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**International Senior Lawyers Project Honored With Public Service Award**

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 20, 2008 – The International Law Section of the Washington, DC Bar Association recognized the International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP) Monday with its 2007 Public Service Award. The annual award honors public service in international law and was presented at the association's annual luncheon, held at the law offices of Arnold & Porter, LLP.

ISLP was founded in 2000 to recruit highly experienced lawyers for international pro bono projects related to human rights, economic development, and rule of law. Over the past seven years, ISLP has worked in more than 35 countries. Their volunteers have helped impoverished countries negotiate natural resource agreements with multinational corporations, trained lawyers in developing countries in negotiating international trade agreements, and helped build the capacity of lawyers seeking to advance human rights around the world.

Harold Koh, Dean of the Yale Law School and a leading expert on international law, gave the keynote speech. He spoke of the importance of organizations like ISLP in helping to restore the U.S. focus on the rule of law and human rights in international affairs.

On receiving the award, ISLP Executive Director Jean Berman thanked the International Law Section, noting that "American lawyers, and particularly Washington lawyers, have a long tradition of donating time to pro bono causes in the United States; ISLP offers them the chance to take their skills and experience and do something to make the whole world a better place."

Other Public Service Award recipients include the Center for Constitutional Rights, Physicians for Human Rights, and the International Rescue Committee.

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*The International Senior Lawyers Project([www.islp.org](http://www.islp.org)) is an international organization that enlists the resources of highly experienced lawyers worldwide on a pro bono basis to advance the rule of law, human rights and equitable economic development. For more information, visit [www.ISLP.org](http://www.ISLP.org).*