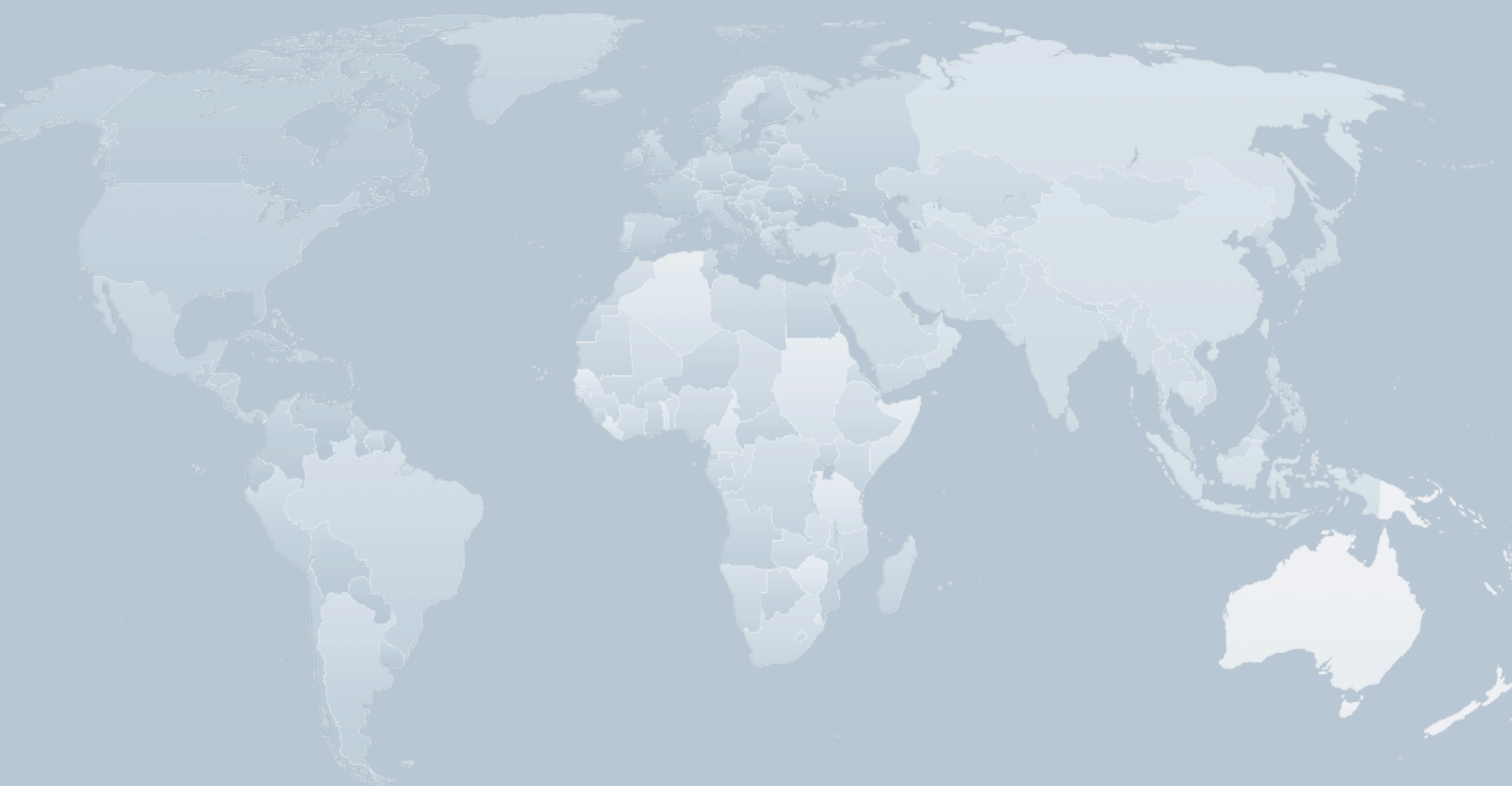


# INTERNATIONAL SENIOR LAWYERS PROJECT



**SERVING THE WORLD COMMUNITY**

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

# FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS



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Dear Friends,

All of us have been affected to a greater or lesser extent by the economic crisis at home and abroad. But, as a *New York Times* editorial observed earlier this year:

“The economic news is so frighteningly bad here, it has all but squeezed out reports of the turmoil wrecking the developing world.”

This means that the already dire situation in the developing world in regard to access to social services, health care, education, rule of law and human rights conditions more generally can be expected to further deteriorate. Legal services can play a critical role in helping address this crisis.

Faced with this challenge, ISLP is redoubling its efforts to provide essential legal assistance in some of the very poorest countries in the world. In Liberia, we continue to provide legal services to help repair that country's shattered economy and to rebuild the rule of law. ISLP volunteers have assisted in renegotiating exploitive natural resource concession agreements to the substantial economic benefit of the Liberian government and ultimately its poverty-ridden citizenry and have provided advice on a range of economic projects, including regulations governing the issuance of mineral exploration licenses and the revision of the foreign investment law. Crucial legal assistance has also been provided to the Ministries of Health and Justice. In Sierra Leone our volunteers are negotiating natural resource concession agreements. In Rwanda, Malawi and Tanzania, we are providing trade negotiating training and mentoring to government officials. And, in Mali, Niger and Mauritius, we are developing a program to assist indigenous NGOs in mounting a legal attack on the slavery system. We also continue to provide crucial legal support to NGOs seeking to preserve press freedom in least developed parts of the world. Closer to home, we are now in the process of developing a number of legal programs in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

At the same time, we are taking systematic steps to benefit from our own experience, and that of our volunteers and collaborators, and thereby to deepen our programs and enhance our impact. To this end, we are establishing working groups of volunteers and other experts in selected areas to share experiences, best practices and strategic thinking. This is already underway for our work in natural resource concession agreements, trade negotiation training and commercial law training. We have also established a working group to determine the specific legal assistance that ISLP may provide developing countries in responding to the economic crisis itself.

At a time when the new Administration in Washington is calling on all Americans to commit themselves to national service, our volunteers are setting an example in meeting the challenge. We are grateful for the generosity of our foundation funders, law firm supporters and individual donors whose support is a critical element in permitting our organization and our volunteers to meet this great challenge.

# FROM ISLP'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



JEAN C. BERMAN

**2008.** It is hard to sum it up! Many of us have memories of great joy and optimism colliding with fear and anxiety. I am fortunate to work with an organization that harnesses optimism and good will every day to assist brave souls all over the world who are defying fear and anxiety.

2008 was a very good year for ISLP. Our staff continued to grow, and we now have seven - including a Consulting Director for Europe, based in Paris, and a Human Rights Program Associate. With these additions and with our Deputy Director, Human Rights Program Officer and Volunteer & Communications Coordinator all completing their first full year with ISLP, the results were impressive. Our project portfolio increased by 50% over the prior year, to 76. We more than doubled the number of volunteers who traveled abroad on assignments, to 57 from 27, and several made multiple trips. We significantly expanded the number of law firms working on ISLP projects - to 31, not including the 14 law firms in South Africa that participate in our Commercial Law Training Program.

But these statistics and facts cannot begin to capture the excitement and importance of the work our volunteers are doing. We hope you will get a flavor of this when you read the brief stories that are included in this report. Perhaps one quote from a thank you letter will help. Tiawan Gongloe, the Solicitor General of Liberia, wrote "to express my very deep gratitude for the tremendous assistance your organization has given my country, through the Ministry of Justice, in its efforts to firmly re-establish the rule of law. Bill Gardner and Jim Dube in their tours of duty here helped me to have a...wider perspective of how to combat impunity through the power of the law, using both criminal and civil procedures...[Y]ou have certainly become our true partner in our efforts at strengthening prosecution."

As we start a new era in American history, we at ISLP are grateful for the opportunity to engage in the urgent issues of our day. This is made possible only by the generosity of our outstanding volunteers, our law firm participants and donors, the individuals and foundations that support us, and the amazing people and organizations with which we partner. We thank and salute all of them.

# EXPANDING THE REACH OF PRO BONO

The International Senior Lawyers Project advances the rule of law, protects human rights and promotes equitable economic development by providing the pro bono legal services of highly skilled and experienced lawyers and distinguished law firms to assist nongovernmental organizations, developing country governments and other institutions worldwide.

## OUR WORK

**ISLP supports grassroots NGOs and developing governments around the world through its roster of top-tier lawyers and law firms who, on a pro bono basis, provide:**

- Long term on-site assistance to build organizational capacity
- Short term trainings and workshops
- Expert legal counsel on corporate, transactional, litigation and legislative matters
- Cross-border research and analysis on human rights and other issues



In 2008: **57** volunteers were on the ground in **22** countries

- Volunteer lawyers and law firms spent over **30,800** hours on international pro bono projects
- Volunteers provided NGOs and developing countries more than **\$12.5** million in pro bono services

## WHERE WE WORK (on the ground in 2008 in **bold**)

**Afghanistan**  
Argentina  
Bahrain  
Bosnia  
**Botswana**  
Bulgaria  
Cambodia  
Chad

**China**  
Croatia  
**Czech Republic**  
Dem. Rep. of Congo  
Ethiopia  
The Gambia  
Ghana  
Hungary

India  
**Jordan**  
**Kenya**  
**Laos**  
**Liberia**  
Lithuania  
Macedonia  
Madagascar

**Malawi**  
**Mali**  
**Mongolia**  
Morocco  
Nepal  
**Nigeria**  
**Peru**  
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**Russia**  
**Rwanda**  
Sao Tome and Principe  
**Sierra Leone**  
**South Africa**  
**Tanzania**  
**Thailand**

Turkey  
The Bahamas  
Uganda  
Ukraine  
**Vietnam**  
Western Sahara  
**Yemen**  
**Zambia**

# PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

IN 2008, ISLP DEVELOPED 76 INTERNATIONAL PRO BONO PROJECTS, INCLUDING 39 IN THE AREAS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE. VOLUNTEERS TRAVELED ON-SITE TO WORK WITH NGOS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS FOR ANYWHERE FROM SEVERAL DAYS TO SEVERAL MONTHS, OFFERING THEIR TIME, SKILLS AND TALENTS TO HELP ADDRESS MANY OF THE WORLD'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS.



The *Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa* was formed in 1997 in The Gambia to advance respect for human rights in Africa by providing pro bono counsel to those bringing cases before the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights. Human Rights lawyer **Michael Ellman** and **Cynthia Rollings**, a partner in **Beldock, Levine & Hoffmann**, both worked with IHRDA in 2008. Michael facilitated a workshop for activists and NGOs from the Democratic Republic of Congo concerned with issues of child labor and environmental protection on how to bring claims under the African Charter on Human Rights. Cynthia worked with a Nigerian group challenging a law by which Nigerian citizens who cannot prove they are direct descendants of an area's original settlers are barred from state jobs, basic services, and more.



**Mike Haroz**, a Boston partner with **Goulston & Storrs**, spent September in Nairobi with *The Kenyan Coalition for Disability Legal Action* helping to catalyze the establishment of the first legal aid clinic in Africa for persons with disabilities. The clinic is the result of unique cooperation among disability rights advocates and Kenya's legal community.

**Joel Martin** from Maine spent 3 months at the *University of Pretoria Human Rights Centre's* LLM program with 30 of Africa's most promising human rights lawyers. Joel established the Center's first-ever trial advocacy seminar and ran a clinic that undertook legal research on behalf of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.



**Allen Keese** journeyed twice to work with the *Afghanistan Human Rights Organization*, a local NGO that since 1997 has provided vital legal aid to more than 4,000 victims of human rights abuses. Allen first evaluated AHRO's legal aid programs, traveling the country to compile a comprehensive report. He then helped AHRO develop detailed proposals to expand its work in the rural areas that are essential to peace and stability in Afghanistan.



Working with NGOs *Temedt* (Mali) and *Anti-Slavery International* (UK), ISLP joined the ongoing struggle to eradicate slavery in Northern Mali, where an estimated 500,000 people live in forced servitude. **Michael Ellman** traveled to Mali to coordinate with Temedt, while a team of lawyers led by **Patrick Murray**, a partner in **Winston & Strawn's** Paris office, completed a detailed legal analysis of existing anti-slavery laws in Mali and avenues for litigation. In addition, **Yves Sicard**, a Parisian litigator, completed a detailed analysis of laws criminalizing slavery in Mauritania and Niger. ISLP continues to support Temedt and ASI with their West Africa regional anti-slavery effort.

# PROVIDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

IN ADDITION TO EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF OUR PROJECTS IN 2008 BY 50% OVER 2007, ISLP FOCUSED ON INCREASING THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK. WE DEEPENED OUR RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH REPEAT ASSIGNMENTS WITH PARTNER NGOS, CONCENTRATED ON STRATEGIC PLANNING WITH OTHERS, AND CONTINUED OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL SERVICES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA.



A career public defender, **Leslie Rosenberg**, spent 3 months in Beijing with *International Bridges to Justice* working to improve China's juvenile justice system. Building on workshops she conducted with Chinese criminal defense lawyers, Leslie drafted a comprehensive manual of best practices for defending accused juveniles.

ISLP sent **Edward DeLaney** to Moscow for an assessment/strategy mission with the *Center for Journalism in Extreme Situations*, a human rights group that provides legal assistance to journalists facing defamation and related charges in the Russian Federation.

Alberto K. Fujimori of Peru is the first democratically elected former president to be tried for human-rights violations in his own country. To help disseminate the trial and ensure transparency in the proceedings, ISLP helped develop the blog [Fujimoriontrial.org](http://Fujimoriontrial.org) and sent **James Manahan** to Lima for 3 months of trial monitoring.

The President of Liberia asked ISLP for help combating the scourge of rape, especially of children, in that country. **Aparna Bhat**, an experienced sex crimes lawyer from India, spent 5 weeks in Monrovia drafting a training manual for the prosecution of rape, and **Jim Dube** of **Blake, Cassels & Graydon** in Toronto helped draft the statute that created a special court for sex crimes.



**William Gardner**, a retired partner at **Morgan, Lewis & Bockius**, spent two months with the Liberian Ministry of Justice helping to advance several corruption prosecutions.

**Darrel Grinstead**, Of Counsel at **Hogan & Hartson**, spent a month helping to establish the Office of General Counsel of Liberia's Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and to identify high priority issues for legal reform.



ISLP partner *Bridges Across Borders South-East Asia* is a grassroots NGO working to improve access to justice and legal training. In 2008, ISLP sent public defender **Evan Rosen**; retired attorney **Mark Andrews**; and retired judge **Scott Neilson** to assist BABSEA's Community Legal Education Program in Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam.

“...while ISLP and BABSEA have put me in a position to really help people in a meaningful way, I have definitely learned more than I have taught. I've been involved in helping provide legal access to people who simply don't have it. I've been involved in training lawyers, law students, paralegals and lay people. The greatest gift I received was to meet, work with and maybe help a little some of the most courageous and hard working people I have ever had the honor to be associated with.” - Public Defender Evan Rosen

# PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**HELPING LIBERIA REBUILD:** DURING FOURTEEN YEARS OF CIVIL WAR, MUCH OF LIBERIA'S LEGAL AND REGULATORY STRUCTURE WAS DISMANTLED. AS PART OF AN ONGOING MULTI-YEAR EFFORT, ISLP VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED THOUSANDS OF PRO BONO HOURS IN 2008 TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF AND VARIOUS LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES IN THEIR WORK TO REBUILD THE MOST BASIC AND VITAL ELEMENTS OF THE ECONOMY AND THE LAWS RELATED TO ITS DEVELOPMENT.

IN 2008, AS IN EARLIER YEARS, ISLP TEAMS, LED BY BOARD MEMBER AND INDEFATIGABLE VOLUNTEER JOSEPH BELL OF HOGAN & HARTSON, OFFERED THEIR LEGAL EXPERTISE TO LIBERIA AND OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS STRIVING TO AVOID "THE RESOURCE CURSE"- THE ECONOMIC DANGERS THAT FACE COUNTRIES THAT RELY HEAVILY ON THE EXPORT OF RAW MATERIALS. ISLP IS PROUD TO HELP MAKE THE ROLE NATURAL RESOURCES PLAY IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES MORE EFFECTIVE, TRANSPARENT AND DIRECTLY BENEFICIAL TO THE PEOPLE OF THESE COUNTRIES.



**Jeffrey Wood**, a retired partner of **Debevoise & Plimpton**, and **Lorraine Sostowski** and **Joseph Bell**, partners with **Hogan & Hartson**, assisted the Government of Liberia in the solicitation of bids for the rehabilitation of the Bong iron ore mine, one of the Government's most important mining assets. The deal should create 3,000 jobs for Liberians as well as schools, a hospital and a hydro power plant.

**Jeff Wood** returned several times to Liberia, advising on a range of economic initiatives from tax investment incentives to proposed regulations governing mineral exploration licenses and the development of a Model Mineral Development Agreement.

**Keith Larson**, a partner with **Hogan & Hartson**, supported Liberia in its negotiation of the concession agreement and power purchase agreement with Buchanan Renewables for the construction, ownership and operation of a new power plant. The plant will be fueled by exhausted rubber wood, contributing to the rejuvenation of the nation's rubber industry.

**Prof. Louis Wells** of the **Harvard Business School** traveled to Liberia to advise the President and the Inter-Ministerial Concessions Committee on a variety of issues.

**Robert Hillman**, Fair Business Practices Professor of Law at the **University of California at Davis Law School**, contributed significantly to mining, agricultural and forestry concessions work in Liberia.

**Donald Gellert**, Of Counsel with **Otterbourg, Steindler, Houston & Rosen**, provided review and advice on contracts for the construction and operation of hotel projects in Liberia.

**Bruce Gilchrist** and **Joseph Bell**, partners with **Hogan & Hartson**, assisted Liberia in the renegotiation of a concession agreement for a 300,000 acre rubber and palm oil concession originally granted in 1959 and never subsequently modified.

**Richard Gittleman** and **Kenneth Natale**, partners, and **Shannon Grewer**, associate, with **Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld**, advised the Government in its negotiation of a concession agreement with Sithe Global Bio Diesel LLC for the development of a large scale commercial palm oil plantation and processing mill.

**Jim Dube**, a partner at Toronto's **Blake, Cassels & Graydon**, returned to Monrovia for a second year to spend six weeks advising the Ministry of Justice on matters ranging from anti-corruption prosecutions to the government's strategy for recovering looted assets.

## OTHER ISLP TEAMS AT WORK IN AFRICA:

ISLP was invited by the government of Sierra Leone to assist in its review of key mining contracts entered into by previous governments. Partners **Boris Dolgonos** and **Lydia Protopapas** of **Weil, Gotshal & Manges** and **Brian Fix**, a **Salans** partner, worked in close partnership with a Task Force established by the President of Sierra Leone for the purpose of assessing the terms of the contracts in light of developing international standards. The ISLP lawyers also assisted Sierra Leone officials in discussions with mining companies about the terms of their relationships in the context of international norms, Sierra Leone's strategy for foreign investment and current market conditions.

**Stephen Stein**, a partner with **Kelley Drye & Warren**, together with volunteers from **Hogan & Hartson**, assisted the Ministries of Infrastructure, Finance and Justice of the Government of Rwanda over the last three years with the drafting of the concession agreement and purchase agreement for US corporation Contour Global to build, own and operate the first independent power plant in Rwanda. The plant will harness the vast stores of methane gas beneath Lake Kivu to drive its electrical generators, eventually more than doubling the nation's current supply of reliable and affordable electricity.



ISLP Board members and Executive Director Jean Berman met with Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in Washington, DC in April 2008.



Volunteers Adam Sonnenschein, a partner at the Feinberg Law Group, and Stuart Land, a retired partner at Arnold & Porter, worked with the Malawi Government to develop a bioethics policy regulating clinical drug trials.

ISLP VOLUNTEERS TRAVELED OVERSEAS FROM 19 STATES, CANADA, FRANCE, INDIA AND THE UK TO PROVIDE ON-SITE LEGAL SUPPORT TO ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS IN 22 COUNTRIES. WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR GENEROSITY OF TIME, SKILL AND SPIRIT:

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# CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF LEGAL TRAINING

2008 marked the 5th anniversary of the **Commercial Law Training Program** (CLTP) in South Africa, a hallmark program that provides training to historically-disadvantaged lawyers who have had limited opportunities to develop commercial law practices. Nine ISLP volunteers conducted the 2008 program in Johannesburg and Cape Town, partnering with 27 South African pro bono co-instructors. 95 delegates - all working lawyers - attended the 12 week course. Founding organizations ISLP, the **Black Lawyers Association of South Africa** and the **Senior Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association** celebrate the training of over 350 lawyers, and deeply thank the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Law Society of South Africa, Mr. Joseph Horning, and law firm **Brink Cohen LeRoux** for their vital and continued support of these programs.

“ This program directly addresses a key audience with fundamental needs—the practicing lawyers on the ground. None of us instructors are academics, we’re just heavy on commercial experience, so we try to pass that on in the most practical and interactive way we can.

I’m convinced it works! ”

- ISLP volunteer instructor Kevin Salisbury

The “South Africa Conference on the Integration of Black Lawyers into the Corporate Legal Profession” was held March 3-5 in Johannesburg and hosted by ISLP, the Black Lawyers Association Legal Education Centre and the Senior Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association, with The Mandela Institute at the University of Witwatersrand. Attendees included past CLTP instructors and delegates; government officials; commercial law practitioners; and business leaders. Suggestions for program improvements were welcomed, with delegates expressing a desire for local mentors and hands-on internship opportunities. As a result, a forum was created on the Advancement of Black Commercial Law to further assist Black lawyers in their development of commercial law opportunities in both public and private sectors. *Many thanks to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for funding to make this conference possible.*

A compact version of the Commercial Law Training Program was also held in Gaborone, Botswana July 2-August 17. Five ISLP volunteers and five Botswanan co-instructors conducted trainings for 20 delegates.

**Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld** partners **Michael Kiklis** and **Edward Fenn** taught the first-ever Intellectual Property class in the LLM program at the National University of Rwanda July 21-30. The class, attended by judges and other public officials, examined a variety of IP issues that specifically affect developing countries.



## TRADE NEGOTIATION TRAINING

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**MALAWI:** ISLP’s program coordinator **Patrick Macrory** and **Stephen Lande** led a week-long training for 24 government officials that included an overview of the world trading system and a detailed trade negotiation simulation exercise.

“ Currently I am one of the technicians involved in EPA negotiations and this training is crucial. Thank you! ” - Malawi training participant

**RWANDA:** In addition to its ongoing mentoring of Rwanda’s trade negotiators, **Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld** partner **Spencer Griffith** joined **Patrick Macrory** in a program on practical skills and techniques for 20 members of the Rwanda government negotiating team who are handling the East African Community Common Market negotiations.

**ZAMBIA:** In April, **Patrick Macrory** and **Jean Anderson**, a partner with **Weil, Gotshal & Manges**, joined the **African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes** in a training for 17 government negotiators geared to the Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations being conducted between the EU and Zambia.

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# OTHER LAW FIRM PROJECTS

LAW FIRMS MAKE AN ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTION TO ISLP'S WORK BY SHARING THE SAME EXPERTISE AND WORLD CLASS TALENT THEY PROVIDE TO CORPORATE CLIENTS WITH OUR UNDER-RESOURCED NGO AND GOVERNMENT PARTNERS. ISLP WISHES TO THANK THE MANY FIRMS AND OFFICES AROUND THE WORLD WHO HAVE PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO ISLP CLIENTS FROM THEIR OFFICES IN 2008:

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Below are just a few examples of the pro bono commitment of ISLP's law firm partners:

Board member **Richard Winfield** led and coordinated ISLP's Media Law project work, utilizing expert media defense lawyers from the firms **Baker & McKenzie, Clifford Chance, Covington & Burling** and **Levine Sullivan Koch and Schulz** to work closely with journalists, parliamentarians, lawyers and judges on media law reform projects around the world. Media Law Working Group members conducted substantive law training workshops for local media lawyers in several countries, provided technical assistance to local media counsel on strategic media litigation in Egypt and Ghana, assisted governments in drafting media law legislation, and wrote and filed

amicus curiae briefs on behalf of NGOs in international courts.

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The Paris, London and U.S. offices of several global law firms provided essential case research for use by international human rights lawyers in cases against Russia in the European Court of Human Rights, many involving victims of the war in Chechnya. ISLP Board member **Natasha Lisman** of **Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen** coordinated and oversaw the many law firm contributions in this area.

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**John Ketels** and **Wendy Weyson**, partners at **Clifford Chance**, led their firm's efforts to provide legal assistance to the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of Liberia. Clifford Chance attorneys have reviewed the Ministry's contracts with health care providers and - together with a team from **Hogan & Hartson** led by partner **Robert Leibenluft** - worked to establish an Office of General Counsel for the Ministry as part of the two firms' ongoing commitment to help build an overall legal and regulatory framework for the country's health sector.

IN AUGUST, **BAKER & MCKENZIE** ATTORNEYS **CHARLES HALLAB, SIGURD SORENSON, AND MADELEINE SCHACHTER** SERVED AS ISLP VOLUNTEERS FOR THE **INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH & EXCHANGES BOARD** FOR A REVIEW OF BEST PRACTICES FOR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAWS. MADELEINE AND SIGURD THEN PARTICIPATED IN A WORKSHOP WITH MEMBERS OF THE **YEMENI PARLIAMENTARIANS AGAINST CORRUPTION** TO REVISE THAT COUNTRY'S DRAFT LAW.

“ It was an extraordinary experience to collaborate with members of the Yemeni Parliament as they worked to develop a law that would increase citizens' understanding about the workings of government, deter corruption, and promote confidence in government officials.”  
- Madeleine Schachter, Partner, Baker & McKenzie

“ We were very proud when we learned the approval of this great team, which includes a selection of international senior lawyers...your valuable knowledge had great impact on the enrichment of the Draft Law, playing an important role in establishing the values of transparency and stabilizing the right of access to information...we extend our hand of gratitude and thanks for all your blessed efforts towards the development of Yemen.”  
- Salem Ahmen Bin Taleb, Executive Officer, YemenPAC

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<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,024,982</b>

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Management and General	60,591
Fundraising	84,988
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>829,770</b>

Change in Net Assets (Not Including Donated Services) 195,212

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<b>Total Donated Income</b>	<b>13,017,539</b>

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Program Services	12,984,123
Management and General	23,837
Fundraising	9,579
<b>Total In-Kind Expenses</b>	<b>13,017,539</b>

Total Change in Net Assets 195,212

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#### ASSETS:

Cash and Equivalents	919,663
Contributions and Accounts Receivable	151,483
Other Assets	13,373
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,084,519</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>49,599</b>

#### NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted Net Assets	295,521
Board Designated Net Assets	340,000
Restricted Net Assets	399,399
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1,034,920</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>1,084,519</b>

## SERVING THE WORLD COMMUNITY

### IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN?

There are certain times in life when everyone, regardless of his or her profession, comes to a career crossroads and must instinctively decide which direction to go. For Robert Mansell, that moment came when the Canadian environmental lawyer was contacted by ISLP for a pro bono assignment supporting a grassroots organization battling against the environmental consequences of the mining boom going on in their country. The organization: the Centre for Human Rights and Development (CHRD). The country? Mongolia. He was hesitant. In the end, his wife was the one to convince him. **"She said to me, 'You always said you wanted to do something like this. If not now, then when?' and I thought about it and realized she was right,"** he recalls.

The time was indeed now, and when Robert arrived in Ulaan Bator in July 2008 for his 3-month assignment, he realized the immediacy of the work at hand. CHRD's small staff was struggling to focus attention on the significant damage local gold mining companies were doing to the water supply, watershed runoff and local grazing lands.

By the time Robert's stay in Mongolia ended, though, he felt an enormous sense of accomplishment. In just three months he succeeded at training a group of young lawyers without much courtroom practice. With his guidance and coaching, CHRD won an important environmental case, including a victory over a mining company that forced it to rehabilitate the river area they had scraped bare. He educated CHRD on community benefit agreements and worked on proposals to make environmental assessments more transparent and honest about social impacts. He traveled six hours over rutted tracks to the remote tented homes of nomadic herders, claimants in a case involving mining's impact on hereditary grazing lands. **"I felt we accomplished a lot when I was there and I was beyond pleased with the success of the program. But there is still so much to be done.** In that sense, it wasn't a feeling of completion, but it was a feeling of success. I knew at some point ISLP and CHRD were going to need to send someone back."



Despite CHRD's many successes in Mongolia, Robert admits it's sometimes daunting to think of the greater picture and the problems not yet solved. "The mining industry is never going to be as 'green' as it needs to be. It is, by nature, unsustainable. You're taking stuff out of the earth that can't be put back in." Cooperation is another issue. Certain companies have been very responsive; others, however, seem likely to continue to violate the land and rights of the Mongolian people in the absence of any true enforcement.

Despite the many months of volunteer effort Robert devoted to Mongolia, he considers himself top among the list of beneficiaries. **"The experience has been completely life changing and wonderful. I'm so fortunate to have had the opportunity to do something like this in my career.** There's so much more work that needs to be done and I would love to continue doing it."