it wasn’t enough. I think we all wanted to do more because the will to help when disaster like this happens is overwhelming.”

The Mexican authorities, aid groups and volunteers used social media and apps effectively to increase the swiftness of the response. Groups were coordinated by email and WhatsApp, while social media accounts and quickly created hashtags meant information on where donations could most usefully be sent was available instantly.

After the immediate response was over, our lawyers created materials with information on how to get help for those affected by the earthquake. Instructions for how to get copies of important documents, provide proof of address or other related legal issues were distributed in person and on social media; they are also available on the White & Case website.



**We find  
our work  
increasingly  
reflects both  
the world's  
most urgent  
needs and its  
most promising  
opportunities.**



On January 27, 2017, when the initial executive order from US President Donald J. Trump halted all refugee admissions to the US and temporarily banned people from seven countries, the impact for individuals in transit was immediate and highly challenging. White & Case was able to mobilize two teams of lawyers fluent in Arabic and Persian to meet with travelers at airports in New York and Washington, DC in case they needed immediate counsel. Once the initial chaos had passed, the Firm quickly engaged with three groups—The Legal Aid Society of New York, the Iranian American Bar Association and the International Refugee Assistance Project—to research key legal questions that could put travel limitations in a more constitutional legal framework.



# A collaborative response for Grenfell Tower residents in London



In the aftermath of the June 14, 2017 Grenfell Tower fire in London, White & Case joined a collective effort among law firms to provide legal support to residents.

Several law firms from the UK Collaborative Plan for Pro Bono, of which White & Case is a founding member, joined forces to assist the North Kensington Law Centre (NKLC), which is located beside the tower and was inundated with requests for advice.

Our lawyers visited NKLC to provide triage support, and we have been helping residents replace key documentation lost in the fire, such as passports and medical papers. “In the immediate aftermath of the incident, NKLC needed to focus on providing specialist legal advice,” says partner Marcus Booth, who leads our pro bono work in London. “A lack of paperwork can cause real difficulties for things like obtaining prescriptions, getting medical treatment, setting up bank accounts and accessing higher education. We are committed to helping the former residents of the tower with their ongoing legal needs on a pro bono basis.”

Our response included financial assistance to the *Evening Standard* Dispossessed Fund administered by the London Community Foundation, which is working directly on the ground.

Global Citizenship manager Sophie Orr coordinated the Firm’s response. “The level of interest in helping within the Firm has been inspiring, with many of our lawyers keen to play a role to assist those affected,” says Sophie.

# Better conditions for the world's first responders



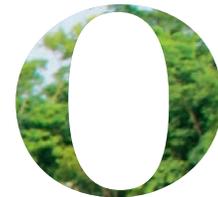
When emergencies arise, there is an immediate need for a short-term response. This response has been enhanced in recent years as global aid organizations bring experience gained elsewhere to new events, improving efficiency and speed.

While we have offered immediate assistance to relief efforts where we can, we have also sought ways to support longer-term improvements in disaster preparedness and response. In 2017, a team of 32 lawyers and seven legal assistants based in Abu Dhabi, Astana, Doha, Dubai, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Johannesburg, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, New York, Riyadh and Seoul worked with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to consider how best it can work within government disaster preparedness frameworks and how to improve on these.

The IFRC is the world's largest humanitarian network, reaching 150 million people through 190 national societies. It acts before, during and after disasters and health emergencies to help vulnerable people. The memo prepared by our lawyers provides a review and recommendations on disaster management in seven jurisdictions—Australia, Hong Kong, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Palestine, South Africa and South Korea.

Isabelle Granger, Legislative Advocacy Coordinator for the IFRC, comments: “The information provided by White & Case is crucial in helping the IFRC develop a checklist on law and disaster preparedness and response. This new tool will support law and policy makers in considering key elements to include in their legal framework for disaster risk management to adequately address preparedness and response.”

Helping those fleeing violence and persecution



Our lawyers in France, Germany, Japan, Spain, Sweden, the UAE, UK and US are assisting people crossing borders to safer lives. These individuals are fleeing armed conflict, gang violence, physical or sexual abuse, or persecution based on gender identity, sexual orientation and political or religious beliefs. Our lawyers are applying for the legal relief available to these individuals in each country and working to strengthen the legal frameworks for freedom of movement.

# Without a country

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An infant girl, just two weeks old, lies swaddled on the floor of her temporary home in a Jordanian refugee camp. Her name, Haneen, means “a sorrowful longing.” Haneen is just one of more than 50,000 Syrian babies born in exile since the war began in 2013.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, CARE and dozens of other organizations are working to provide safe havens for the displaced, but the burden on neighboring countries such as Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey is enormous.

Most refugees dream of returning home to Syria. They are farmers and electricians and shopkeepers and physicians who have survived the unthinkable. They are seamstresses and professors and attorneys who have lost everything including, often, family members. Seventy-five percent of them are women and children. Tragically, Syrian refugees survive in a world of fear. They fear the forces that they fled. And much of the world they have fled to is becoming ever more fearful of them.

Twin dangers inside any refugee camp are boredom and hopelessness. Education and the opportunity to work are key to preventing this dilemma. In camps where residents are able to start little shops or gardens and lead productive lives, people are miraculously resilient. In addition to shelter, refugees need schools, training and opportunity so that infants like Haneen have a hopeful future.





TOP ▪ Ala'a, age 15, who has had a disability since birth, plays ball with his brother while another brother uses his wheelchair to haul water for their family.

OPPOSITE PAGE, UPPER LEFT ▪ The daily ritual of hauling water from central wells inspires ingenuity. Eyad, age nine, uses his brother's wheelchair to get the job done.

OPPOSITE PAGE, UPPER RIGHT ▪ A Syrian mother prays for peace as her children play in their temporary shelter in Jordan.

OPPOSITE PAGE, BELOW ▪ Refugee children, their backpacks full of hope, head off to school in their Jordanian refugee camp. School is one of the most important ways to provide a sense of normality and activity for these kids who have been through so much.



**BUILDING A RESILIENT,  
SUSTAINABLE AND JUST WORLD**

**Much of our global pro bono work is directed toward projects designed to deliver long-term peace, respect for human rights and the rule of law, access to justice and environmental sustainability. We highlight just a few of our projects in these areas.**

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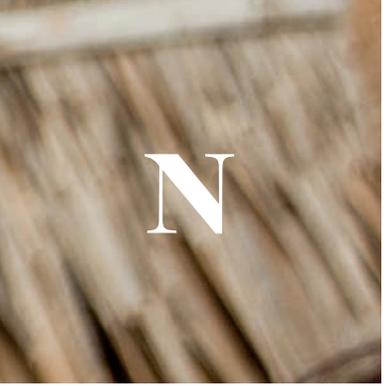
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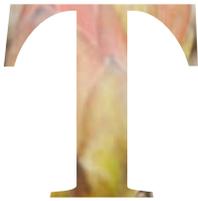
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# Partners for peace

**Working with leading global organizations, we are supporting efforts to deliver long-term peace, end conflicts and help states meet post-conflict international obligations.**



## **The Public International Law & Policy Group**

The Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG) is a nonprofit, global pro bono law firm providing free assistance to developing states in conflict and post-conflict situations. Working with high-level actors, it aims to make long-term changes and build lasting peace. We have worked with PILPG for more than a decade, providing advice and analysis for conflict zones all over the world. The work focuses on technical legal questions related to international and comparative law where PILPG does not have the resources or professional background required. In 2017, 72 lawyers and legal staff from 18 offices worked on matters with PILPG.

We recently conducted significant research on witness protection in conflict zones to support the development of this important process in Iraq. Working with local partners in Iraq, PILPG is focused on ensuring that perpetrators of human rights violations are held accountable, but to achieve this, the safety of victims and witnesses in any trial is crucial. Our research has informed PILPG on the legal and practical factors required to make it effective, increasing the likelihood of success by tailoring the program to both Iraq's federal structure and resource constraints.

“White & Case does an excellent job of pulling in lawyers from around the world and with diverse professional and academic backgrounds. These teams are then incredibly adept at dealing with the multifaceted international elements we need to properly advise our clients,” says Brett Edwards, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships at PILPG.

We advised on the legal definition of state terrorism under international law and as to its relevance to state practice to assist in the negotiation and implementation of a political settlement between the parties to the Syrian conflict. These efforts have been further supported with research into the role courts of first instance have played in implementing transitional justice programs in other post-conflict states. In Burma, we looked at the issue of voting rights for disenfranchised citizens, and in Iraq, we informed a new process for filing criminal complaints. In Tanzania, we helped PILPG analyze the disciplinary processes outlined in the country's Police Force and Auxiliary Services Act to assess compliance with international standards and state best practices.



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In each case, outcomes have not been finalized but the process is underway and progress is being made toward the objective of a better, fairer legal system.

**The Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice**

The Vance Center is the international arm of the New York City Bar and works for justice on a global scale. It aims to mobilize a cross-section of the legal profession and works with large international law firms as well as law schools, clearinghouses, bar associations and other pro bono providers in more than 150 countries.

We have worked with the Vance Center for several years. In 2017, we participated in 12 projects, helping more than 50 human rights and environmental organizations in almost 90 countries involving 142 of our lawyers and legal staff in 28 offices. “That level of support is almost unprecedented,” says Leire Larracochea San Sebastián, Director of Pro Bono Partnerships at the Vance Center. “The Firm’s interest in multijurisdictional work fits well with our goals, and White & Case’s presence in multiple countries with lawyers who can speak the local languages and often have a personal connection to our work makes them extremely responsive and involved.”



New York partner Sabrena Silver serves as co-chair of the Vance Center, head of its Latin American program and a member of the steering committee, providing input and support to multiple efforts including conferences and forums designed to address the challenges of the changing political landscape in the Americas. “As a firm, we’re drawn to complicated, game-changing projects that enhance the global rule of law,” says Sabrena.

In 2017, we worked on a major project to research how United Nations (UN) Member States have incorporated the responsibility to prevent genocide and protect citizens in times of conflict into domestic legal systems. Our lawyers researched 72 countries, many of them the most challenging to tackle because of lack of access to convenient research tools and the need to deliver the results in English.

The resulting research, which provides the information in a standardized format, has been widely circulated to participants on the ground, who are finding multiple uses for it. It helps to identify gaps when working with national and local governments to update legislation and provides comparative analysis of what other nearby or similar states have achieved. It also supports work with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who may be pursuing cases in the local courts. “We see colleagues and partners in different offices



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## Helping the UN measure progress toward the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



regularly reaching out to access this research. Because it's uniform in nature, it's easy for them to see what the local situation is and how a country stands in terms of meeting its international obligations," says Marie-Claude Jean-Baptiste, Programs Director at the Vance Center.

We also undertook initial research for a toolkit for organizations in Colombia that are engaging with and for victims of conflict-related sexual violence. Working with a local law firm, our lawyers provided input into the international law instruments available to victims, looking at what's required to investigate and prosecute these cases. While the Colombia Peace Accord offers the first step in achieving justice for victims, the real challenge is implementation—working with the most affected communities and the government to meet the practical elements of these obligations. The toolkit is geared toward victims in war zones, helping them to understand their rights under international and local law and what recourse is available. "The work being done by White & Case has a direct impact on strengthening international legal order, but also has a practical use—facilitating access to justice for victims," says Marie-Claude.

We have also collaborated with the Vance Center to establish the rights of Syrian refugee women, with associates from Paris and Dubai heavily committed to the project.

In 2015, all Member States of the UN adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) comprising 169 targets. The Member States agreed to report their progress via Voluntary National Reports (VNRs).

SDG 16 calls on states to promote "peaceful and inclusive societies, sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels." Realizing the challenge of reporting on this goal, the Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Promoting Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies, of which White & Case is a founding member, was established.

The Global Alliance asked us to review all VNRs submitted in 2016 and 2017 to determine whether and to what extent countries were reporting on SDG 16. Our resulting statistical and quantitative analysis is helping the UN refine its process for supporting countries doing this voluntary reporting and providing useful analysis to enhance internal reporting and planning.

"Our analysis provides a baseline for the UN Global Alliance that is being used to better assist Member States in producing analytically robust reports," explains Laura Garr, associate in New York, who has taken the lead on this research, which involved 23 lawyers and legal staff in nine offices.

# Fighting child marriage in the US



An estimated nearly 250,000 children, some as young as ten, were married in the United States between 2000 and 2010. Most of these were girls, and most were married to adult men. These shocking figures were compiled by Unchained At Last, a nonprofit organization focused on eradicating child marriage in the US and active in supporting the victims of what the United States Department of State calls “a human rights abuse.”

We originally took on a review of one state’s applicable legislation, considering the problems and repercussions of child marriage and the vulnerabilities a child faces when trying to escape a forced marriage. With every state allowing exceptions below the 18-year age limit on marriage, and 25 states with no lower limit, our lawyers quickly volunteered to take on the research required to assess all 50 US states. So far, 37 lawyers and legal staff in six offices have worked on the project, supervised by Tokyo partner Alexander Woody.

This is the first state-by-state, in-depth review of the laws that impact and enable child marriage in the US, and initial work includes a quick reference summary of relevant data points in each state. In addition, our lawyers compared child marriage minimum ages with the minimum statutory age of other activities such as buying cigarettes and alcohol, getting a tattoo or using a tanning salon. Our work highlighted the absurdity of allowing children to marry—a lifetime legal contract—while protecting them from other activities that are deemed age-inappropriate.

Research for 15 of the 50 states is now complete, and Unchained At Last is using the information in detailed conversations with legislators, educating them and pointing out loopholes and inconsistencies in the law. For example, a law that is supposed to protect children by limiting their ability to enter into contracts has the ironic effect of making it very difficult for them to exit forced marriages. Our research also found that in many states children can marry but cannot file for divorce because they cannot bring a legal action in their own name.



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Unchained At Last is working with legislators across the United States to make changes that will protect children from forced marriages, and some positive impact is already being seen. In New Jersey, there was overwhelming bipartisan support for a bill to end child marriage. Unfortunately, in that case the bill was conditionally vetoed by the governor.

In New York, a bill that Unchained At Last helped to write and promote has been passed in modified form, and bills in Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Florida are pending or being filed. In each case, our memo on the issues is included as part of the testimony. According to Fraidy Reiss, Founder and Executive Director of Unchained At Last, bringing White & Case's resources and credibility to the issues being debated has been an important driver of their achievements so far.

The problem is real and, without legislative change, is unlikely to go away. Fraidy explains the need to protect these children: "Child marriage is a human rights abuse that devastates girls' lives, destroying their health, education and economic opportunities and making them much more likely to experience domestic violence."



# Protecting children's rights in anti-terrorism legislation



Governments globally are developing enhanced counter-terrorism laws. However, Child Rights International Network (CRIN), a global child rights research and policy NGO, finds that these laws often create gaps in how children are protected, even in child-friendly justice systems.

The United Nations recently launched a global study on children deprived of liberty that included children's treatment in the context of conflict and national security situations. Together with Child Soldiers International (CSI), CRIN took the opportunity to look more closely at areas where there is insufficient or unexamined information on how children are affected by global counter-terrorism legislation. The two organizations turned to White & Case to provide a comprehensive comparative global overview in 17 countries across Europe, Africa and Asia.

"The way anti-terrorism legislation impacts children varies, but a good example is age limits, which are often set aside for anti-terrorism laws even if the country involved has already strict laws about age limits normally," says Leo Ratledge, Legal Coordinator at CRIN. "If children aren't specifically protected in anti-terrorism legislation, it can create gaps in the protections that they usually enjoy."

Our research—conducted by a team of 39 lawyers and legal staff in ten offices—will feed directly into the UN study and, in turn, to every branch of the UN, including those providing technical assistance to countries that are reforming their laws. The goal is simple, according to Leo: "We want to see law reform that leads to child-friendly justice systems that take children's issues into account and applies the same rights and protections to them as in the civilian context. We want children accused of terrorism offenses to be processed through the normal justice system, not separate terrorism or military justice systems."

And while law reform is neither easy nor quick, Leo is optimistic: "This is a long-term project, but working with the UN means these outcomes can spread farther and quicker than you might think."



We partnered with the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham University School of Law on projects exploring human rights issues in the context of business in Africa.

Our first project looked at business and human rights in Ghana for companies wanting to invest in or engage in business development there. The second project, in coordination with the UN Global Compact, focused on human rights risks when assessing investment in Nigeria.

Our work is part of the Center's clinic on international law and development in Africa.



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# Better governance for international waters



We recently researched key issues on the conservation and sustainable use of the maritime environment in areas beyond any national jurisdiction. Working with Islands First, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping small island nations engage at the UN to protect the earth's climate and oceans, a team of ten lawyers and legal staff in three

offices analyzed existing legal frameworks and current procedural and funding mechanisms addressing environmentally harmful events in these areas.

“We actively seek pro bono matters that help protect the earth's natural resources,” says Brussels partner and Global Pro Bono Practice Leader Jacquelyn MacLennan. “This is a very important part of our work.”

We identified a number of options for closing the gap in the existing legal framework, such as the creation of a state- or commission-centered framework, where the responsibilities of supervision, enforcement and compliance rest with state parties or a commission—or a hybrid framework where states are responsible for primary obligations and the commission is charged with administrative duties. We also explored cases of emergency situations and suggested that consideration should be given to the creation of an international organization or commission with the power to enact broad procedural mechanisms for emergency situations in areas beyond national jurisdictions.

In addition, we provided an overview of existing treaties that deal with responsibility and liability for various types of environmental harm, as well as existing dispute settlement mechanisms and forums, and concluded that existing mechanisms are available but stronger procedures for dispute settlements could be considered.

The work was done to support Islands First ahead of the fourth meeting of the preparatory committee for the development of an international, legally binding instrument under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea supporting the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

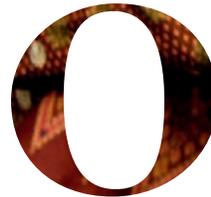


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## The rights of migrants



Our lawyers are working with two global nonprofits to help ensure the rights of migrants are respected.

In a project for the Right to Education Initiative (RTE), 18 lawyers and legal staff across 11 offices compiled and analyzed national law, policies and case law related to the education of migrating groups in ten host countries. Our work will help RTE, which promotes education as a human right, identify and share best practices in expanding access to education for migrants.

For Kids Empowerment, which works to ensure nations comply with international laws on the rights of children, 70 lawyers and legal staff across 19 offices are compiling best practices across 35 countries on the legal frameworks affecting migrant children crossing international borders in transit and reception countries. Our work will be used in a comparative analysis and serve as a basis to advocate for changes in the reform of the Dublin Regulations.





# Climate heroines

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Tabitha Stanley poses proudly in the woods she personally planted in rural Kenya.

Women across the world are planting millions of trees to mitigate the deforestation that has led to massive erosion and devastating flooding. Working

with organizations like The International Small Group Tree Planting Program (TIST), the women trade their labor for credit on the carbon market, allowing them economic independence as well as protection for their crops during seasonal floods.

Women are not just finding ways to survive climate change; they are also leading mitigation efforts worldwide. Inspired by the effort of 105-year-old Saalumarada Thimmakka, women's groups across India helped plant more than 60 million trees in a single day in 2016 to fulfill the country's Paris climate obligation. The tree planting was so successful that India hopes to make it an annual event.

Women are on the front lines of mitigation, planting climate-resistant crops and learning effective ways to conserve and hold water. They are creating communal gardens and rice banks to sustain their families during periods of drought. They are learning that, by working together, they can lift one another and hold the earth.





LEFT ▪ Women from a tree-planting group run by TIST laugh as they work together to gather seeds from the forest. These seeds will be tenderly cared for and become saplings for the next planting season.

MIDDLE, BOTTOM ▪ A woman gently plants a new sapling in her cornfield—a symbol that crops and trees should coexist.



## **MORE PERFECT JUSTICE**

**From wrongful convictions and the death penalty, to the proper use of cameras, to illegal imprisonment for debt—White & Case looks for cases that address challenges to the proper functioning of the US justice system.**

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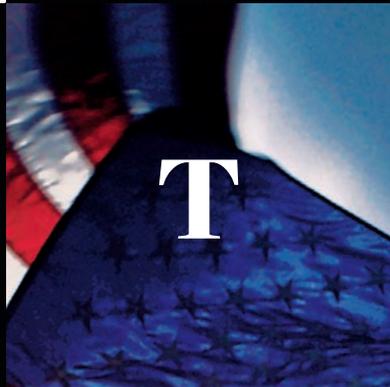
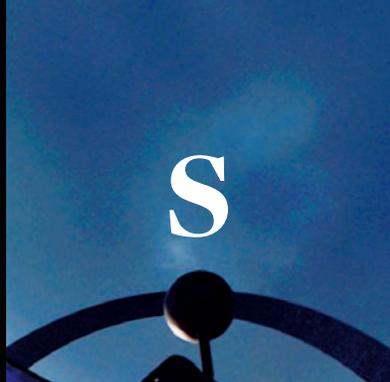
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# Justice through different lenses

**Cameras can improve justice, but it is necessary to be vigilant for misuse.**



The ordinary camera offers a glimpse into the complexities of delivering justice. Cameras have a role to play in the legal system, but they must be used appropriately to protect both the accused and prosecutors. Our lawyers have been working on two matters involving the use of cameras, each approaching the issue from a different perspective.

The first case deals with concerns about how the presence of cameras in a criminal courthouse may affect lawyer-client communications. The second matter looks at how body-worn cameras can be used by prosecutors and police to both protect the civilian population and strengthen criminal cases.

The City of New York and Department of Correction installed surveillance cameras in the attorney-client interview rooms at a new criminal courthouse on Staten Island. Initially, the cameras provided continuous monitoring and recording of meetings between defendants and their lawyers, recording movements and reactions, including gestures that may be used to describe an alleged incident, which is clearly problematic from an attorney-client privilege point of view. In 2015, working with The Legal Aid Society, our lawyers obtained a preliminary injunction ordering that the cameras be turned off pending a final determination of whether the use of the cameras violated the Sixth Amendment rights of detainees to communicate openly and freely with their lawyers. However, some of the cameras remained in use. Subsequently, our lawyers filed a motion to request the permanent removal of the cameras and to hold the Department of Correction in contempt for violating the injunction. The Department of Correction moved to resume use of the cameras. While the final decision is pending, the cameras have been disconnected and are not currently recording.

“This case is about protecting defendants and their rights,” says Gregory Starner, one of two partners who supervised the legal team of three associates and



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five legal staff. “It’s part of a bigger conversation about how we treat the accused and how justice is provided to them. Confidential discussions with their lawyers in which they have the ability to speak freely are an essential part of an effective defense and a fundamental part of the Sixth Amendment right to counsel.”

The use of body-worn cameras by law enforcement presents entirely different challenges. Police departments across the US are increasingly using them to capture evidence that can be extremely useful to clarify the facts. However, the law and policy governing their use is rapidly evolving and varies by jurisdiction, and prosecutors need to be aware of police department use or policies. To bring clarity to the issues surrounding these cameras and to maximize the benefit of these tools in a trial, our lawyers undertook significant research on behalf of the Prosecutors’ Center for Excellence. The resulting paper will ultimately lead to systemic change, as prosecutors and police departments find more effective ways to use body-worn cameras in the pursuit of justice.



# Capital punishment and people with intellectual disabilities



Impartial, consistent sentencing is still not a reality for too many defendants in the US justice system. Data from the National Registry of Exonerations show that wrongful convictions in death penalty cases are most often the result of misconduct by officials, including false accusations and perjury. African Americans are the most likely to be wrongly convicted; to date, they represent the majority of defendants to be exonerated. Just a handful of counties in the US are responsible for most death sentences. Our lawyers are currently involved in several cases that highlight the problems with wrongful conviction and the use of the death penalty.

“It’s not about excusing terrible crimes,” says Louis O’Neill, counsel and Director of Pro Bono. “It’s about trying to ensure that the innocent and intellectually disabled people are not executed, and to prevent and correct mistakes, of which there are too many.”

In one example, we have represented the Federal Republic of Germany since 2012 in its bid to save a dual citizen of Germany and the US from execution in South Carolina—a quest that came to a successful milestone in late 2017.

Charged with murder in 2003, the petitioner has fetal alcohol syndrome that has so seriously affected his cognitive abilities that he functions at the emotional level of a nine-year-old child. This condition was not brought up during the trial or sentencing, and he was sentenced to death.

Our lawyers from New York and Boston, with research assistance from lawyers in Frankfurt, filed numerous amicus briefs on behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany arguing that the petitioner’s death sentence should be vacated because of his trial counsel’s failure to present evidence of his fetal alcohol syndrome and because individuals with this condition should be ineligible for the death penalty, as are children and intellectually disabled people. Ultimately a federal magistrate judge recommended—on the sole issue addressed in our most recent amicus filing, an innovative approach at the initial habeas corpus stage before a federal district court—that the South Carolina Post-Conviction Review Court erred in ruling that counsel was not ineffective in failing to investigate the petitioner’s fetal alcohol syndrome. The Magistrate recommended that the death sentence be vacated and that, in a reasonable period of time, either a resentencing trial take place or a lesser sentence be imposed.



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#### Stay of execution for DNA testing



We were able to achieve a stay of execution in a death penalty case just days before the execution date, arguing that the DNA evidence had not been properly assessed and that no trace or forensic evidence connected our client to the murder. Despite being in possession of the murder weapon, as well as the victim's blood-stained clothes, the state had not conducted DNA testing on these items.

After we were recruited by the ABA Death Penalty Representation Project, a team of lawyers from around the world reviewed 16 years of records and mounted a last-minute defense for our client. We successfully persuaded the court to order DNA testing of the items in the state's possession, and we are currently waiting for the analysis to be completed.



# Illegally imprisoned for debt



Successfully championed as a personal cause by Charles Dickens in 19th-century England, de facto debtors' prisons persist today in the US. At its simplest, some municipalities are jailing individuals for minor infringements, such as unpaid parking or speeding fines. For the poorest, these fines can be impossible to pay and jail time means they are unable to work or serve as caregivers.

It is also illegal. In 1983, the US Supreme Court ruled that if people are too poor to pay a fine, jailing them violates the law.

Ferguson, Missouri was already the focus of intense international media attention following a fatal police shooting and clashes between protesters and authorities when it came to light that the city is also imprisoning impoverished debtors. Working with the ArchCity Defenders, St. Louis University School of Law and Civil Rights Corps, our lawyers have brought a class action suit against the City of Ferguson on behalf of the debtors.

Sonia Murphy, counsel in our Washington, DC office who has spearheaded the work, explains, "It was awful to learn of people being held in jail for days, without access to legal advice and instead threatened, abused and left to languish in confinement at the mercy of local officials. We have reviewed arrest records and paperwork going back to 2010, and the numbers of people we're dealing with are astonishing."

While attempts at settlement are ongoing, there is already a noticeable difference for the people of Ferguson. Says Sonia, "The spotlight that has been shone on Ferguson's practices has already led to reforms. People are beginning to feel they are less likely to get arrested for minor offenses and stuck behind bars unfairly." The work is being led by Sonia and partners Andrew Tomback and Francis Vasquez, along with a large group of highly committed associates, law clerks and legal assistants.



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## Challenging solitary confinement



Last year, we represented a client who has served eight years in solitary confinement at Red Onion State Prison in Virginia and is facing a total of 31 years in solitary. This year, counsel Charles Moore and associate Maxwell Hyman, both in our Washington, DC office, argued two separate appeals before the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit on the inmate's behalf. These two suits challenged the conditions of the inmate's confinement, the adequacy of the medical care provided at Red Onion State Prison, and the prison's procedures for deciding which inmates can leave solitary confinement to rejoin the general prison population. Our

position was supported by dozens of amici curiae, including experts on the psychological and physiological effects of long-term solitary confinement, some of whom have been cited by the US Supreme Court for their work in the field. The Fourth Circuit affirmed in one case but has yet to render a decision in the other.

Following oral argument on both appeals, we are partnering with the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center and the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia to investigate conditions at Red Onion with an eye towards bringing a test case to the Supreme Court that challenges long-term solitary confinement practices.

# When you educate a girl

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Educating a girl changes her destiny, as well as the destiny of her children, her community, her country and the world.

Girls who complete 12 years of school will marry, on average, four years later. They will have higher incomes, fewer children,

and their children will also have a much greater chance of being educated. Women will be healthier, and there will be less infant mortality and fewer child marriages.

If all girls went to school for 12 years, lower and middle-income countries could add an average of US\$92 billion to their economies. There would be more women in government and less conflict.

The good news is that there are more girls in school now than ever before. The UN Sustainable Development Goals show that education encourages solutions across all development goals. Countries like Rwanda have implemented School for All Children policies, and are already seeing the benefits. In Nigeria, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Ghana, more girls are completing their education. The goal now is to keep this momentum going.







TOP ▪ In an overcrowded rural school, Cambodian girls are eagerly attending classes, so organizations like Church World Service are busy expanding classroom space.

LEFT ▪ Girls who once spent their days hauling water are now able to attend school because of water programs in the region.

OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP LEFT AND RIGHT ▪ In India, girls attending the Pardada Pardadi Girls School receive healthy food in addition to education.

OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM ▪ Schoolgirls in Ecuador, who have previously only known a local dialect, learn to speak Spanish. With expanded language skills, these girls will have a far greater chance of finding employment.



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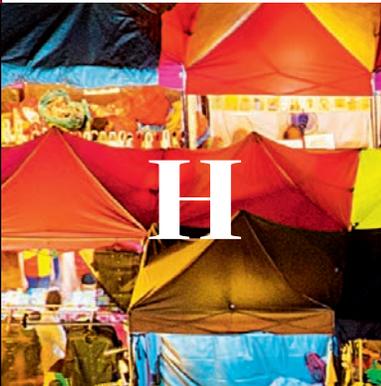
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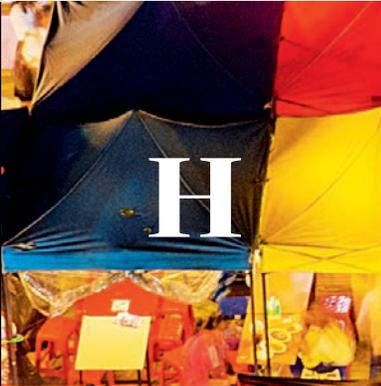
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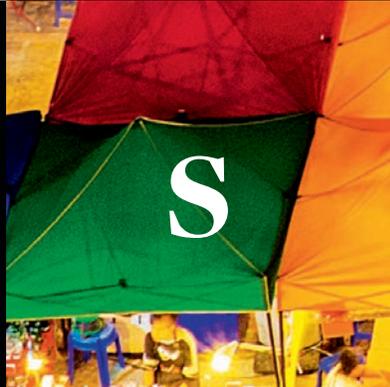
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# Pro bono hours and participation

■ ■ PERCENTAGE OF OFFICES AND PRACTICE GROUPS DOING PRO BONO

100%

■ ■ PRO BONO HOURS

108,000+

■ ■ PERCENTAGE OF PARTNERS DOING PRO BONO

50%

■ ■ PERCENTAGE OF OTHER LAWYERS DOING PRO BONO

70%

# Americas



**Our lawyers and legal staff across the Americas worked on 500+ pro bono matters in 2017. Here are highlights.**

## **Boston**

Defended a client wrongfully convicted of murder when, after his conviction was overturned, the state sought to retry him for the same crime

## **Miami**

Working for restoration of health benefits for children with special needs

## **Silicon Valley**

Representing a death row client on her habeas corpus petition challenging the constitutionality of her conviction and sentence

## **Los Angeles**

Representation of foster parents to adopt their foster children

## **New York**

Contracts advice for BioLite on distribution of clean energy cooking stoves globally and the collection of carbon credits

## **Washington, DC**

Assistance to veterans appealing benefits decisions to the US Department of Veterans Affairs

## **Mexico City**

General corporate advice for IBBY México/A leer, which encourages children to read

## **São Paulo**

Researching conscientious objection in healthcare for Center for Reproductive Rights

# Most common missions of our non-governmental organization clients



# EMEA



**Our lawyers and legal staff across Europe, the Middle East and Africa worked on 435+ pro bono matters in 2017. Here are highlights.**

## Abu Dhabi

Represented an Iraqi family seeking refuge in the United Arab Emirates

## Bratislava

Advised the Slovak Ministry of Justice's working group on personal insolvency, which resulted in major legislation that will affect more than 100,000 households

## Doha

Advising on the establishment of the first museum of modern and contemporary art in Beirut

## Astana

Supporting the Kazakhstan Bar Association through the development of legal education initiatives and court system improvements

## Brussels

Advised on landmark litigation before the Grand Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Union on the recognition of same-sex marriage in the EU free movement law

## Dubai

General corporate advice to Hedayah and in connection with the STRIVE Global Program to Counter Violent Extremism

## Berlin

Advising a single mother with four children whose landlord terminated her lease

## Cairo

Advising Women's World Banking on new legislation regulating NGOs in Egypt

## Düsseldorf

Corporate advice to support child welfare NGO Stiftung dare's charity cycling tour

**Frankfurt**

Advising on a cross-border EU child custody and repatriation case

**Johannesburg**

Advising the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation in its support of The Kenya National Commission initiatives for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities

**Paris**

Representation and advice to Médecins Sans Frontières on the bulk of their more complex legal issues

**Geneva**

Successful representation before the Court of Arbitration for Sport of an executive member of a Liberian sport association expelled from the board due to an absence during maternity leave

**London**

Tribunal appeals for people whose disability benefits were wrongly terminated

**Prague**

General corporate advice for SOS Children's Villages Czech Republic

**Hamburg**

Represented a transwoman seeking legal recognition from passport and birth certificate authorities

**Madrid**

Assistance for refugees seeking to be admitted in Spain

**Riyadh\***

Legal education for clients of the Bunyan Women's Charity Association for Family Development

**Helsinki**

Research on anti-bribery compliance under Finnish law

**Milan**

Corporate law training for local and international NGOs

**Stockholm**

Legal advice on volunteer management for Smaka Lokal, a social enterprise working to reduce food waste

**Istanbul**

Participation in BİLGİ Legal Clinic for individuals in need

**Moscow**

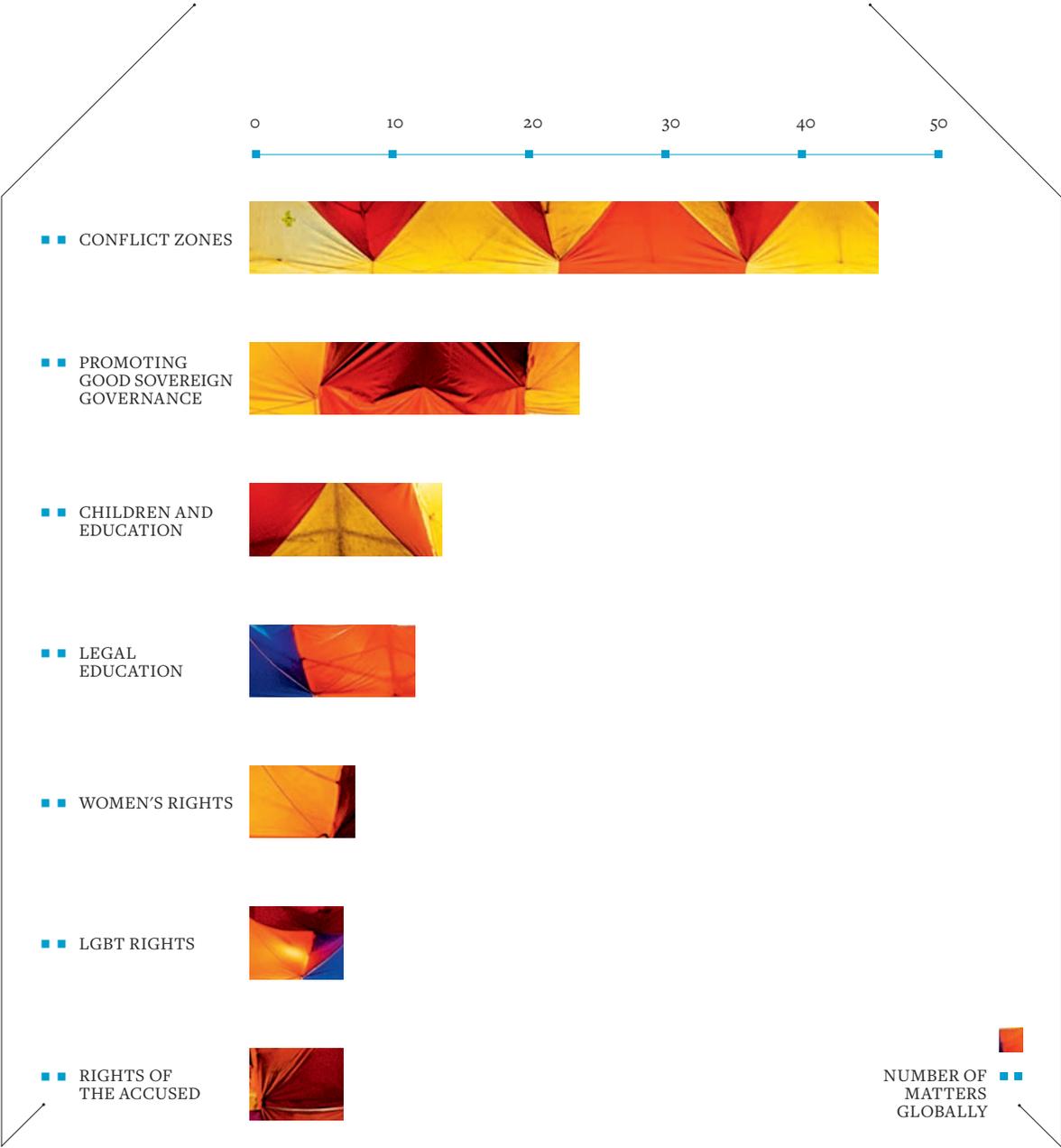
Intensive program of lectures for more than 750 law students annually at Russian universities

**Warsaw**

General corporate, labor, building and construction advice for art gallery Zachęta Narodowa Galeria Sztuki

\* in association with the Law Firm of AISalloum and AlToaimi

# Most common rule of law matters



# Asia-Pacific

**Our lawyers and legal staff across Asia-Pacific worked on 95+ pro bono matters in 2017. Here are highlights.**

## Beijing & Shanghai

Participation in Peking University Law School Legal Clinic

## Jakarta\*

Assistance for the small business incubator program of BEKRAF, the Indonesian Agency for Creative Economy

## Seoul

South Korean law research to support B Lab, a nonprofit that certifies benefit corporations

## Singapore

Legal training on gender-based violence for law students and teachers at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Laos in Vientiane

## Hong Kong

Comparative research on protection for victims and witnesses of human rights abuses and human trafficking for Hagar International

## Melbourne & Sydney

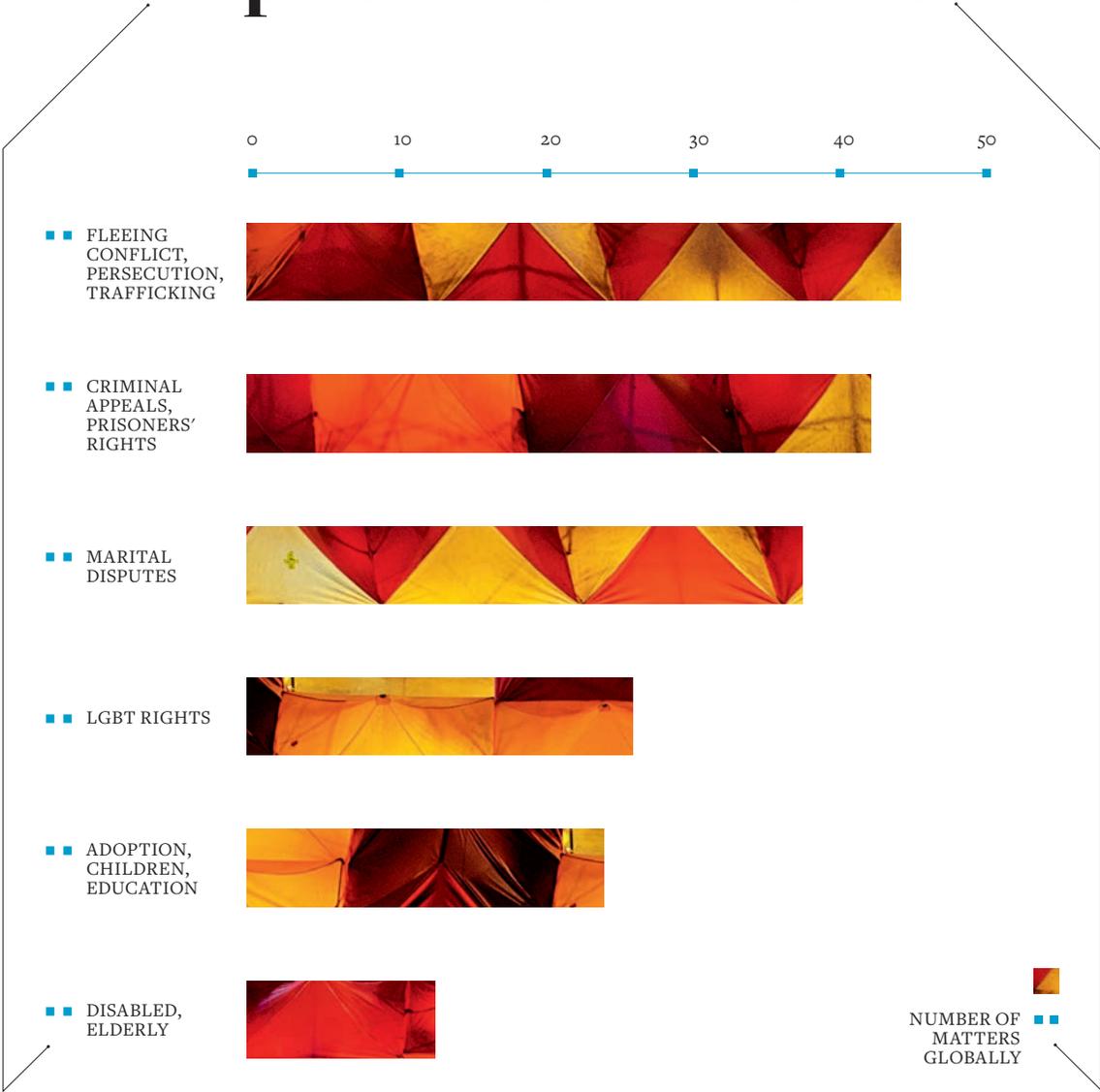
Assistance to Disability Discrimination Legal Service on the merits of discrimination matters and on building codes

## Tokyo

General corporate advice for Save the Children Japan

\* in association with Witara Cakra Advocates (WCA)

# Most common individual representation matters



# We are privileged to work with an exceptional roster of pro bono clients and referral agencies



Here are a few highlights of the approximately 550 organizations and governments we work with each year.

- ACCEPT ASSOCIATION
- ACUMEN
- ADVOCATES FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- AFRIKIDS
- ALLIANCE DES AVOCATS POUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME
- ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
- ALLIANCE FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION
- AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
- APRENDER PRIMERO
- ASHOKA
- AUSCHWITZ INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION
- KINGDOM OF BHUTAN
- THE BINGHAM CENTRE FOR THE RULE OF LAW
- THE BRADY CENTER TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE
- BRIDGES ACROSS BORDERS SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE
- CHILD RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL NETWORK
- COMMISSION FOR ART RECOVERY

- ■ CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL
  - ■ CONSERVATION LAW FOUNDATION
  - ■ THE CORNELL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND JUSTICE
  - ■ CYRUS R. VANCE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE OF THE NEW YORK CITY BAR
  - ■ EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT
  - ■ EDUCATION LAW CENTER
  - ■ EUROPEAN DISABILITY FORUM
  - ■ EUROPEAN ROMA RIGHTS CENTRE
  - ■ EUROPEAN SHOAH LEGACY INSTITUTE
  - ■ END CHILD PROSTITUTION, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN FOR SEXUAL PURPOSES
  - ■ FAIR TRIALS INTERNATIONAL
  - ■ FUNDACIÓN APPLESEED MÉXICO AC
  - ■ GLOBAL NETWORK OF WOMEN PEACEBUILDERS
  - ■ THE DR. HAWA ABDI FOUNDATION
  - ■ HEDAYAH
  - ■ HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN
  - ■ INSTITUTE FOR WAR AND PEACE REPORTING
  - ■ INTERNATIONAL AIDS VACCINE INITIATIVE
  - ■ INTERNATIONAL CRISIS GROUP
  - ■ INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LAW ORGANIZATION
  - ■ INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES
  - ■ INTERNATIONAL LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
  - ■ INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER & INTERSEX YOUTH AND STUDENT ORGANISATION
  - ■ INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT
  - ■ THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE
  - ■ INTERNATIONAL SENIOR LAWYERS PROJECT
  - ■ JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR REFUGEES
  - ■ KIDS EMPOWERED
  - ■ THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY
  - ■ LEITNER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE AT FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL
  - ■ LIBERTY ASIA
  - ■ THE LULLABY TRUST
  - ■ MADRE
  - ■ MAKE-A-WISH GERMANY EV
  - ■ MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES
  - ■ MEDIA LEGAL DEFENCE INITIATIVE
  - ■ MIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN'S LEGAL UNIT
  - ■ NAMATI
  - ■ THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
  - ■ OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE
  - ■ OPERATION FISTULA
  - ■ OXFAM
  - ■ PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
  - ■ PILNET: THE GLOBAL NETWORK FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW
  - ■ PONTIS FOUNDATION
  - ■ PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW & POLICY GROUP
  - ■ RAINFOREST ALLIANCE
  - ■ REFUGEE SOLIDARITY NETWORK
  - ■ REPRIEVE
  - ■ RIGHT TO PLAY
  - ■ SAVE THE CHILDREN
  - ■ SECOURS POPULAIRE
  - ■ SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES
  - ■ SOUTHERN AFRICAN AIDS TRUST
  - ■ THOMSON REUTERS FOUNDATION
  - ■ TRANSGENDER EUROPE
  - ■ UNCHAINED AT LAST
  - ■ UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
  - ■ UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION
  - ■ UNITED NATIONS JOINT OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ADVISER ON THE PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT
  - ■ UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME
  - ■ WATERLEX
  - ■ WOMEN'S WORLD BANKING
  - ■ WORLDWIDE ORPHANS FOUNDATION
  - ■ WORLD WILDLIFE FUND
  - ■ ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON
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# Solar sisters

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More than a billion of the world's poor are without energy, and therefore without light. Everything productive is limited to the hours between sunrise and sunset. And terrible things happen in the dark, especially to women. Increasingly, however,

women are leading the way to safer, cleaner and affordable energy for themselves and their communities.

In India, Barefoot College has pioneered workshops that train women, who have never been able to attend school, to become solar engineers. They learn to build solar panels, lanterns and safer cooking and heating solutions.

In Rajasthan, the woman pictured here was taught to run a solar desalinization plant in one of the saltiest regions of India.

Women entrepreneurs across Asia, Africa and the Americas are introducing solar lighting and cooking to neighbors who have struggled to find enough fuel to keep the home fires burning. Thousands of children who must work during the day are attending school at night because of solar lanterns. Students who are able to attend school during the day can study at night using more than candlelight. In Kenya and Tanzania, Maasai women are installing solar panels on traditional huts and installing efficient, safer cook stoves that require far less fuel in a land where deforestation is disastrous.









LEFT ▪ Village women in northern India receive the gift of light for the first time in their lives—light that will extend their days and provide security at night. Solar lanterns are built, distributed and maintained by local women.

TOP ▪ Mining salt in India is brutal work, often done by young women. But this girl is one of 70,000 children in the region who, despite working during the day, is able to attend school at night because of solar lanterns.

BOTTOM ▪ Women in Benin who once struggled to keep their children fed during drought season now have healthy food year-round because of solar panels that move water from deep wells to their kitchen gardens.

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