

ISLP NEWS

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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you this update of ISLP's recent activities. But first, we note both a great sadness and a great honor at ISLP.

We are very sad to report the passing of one of our founding Board members, Bob Wald. Bob was a beloved member of the Washington, D.C. legal community and a great supporter of ISLP. We will greatly miss his wise and affectionate counsel. You will find a brief article on his "service to the world community" on p. 7 of this newsletter.

We are, at the same time, very pleased to congratulate our dear friend, Board member and volunteer, Joe Bell, who has been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by *The American Lawyer* magazine. The award recognizes the enormous contribution Joe has made to some of the poorest countries of the world by providing the highest level of counsel on a wide range of matters, most importantly in his recent years as an ISLP volunteer in the transparent and effective management of their natural resources. Joe richly deserves this award, and we are proud that he has chosen to share his time and talents over the past 10 years with ISLP.

The past few months have been challenging and rewarding. We have overcome many obstacles created by the devastating earthquake in Haiti to implement an ambitious program, much of which has been funded by the National Endowment for Democracy. We have sent 13 volunteers to Haiti since April, including lawyers from the U.S., Canada, Belgium and France, to assist on projects ranging from building the capacity of legal aid lawyers to reconstructing the port of Haiti.

Finally, we are honored to share with all of our supporters the news that the International Senior Lawyers Project Europe is now a French legal entity. We celebrated this expansion of ISLP's work on Sept. 30th in Paris at the historic Hôtel de Talleyrand, where the joy and rewards of pro bono service were in full evidence.

Sincerely,

Jean C. Berman
Executive Director



Québec criminal defense lawyer Daniel Tardif works in the province of Saint Marc, Haiti with lawyer Thevenot Bazalais who represents prisoners at the local prison. Daniel's account of his Haiti mission can be found in the "Volunteer Spotlight" on Page 4.

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AWARD RECIPIENT JOSEPH BELL

Esteemed ISLP Board member Joe Bell will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual *American Lawyer* dinner on October 27. Joe will be recognized for his lifelong commitment to using his corporate expertise in the energy and natural resource sector to provide pro bono assistance to citizens groups and developing country governments. His leadership in ISLP's Liberia program is cited among his significant achievements.

“...I really do feel strongly about economic inequality and economic development. A just world requires us to be concerned about these problems, and if you have an opportunity to do something about it, then you should.”

-- Joe Bell



Joe Bell (left) with a Tanzanian Government official during a capacity-building workshop on negotiating the fiscal and financial aspects of large-scale investment contracts in the extractive sector held in Arusha, Tanzania in February

ISLP MEDIA LAW UPDATE

■ ISLP Board member and head of the ISLP Media Law Working Group Dick Winfield recently presented at an international conference hosted by the Central European University in Budapest that examined the rise of extreme right political parties and the threats to democracy posed by hate speech that incites violence and demonizes the Roma and immigrant minorities in Europe.

■ Volunteer David McCraw, in-house Counsel at The New York Times Company, led a workshop in Moscow for 40 Russian media lawyers on intellectual property law and Russian and American media law. The program was sponsored by the Moscow Media Lawyers Collegium.

■ Jonathan Donellan, in-house Counsel with the Hearst Corporation, travelled to Uttarakhand, India for an ISLP project in partnership with the Indian Centre for Constitutional Rights and Human Rights Law Network. He presented at a national convention of journalists and media lawyers on international media law and cases on freedom of expression and rights of journalists.



Volunteer Coralie Colson of France with criminal defenders in the office of the Bureaux D'assistance Légale in the Haitian province of Gonaïves, where she spent 4 weeks providing case management and litigation training. A lawyer she worked with there forwarded this short note of thanks:

Salut Mme Coralie Colson, je suis très très content de vs écrire pr vs dire que les séjours que vs avez passé avec nous, personnellement moi n'étaient pas gratuits et ne seront jamais futils. Je vs remercie. Et mille merci encore, parce que vs me mettez dans la pratique de la profession du Droit Juridique. Que Dieu continue à vs bénir abondamment. Persévérance dans l'effort et continuité dans le succès à vs souhaiter. OK! Merci!

Dear Ms. Coralie Colson. I'm very happy to write to you to say that the time that you spent with us, and with me particularly, was not and will never be futile. A million thanks for really initiating me to the practice of the legal profession. May God continue to bless you abundantly. I wish you perseverance in your work and continued success. Thank you!

Going the Extra Mile for Haiti Defenders

We had heard from our volunteers in Haiti that public defender offices in the provinces where they were working lacked many of the basic legal resources necessary to support the defenders' efforts. For instance, many offices were without even a single paper version of the Haitian criminal procedure code, penal code, or Haitian Constitution for the lawyers to reference.

Upon learning of this problem, McCarter & English Pro Bono Coordinator Emily Goldberg didn't waste a moment. Contacting Ralph DeLouis, a McCarter lawyer who had just returned from Haiti on an ISLP project, the two coordinated to have notebooks and folders created for the offices that were packed with resources, including domestic and international legislation relevant to criminal defence work. The notebooks were then hand-carried by ISLP volunteers out to the provincial offices, where they were received with warm appreciation and, even better, put to immediate use!

CELEBRATING THE *PRO*FESSIONAL IN *PRO BONO*: RECENT AND UPCOMING VOLUNTEER MISSIONS

EQUITABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BORIS DOLGONOS (WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES): TO SIERRA LEONE FOR ONGOING CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SUPPORT
JOE BELL, BRUCE GILCHRIST, LORI SOSTOWSKI, AND RANDY SHEFMAN (HOGAN LOVELLS): TO LIBERIA FOR ONGOING ASSISTANCE WITH CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE NATURAL RESOURCE SECTOR

JOHN REBOUL AND ANDREW OWEN (ROPES & GRAY) AND DEON GOVENDER (CLIFFE DEKKER HOFMEYR) : TO LIBERIA FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACTS

GLEN IRELAND, CLEMENT FONDUFE, AND JOHN SMELCER (LATHAM & WATKINS): TO TANZANIA TO LEAD A WORKSHOP ON LARGE-SCALE INVESTMENT CONTRACTS

TANNEKE HEERSCHKE AND DIANNE PRUPAS (FASKEN MARTINEAU): TO LIBERIA TO LEAD A WORKSHOP ON TENDERS FOR LARGE-SCALE INVESTMENT PROJECTS

BORIS DOLGONOS (WEIL GOTSHAL& MANGES) AND SHANNON GREWER (LOCKE BISSEL & LIDDELL): TO TANZANIA TO LEAD A WORKSHOP ON DRAFTING INVESTMENT CONTRACTS IN THE MINERAL SECTOR

REBECCA MAJOR AND JAMES WATSON (HERBERT SMITH): TO TANZANIA TO LEAD A WORKSHOP ON BEST PRACTICES FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACTS

ANDY RICHARDS AND RALPH DELOUIS (MCCARTER & ENGLISH): TO HAITI FOR A MICROFINANCE PROJECT SUPPORTING GREATER FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE PROVINCES.

THE COMMERCIAL LAW TRAINING PROGRAM TEAM:

PARTNERS: THE BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE LAW SOCIETY OF NAMIBIA, THE LAW SOCIETY OF BOTSWANA, AND THE LAW ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA

ISLP VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: KEITH WATSON

VOLUNTEERS: STEVE SPRONZ, ENDI PIPER (TV ONE), KEVIN SALISBURY, DON GELLERT (OTTERBOURG, STEINDLER, HOUSTON & ROSEN), PERRY IRVINE, CRAIG WHITE (HAHN LOESER & PARKS), LINDA ROBINSON (OSLER HOSKIN & HARCOURT), JIM ST. CLAIR

HUMAN RIGHTS AND RULE OF LAW

JEAN-LOUIS LIBERT, CORALIE DE LLONEUX AND DELPHINE KIPS (BELGIUM) CORALIE COLSON (FRANCE) AND MARTA PEREIRA (PORTUGAL): TO HAITI FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER AND PRISONERS RIGHTS WORK

CHARLES DAVISON (CANADA): TO OROMIA STATE, ETHIOPIA TO TRAIN PUBLIC DEFENDERS

HON. DOROTHY BEASLEY (USA): TO TANZANIA TO WORK WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA

PATRICK MURRAY (WINSTON & STRAWN): TO HAITI AS ISLP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR HAITIAN PROJECTS

BILL GARDNER (MORGAN LEWIS & BOCKIUS): TO MALAWI FOR JUDICIAL TRAINING PROJECT

JIM DUBE (BLAKES): TO LIBERIA FOR PROJECTS WITH THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE

PAUL-CLAUDE BÉRUBÉ (CANADA): TO KENYA TO ADVANCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISABILITY LEGAL RESOURCE CENTRE

VICTOR TARFUR (COLOMBIA): TO PERU TO ASSIST A LOCAL NGO ON A CARBON CREDITS PROJECT

MARGARET FARRELL (USA): TO LIBERIA TO BUILD THE CAPACITY OF THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

MICHAEL REBELL (USA): TO GERMANY AND HUNGARY TO LEAD DISCUSSIONS ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS



ISLP Volunteer Sabine Michaud (4th from right) with staff of the “Dynamiques des Femmes Juristes de Goma”, an NGO that offers legal assistance to rape victims in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Sabine, a member of the Montreal bar, spent four weeks in Goma with DFJ in support of their work arguing cases in local courts on behalf of women and children victims of sexual violence.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

FIVE WEEKS IN HAITI / CINQ SEMAINES EN HAÏTI

BY DANIEL TARDIF, MONTRÉAL CANADA

It is hard to put into so few words what was a tremendous experience. I'll never forget it. I had the great opportunity to work with a prominent lawyer, attorney Mario Joseph, who heads the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (BAI). I also worked with lawyers from the cities of Hinche, St-Marc and Mirebalais.

In spite of extreme poverty, in spite of few resources, I came back from Haïti richer because of relationships that I have with people: lawyers, judges, prosecutors, BAI's staff, people on the street, taxi drivers, etc. Their big smiles, their resilience makes me believe that there is light at the end of tunnel.

My mission: Teaching and briefing Haitian defense lawyers for preparation and management of their case files.

The purpose: Developing strategies to get pre-trial illegally detained prisoners out of prison.

The result: The day before I left Haiti, an attorney I worked with successfully pleaded a habeas corpus petition that led to the release of two young pre-trial detainees in Hinche. Since my return, I have received news from another attorney who said that because of different, new motions he has submitted in Court, one pre-trial detainee a week has been released in Mirebalais.

Conclusion: What I have heard about Haïti before I went isn't real. Believe me, Haïti is now a country where everything is possible. Haïti ma chérie je t'aime.

Jamais je n'oublierai mon séjour en Haïti. J'ai eu le privilège de travailler en compagnie d'un infatigable travailleur, Me Mario Joseph, responsable du BAI (Bureau des Avocats Internationaux) et des avocats des villes de Hinche, Mirebalais et St-Marc. Même entouré d'une pauvreté extrême, malgré des moyens matériels réduits, je suis sorti enrichi de mes contacts avec les haïtiens rencontrés: avocats, juges, commissaires, personnels du BAI, gens de la rue, chauffeurs de taxi, etc. Leurs sourires quotidiens, leur résilience face aux malheurs qui les frappent, me permettent d'affirmer sans l'ombre d'un doute qu'il y a des forces positives qui œuvrent dans l'espoir d'un avenir meilleur.

Ma mission: former des avocats à la gestion et la préparation de leurs dossiers.

Le but: initier et développer des stratégies pour faire sortir les prisonniers détenus préventivement au-delà des délais prévus par la loi.

Les résultats: La veille de mon départ un avocat de Hinche, a plaidé avec succès une requête en habeas corpus et libéré deux jeunes prisonniers. Depuis mon retour un avocat de Mirebalais m'a informé qu'il a réussi à faire libérer un détenu par semaine à la suite de présentation de requêtes.

Conclusion: Haïti n'est plus le pays dont j'ai entendu parler comme étant un endroit de désolation où tout est paralysé. Au fond de mon cœur, je sais qu'Haïti est désormais le pays de tous les possibles. Haïti ma chérie je t'aime.

Following the assignments of Daniel and other ISLP volunteers in recent months, ISLP Volunteer Program Coordinator for Haiti Patrick Murray, a partner at Winston & Strawn's Paris office with decades of experience in Haiti, commented: "The successes so far in bringing Haitian judges to actually free people who are the subject of long term pre-trial detention on the basis of habeas corpus and other similar arguments is a sea change in the way justice has been heretofore administered in Haiti."

RAND REPORT ON HAITI RECOGNIZES ISLP-SUPPORTED PROJECT

A new study from the RAND Corporation funded by the Carnegie Corporation has identified an ISLP-supported project as "...one of several specialized working groups or commissions...that appears to be producing results." ISLP volunteer Len Cavise, a law professor at DePaul University, Chicago is part of a small team working directly with the Special Advisor to the President of Haiti on modernization of the criminal code and procedure in Haiti -- the first major reform of Haiti's criminal law since the early 1800s. ISLP receives funding from the National Endowment for Democracy for this and several other key projects in its Haiti Program.

The RAND report, which "is designed to be useful to the government of Haiti as it develops detailed plans for policy and institutional reforms and to the international donor community as it determines how to support the government's efforts" directly identified this project in its "Justice" section, recommending that "Resources and political capital in the near to medium term should be expended on a few critical areas in which practical progress could be made and that directly concern urgent needs of the Haitian population" and that "...those [initiatives] that are well advanced, such as the government's criminal law and criminal procedure reform process, should be completed."

ISLP-EUROPE

PARIS LAUNCH CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

The establishment of the International Senior Lawyers Project Europe (ISLP-Europe) and the pro bono work of ISLP's European volunteers was celebrated at a reception on September 30th at the historic Hôtel de Talleyrand in Paris. Over 70 friends and volunteers, pro bono leaders from European firms, members of the Paris Bar, and others joined the distinguished members of ISLP-Europe's Conseil, three Board members of the International Senior Lawyers Project, Executive Director Jean Berman, and Director for Europe Michele O'Brien for this very special occasion. Dominique Attias, Member of the Conseil de l'Ordre of the Paris Bar, spoke enthusiastically about the work of ISLP and the support of the Paris Bar for it, and Jose Davó, President of the Council of European Bars, welcomed guests in videotaped remarks.

From its inception in 2000, ISLP's founders envisioned an international organization not only in terms of projects, but also with respect to the nationalities of volunteers. This reflects their view that lawyers of good will around the world share a commitment to justice and the rule of law; that different perspectives, experiences, languages and legal backgrounds will achieve better results; and that the participation of volunteers and Board members from many nationalities will advance ISLP's capacity to develop and implement projects worldwide in pursuit of a just international rule of law.

Outreach to law firms in Europe and to European nongovernmental and pro bono organizations over the past year has generated enthusiastic interest and a core of support for ISLP in Europe. We especially thank the international offices of Linklaters, Winston & Strawn, and Hogan Lovells and the Ernst C. Stiefel Foundation and the Open Society Institute for their generous support of ISLP's European expansion and Wesley Johnson, Managing Partner of the Paris office of Jones Day, for hosting the reception.

ISLP-EUROPE CONSEIL MEMBERS

ISLP Europe is delighted to welcome its newest Conseil member, Agostinho Pereira de Miranda. Mr. Pereira is Chairman and Founding Partner of the Lisbon, Portugal law firm MIRANDA CORREIA AMENDOEIRA & ASSOCIADOS. Earlier this year, Mr. Pereira traveled to Mozambique as an ISLP volunteer to lead a workshop on drafting diamond legislation to regulate the country's diamond industry and to enable Mozambique's membership in the Kimberley Process certification scheme. Other members of the Conseil are:

Ramon Mullerat - Chair (KPMG Abogados SL, Spain)
Alvaro Espinós (Retired Partner, Baker & McKenzie, Barcelona)
Zbigniew Lasocik (Dean of the Law School, Lazarski Univ., Warsaw)
Patrick Murray (Retired Partner, Winston & Strawn, Paris)
Claes Sandgren (Chairman, Anti-Corruption Institute, Stockholm)
Richard Vilanova (Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell, Paris)
Jean Berman (Executive Director, ISLP, New York)
Anthony Essaye (Retired Partner, Clifford Chance, Washington DC)
Robert Kapp (Of Counsel, Hogan Lovells, Washington DC)



Ms Dominique Attias (left), Member of the Conseil de l'Ordre of the Paris Bar, Envoy for Pro Bono of the Paris Bar and Michele O'Brien, Director, ISLP-Europe



Guests at the ISLP-Europe reception



Members of the ISLP-Europe Conseil
From left: Patrick Murray, Richard Vilanova, Zbigniew Lasocik. Anthony Essaye, Robert Kapp, Jean Berman, Ramon Mullerat - Chair, Alvaro Espinós

US DEPT OF COMMERCE CALLS ON ISLP EXPERTS

ISLP was invited in 2010 by the Commercial Law Training Program of the U.S. Department of Commerce to share its commercial law expertise with Iraqi and Pakistani officials through practical trainings on various topics relating to international contracts.

■ In March, eight highly-experienced ISLP volunteers delivered a training program on negotiating international joint ventures for resource development for 20 officials from the Iraq Oil Ministry and three national oil companies. The program, held in Washington D.C., consisted of a two-day simulated contract negotiation where ISLP volunteers assumed the role of negotiators for an international company desiring to develop Iraq-owned oil resources. The ISLP team included lawyers Jonathan Cahn (Baker & McKenzie); ISLP Board member Claudette Christian (Hogan Lovells); Harold Hestnes, (ret. WilmerHale); Becky Jacobs (Univ. of Tennessee Law School); John Reboul (ret. Ropes & Gray); and David Evans (Clifford Chance); and finance experts Oleg Pohotsky and Andrew Thompson.

■ In May, Markham Ball, an expert on the law of international and domestic arbitration, led a one-day ISLP seminar for Pakistani judges on commercial arbitration and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards.

■ Also in May, four ISLP volunteers helped train ten commercial attaches from the Pakistan Trade Ministry in negotiating investment agreements with foreign investors. In a full-day role-playing exercise, Steve Stein (Kelly Drye); Oleg Pohotsky; and Bob Smith and Andrew Thompson (Baker & McKenzie) negotiated a mock joint-venture arrangement to manufacture and distribute air conditioning equipment with a local government-owned company represented by the attaches. Keith Watson helped coordinate ISLP's participation. Afterwards, the ISLP team shared their insights on the "negotiation". One of the attaches stated that lessons learned in the exercise would "stay with them for years to come."

■ In July, Phil Porter and Anishya Abrol (Hogan Lovells) led a simulated licensing out negotiation for representatives from four major Pakistani Universities. The program's overall objective was to help the participants commercialize technologies developed by their institutions and was said by CLDP to be the "capstone" of their program.

TEAMWORK ENHANCES PRO BONO AT KIRKLAND & ELLIS

A talented team of attorneys from the Chicago, DC, New York and San Francisco offices of Kirkland & Ellis recently took on a project that could profoundly impact the lives of people half a world away. It started with a request to ISLP from The Lawyers' Association for Human Rights of Nepalese Indigenous Peoples (LAHURNIP) and the Forest Peoples Programme (FPP) for pro bono assistance pertaining to a complaint they hoped to submit to the UN Human Rights Committee regarding the ongoing exclusion of indigenous peoples' freely chosen representatives from the process of drafting a new constitution for Nepal. Indigenous peoples comprise nearly 38% of the population in Nepal, yet they have been systematically excluded from participation in the political process for centuries. Recent efforts to remedy this have been met with obstacles, so LAHURNIP and FPP turned to ISLP. K&E's Pro Bono Coordinator Julie LaEase responded promptly to ISLP's request for assistance.

The Kirkland team – led by partners Binta Niambi Brown and Garry Jaunal and including associates Jeffrey Todd, Jasmine Singh, and Leah Recht – dove right into the project, which Mr. Jaunal described as "the epitome of why I went to law school." Working with ISLP, LAHURNIP, and FPP, their research led them down new paths in human rights jurisprudence and Nepalese politics as they developed a comprehensive memo laying out the legal alternatives available to the indigenous people of Nepal.

Kirkland attorneys backed one another up from coast to coast in the U.S. as the work continued apace with the partner organizations in Amsterdam and Nepal. Meanwhile, they learned to expect the unexpected with each conference call - including team members stranded by volcanic ash! The depth of the Kirkland bench, however, ensured that "there was always someone available to pitch in and keep the ball moving," as Ms. Brown explained.

Looking back, the Kirkland lawyers reflected that the Nepal project allowed them to experience work outside of their day-to-day practice, yet "consistent with their pro bono interests." As Ms. Brown summed up, "I'm hopeful that having an opportunity to work on something 'different' now and then will make me better at what I normally do everyday."

"I was attracted to the vision of the project - the idea of developing priorities for a disability rights movement by comparing the successes and failures of similar movements in other countries...and my South American background made me particularly interested in the Peru case study. In pro bono, I tend to look for opportunities that interest me, that allow me to work with attorneys outside of my practice group or office, and that allow me to practice my foreign language skills. This project had it all."

-- Diego Marquez, Associate, Alston & Bird, member of a multi-office Alston & Bird team that undertook a comparative research project to assist an NGO working to secure rights for disabled individuals in Kenya.

IN MEMORIAM



It is with great regret and considerable sorrow that ISLP notes the passing of Bob Wald, an esteemed Board member and friend. Bob was a towering figure and role model in the DC bar for his entire professional career. A public spirited citizen and early leader in the pro bono lawyering movement,

Bob founded a great law firm--Wald Hardraker and Ross--which was distinguished for its decency, public service and partner equality. It was a model for our profession. Bob was one of the founding Board members of ISLP; his death represents a great loss to our organization, to the legal profession and to the DC community. He will be greatly missed.

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ISLP THANKS THESE FIRMS FOR THEIR RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Clifford Chance lawyers from around the world have recently participated in three significant ISLP projects. A team from the New York office prepared a comparative study of laws on violence against women in several countries to help advance work on a draft law in a Latin American country. The country was so pleased with the study that they asked ISLP for the continued assistance of the Clifford Chance lawyers to help draft the new law. Lawyers from the New York and London offices have been working with a Haitian consortium of rural microfinance organizations to advise it with respect to possible changes in the banking law that will affect microfinance. The team has prepared two memoranda and has traveled to Haiti to meet with the client in advance of meetings with the Central Bank of Haiti. Lawyers from the Barcelona and Madrid offices assisted a Peruvian NGO with a petition to the Intra-American Commission on Human Rights while another Madrid Clifford Chance team is providing research to a Peruvian environmental group on carbon credits laws.

The New York and Wilmington offices of *Skadden Arps* provided assistance to Inclusion International with its efforts towards effective implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in connection with its guarantee of access to education for the intellectually disabled. Skadden Arps lawyers also assisted a Haitian NGO with a petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Partners from the New York and Sydney offices of *Baker & McKenzie* are advising the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) on U.S. and Australian perspectives on two Somali draft media laws. They are consulting with ISLP and a Somaliland Parliamentary Committee to explore ways in which the draft can be harmonized to produce principled and effective legislation.

Hogan Lovells is providing significant support to the Liberian Ministry of Health in connection with the adoption of a health regulatory framework and capacity building of the Ministry's Office of General Counsel. In addition, Hogan Lovells partners from London and Paris are providing advice to the Government of Haiti regarding options related to the reconstruction of the Port-au-Prince port following the earthquake.

Latham & Watkins is providing support to a Haitian organization with a petition and a request for precautionary measures with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

McDermott Will & Emory is supporting an Anti-Domestic Violence Project in China by drafting a comprehensive comparative report on domestic violence legislation.

A UK-based team of *Arnold & Porter* lawyers is providing a review of relevant case-law in support of a case before the European Court of Human Rights.

A team from *Mayer Brown & Platt* is providing guidance to the Ministry of Justice in Liberia on a current contract negotiation.