



PROJECTS & CASES OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC

Since its founding in 2003, the International Human Rights Law Clinic at the UVA School of Law has undertaken work in the following areas (descriptions of the projects are included by topic below):

- national security in the “War on Terror”
- freedom of information and expression
- gender-based violence, women’s, and LGBTI rights
- rights of indigenous people
- legal literacy and empowerment
- right to education
- right to an effective remedy
- rights respecting legislative reform
- right to life and prohibition against torture
- human rights in the Middle East
- international criminal justice and universal jurisdiction
- corporate liability for human rights violations
- land law and housing rights
- peacebuilding/ transitional justice / responsibility to protect and to fulfill human rights
- rights related to health and medical treatment
- rights of refugees

National Security and Human Rights in the “War on Terror”

Amicus curiae brief on the right to an effective remedy for plaintiffs in *In re Iraq and Afghanistan Detainees Litigation* (Ali v. Rumsfeld, et al.), D.C. Circuit Ct. of Appeals (Fall 2010)

Burke O’Neil, LLC (Charlottesville and Washington, D.C. – Fall 2009)

Research for plaintiffs’ attorneys in consolidated cases known as *In re Xe (Blackwater) Alien Tort Claims Act Litigation* (E.D. Va.), brought by survivors and family members of those killed when Blackwater personnel opened fire on Iraqi civilians in Baghdad (Al Watahba Square on September 9, 2007 and Nisoor Square on September 16, 2007).

(Spring 2009)

Research related to torture claims and in preparation for oral argument in *Saleh v. CACI* (private military contractor that provided interrogators at Abu Ghraib and other detention facilities) in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Center for Constitutional Rights (New York – Fall 2009)

Litigation-oriented research focused on the legality of state-sanctioned torture under the principle of universal jurisdiction.

(Fall 2008)

Drafted, in collaboration with the International Human Rights Clinic at American University/Washington College of Law, *amicus curiae* brief for the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals in *Saleh v. Titan* (private military contractor at Abu Ghraib) on the development of Alien Tort Statute jurisprudence with regard to non-state actors and the right to a remedy.

(Fall 2004)

Legal research for case filed in Germany under the 2002 Code of Crimes Against International Law against U.S. military and civilian leaders for command responsibility for war crimes at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

American Civil Liberties Union National Security Project (New York – Fall 2008)

Drafted summaries of documents received through a FOIA request for ACLU's online Torture Database.

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Drafted complaint filed in the D.C. District Court to enforce a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from 2006 that had sought the release of all records relating to deaths, suicide attempts, and homicide attempts at the U.S. naval base at Guantánamo Bay since 2002.

Human Rights First (New York – Fall 2006)

Research concerning fair trial norms and evidentiary matters in U.S. civilian and military courts for advocacy by the U.S. Law and Security Program.

Case of juvenile detainee in Guantanamo, *Omar Khadr v. Bush* (in conjunction with the International Human Rights Law Clinic at American University/Washington College of Law – Spring 2006)

Legal research for the defense in federal court case of a Canadian who was fifteen when captured in Afghanistan in July 2002 and who has been held in Guantanamo since shortly after his 16th birthday. Omar Khadr's military commission hearing began in January; this was the first such trial of an individual under the 18 at the time of the alleged offense in modern history.

EarthRights International (Washington, D.C. – Spring 2004)

Analysis of the current Bush Administration's policies and practices with respect to international law and the international legal system, in particular apropos certain international treaties and international institutions, the domestic Alien Tort Statute, and use of executive orders in the areas of international issues and foreign relations.

Freedom of Information and Expression

Center for Constitutional Rights (NY – Spring 2011 – Spring 2012)

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) case re the U.S. government's knowledge of and actions in relation to Israel's May 31, 2010 attack on a flotilla of six vessels in international waters seeking to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza.

American Civil Liberties Union National Security Project (New York – Fall 2008)

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International Human Rights Law Group (Fall 2003)

Defense of freedom of expression in the Afghan Human Rights Commission – the case of the Kabul *Aftab Weekly* editor, Mir Hussein Mahdawi, and writer Ali Reza Payam.

Gender-Based Violence and Women's and LGBTI Rights

UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women (Fall 2009-Fall 2011, Spring 2013)

Prepared a background paper for a roundtable involving U.S. gender and human rights advocates on areas of concern in the United States under the SR VAW's mandate. The roundtable was held at UVA Law School in February 2010, while the SR VAW was a distinguished visiting professor in residence here. Drafted briefing paper on the due diligence standard, how the U.S. government interprets it, what laws and policies implement it, and what are the gaps. Participated in the coordination and editing of five civil society briefing papers in preparation for an official U.S. visit by the SR VAW and conducted follow-up advocacy after the mission. In Spring 2013, Clinic students continued to research the development of due diligence standards and consistency between international and regional treaties for the SR VAW's thematic report for the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Hague-based international courts and tribunals (Fall 2011 – Spring 2013)

Assessment of the adequacy, legacy, and discrepancy of jurisprudence as compared to documented occurrences of sexual violence in international tribunals and selected national courts.

Musawah/ A global movement for equality and justice in the Muslim family (Fall 2011 - Spring 2013)

As part of Musawah's knowledge building initiative empowering Advocates to ensure that laws and practices promote equality and justice in the family, the Clinic mapped international human rights standards related to the Quranic concepts of *qiwamah* and *wilayah*, commonly understood as sanctioning men's authority over women. In Fall 2012, the Clinic wrote a Concept Paper, *Muslim Women through a Human Rights Lens: A Human Rights-based analysis of the concepts of qiwama and wilayah*. A student presented a draft at a Musawah workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (December 2012). During the Spring 2013 semester, the Clinic drafted a concept paper on the convergence of human rights and Islamic ethical principles and practical implications of *qiwama* and *wilaya* for Muslim women.

Study of gender-based violence and women's access to food and water in post-earthquake Haiti in cooperation with the NYU Law School Human Rights Clinic (Fall 2010)

Legal research and analysis of links between gender and rights to food and water under conditions of national insecurity and humanitarian intervention in post-earthquake Haiti. Key informant interviews were conducted with IDP camp committees in Port-au-Prince.

Institute for International Law and Human Rights (Washington, D.C. and Baghdad – Fall 2010)

Detailed analysis of the Iraqi Penal Code for gender provisions (and omissions), highlighting specific issues and recommending changes that would put Iraq in compliance with international standards, notably CEDAW and other instruments that it has ratified. Contributed to the IILHR gender equity report, *Women and the Law in Iraq* (December 2010).

Center for Reproductive Rights, International Program (New York – Fall 2008)

Research on the intersections between violence against women and reproductive rights with an eye to the mandate of the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women.

Global Rights (Washington D.C. – Fall 2006)

Drafted shadow reports on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) rights in Honduras and Bosnia-Herzegovina for submission to the UN Human Rights Committee, in advance of the Committee's consideration of the official government reports on compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (which met in October 2006).

Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (GenderPAC, Washington D.C. – Fall 2004)

Legal research on protections for gender expression and identity for a long-term strategy developing a staff presentation guide on the use of international human rights in the organization's advocacy efforts.

Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (Port-au-Prince, Haiti – Spring 2004)

Analysis of Haitian and international law concerning violence against women and proposals for reform.

Rights of Indigenous People

UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2012-2013)

Researched extractive industry regulations in Latin American, African and other countries with significant indigenous populations.

Centro de Acción Legal para los Derechos Humanos (CALDH), Program on the rights of indigenous peoples (Guatemala – Fall 2010)

Comparative analysis of draft legislation and policy initiatives concerning indigenous peoples in various stages in the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala.

Guatemalan right of indigenous communities to education (Spring 2010)

In collaboration with members of the Council of Ethnic Communities Runujel Junam (Comunidades Etnicas Runujel Junam, CERJ), the Clinic examined a World Bank loan to the Guatemalan government for a major education program (Mi Familia Progresá) aimed at the country's most vulnerable communities.

Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights (Washington, D.C. – Spring 2007-Spring 2008)

Assisted in the preparation of a report on *The Right to Education of Afro-Descendant and Indigenous Communities in the Americas (with Country Profiles of Colombia, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic)*, describing the applicable international human rights standards and the obligations of states to afro-descendant peoples with respect to the right to education, and presented to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights with the RFK Center and Cornell Law School Human Rights Clinic in a thematic hearing.

Forest Peoples Program (U.K. / Netherlands) and Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname (VIDS – Suriname) (Spring 2006, Spring 2007)

With respect to the conditions of indigenous and tribal peoples (Maroon) of Suriname, drafted a manual on international law regarding the rights to non-discrimination, health, and education. Used the manual to design workshops for indigenous leaders in Suriname on (1) the right to education and (2) procedures for using the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights to enhance its protection.

Human Rights Watch (Middle East/ North Africa division – Fall 2006)

Research on Israel's legal obligations with regard to land and housing rights of its indigenous population for a report published in March 2008: *Off the Map, Land and Housing Rights Violations in Israel's Unrecognized Bedouin Villages*.

Tebtebba Foundation (The Philippines / London – Spring 2005)

Research collaboration with experts of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations leading to a legal commentary on free, prior, and informed consent of indigenous peoples in relation to development affecting their lands and natural resources.

EarthRights International (Washington, D.C. – Fall 2004)

With an eye to options for Southeast Asian regional environmental and human rights promotion and protection, prepared memos outlining the domestic legal framework, applicable international law, and issues related to the rights of indigenous peoples in Vietnam, Thailand, and Cambodia.

(Fall 2003)

Participation and meaningful consent by indigenous communities as a precondition to the funding of development projects by multinational development banks in the Amazon countries.

Legal Literacy and Empowerment

Machik (Washington D.C. – Fall 2009)

Designed a sustainable environmental and community development program for Tibetan communities, providing them with legal and educational tools necessary for self-sufficiency and empowering them to proactively address encroachments on their environmental and land rights.

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Women’s Justice Initiative (Guatemala – Spring 2012, Fall 2012)

Designed training modules on international human rights law, gender-based violence, and inheritance and property rights for indigenous Guatemalan women for the Women’s Justice Initiative’s Community Legal Advocates Program.

Right to Education

Institute for International Law and Human Rights (Washington, D.C. and Baghdad – Spring 2010)

Legislative analysis and comparative legal research for Iraqi parliamentarians working on rights respecting legal reform, notably, on minority education and curriculum reform incorporating minority rights.

Right of Guatemalan indigenous peoples to education (Spring 2010)

In collaboration with members of the Council of Ethnic Communities Runujel Junam (Comunidades Etnicas Runujel Junam, CERJ), the Clinic examined a World Bank loan to the Guatemalan government for a major education program (Mi Familia Progresá) aimed at the country’s most vulnerable communities.

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Right to an Effective Remedy

Amicus curiae Human Rights & Torture Treatment Organizations brief on the right to an effective remedy for plaintiffs in *In re Iraq and Afghanistan Detainees Litigation (Ali v. Rumsfeld, et al.)*, D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals (Fall 2010)

Redress (London – Spring 2010)

Litigation-oriented research on reparations for family members of victims of human rights violations in the jurisprudence before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Center for Constitutional Rights (New York – Fall 2008)

Drafted, in collaboration with the American Univ./Washington College of Law International Human Rights Clinic, *amicus curiae* brief for the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals in *Saleh v. Titan* (private military contractor at Abu Ghraib) on the development of Alien Tort Statute jurisprudence with regard to non-state actors and the right to a remedy.

Rights Respecting Legislative Reform

Institute for International Law and Human Rights (Washington, D.C. & Baghdad/ Fall 2008-Spring 2011)

Comparative research on bylaws for national human rights institutions as well as drafted model bylaws and sample regulations relevant to the operation of the Iraq High Commission for Human Rights (Spring 2011). Analyzed the Iraqi Penal Code for gender provisions (and omissions), highlighting specific issues and recommending changes for compliance with international standards, notably CEDAW and other instruments Iraq has ratified (Fall 2010). Contributed to the IILHR gender equity report, *Women and the Law in Iraq* (December 2010). Performed legislative analysis and comparative legal research in support of Iraqi parliamentarians working on rights respecting legal reform on topics such as minority education; comparative state practice; the Law on a National Human Rights Commission and interpreting the practical implications of a constitutional provision on electoral terms; and laws on national census, civil society organizations (NGOs), education ministries, and private security contractors.

Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (Port-au-Prince, Haiti – Spring 2004)

Analysis of Haitian and international law concerning violence against women and proposals for reform.

Right to Life and Prohibition Against Torture

Center for Constitutional Rights (New York – Spring 2013)

Research assistance to plaintiffs' legal team in the case of *Al Shimari v. CACI*, a federal lawsuit brought by four Iraqi torture victims against private U.S.-based contractor CACI International Inc. and CACI Premier Technology, Inc. The suit asserts that CACI participated directly and through a conspiracy in torture and other illegal conduct while it was providing interrogation services at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

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(Spring 2006)

Amicus brief of international law experts in “Agent Orange” product Liability Litigation (*The Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin et al. v. Dow Chemical et al.*).

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Center for Justice and Accountability (San Francisco, CA – Fall 2009)

Consulted with Senate staffers on *amicus curiae* brief for the Supreme Court in *Yousef v. Samantar* regarding Congressional intent as to whether the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act should be a bar to remedies under the Torture Victim Protection Act, and drafted a similar brief for the proceeding below in the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.

(Fall 2007)

Wrote *amicus curiae* brief for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of plaintiffs in *Yousef v. Samantar*, signed by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee and law professors. The amicus brief argued that Congress did not intend the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act to serve as a bar to remedies under the Torture Victim Protection Act.

(Spring 2005)

Participation in development of ATCA and TVPA case.

American Civil Liberties Union National Security Project (New York – Fall 2008)

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EarthRights International (Washington, D.C. – Fall 2007)

Research memos for *Bowoto v. Chevron*, a case brought under the Alien Tort Claims Act in the Northern District of California, alleging gross violations of human rights by Chevron and its subsidiaries engaged in oil exploitation in Nigeria’s Delta region.

Law Office of Moore & Goodman (New York – Fall 2004)

Legal research on viability of claims arising under the Alien Tort Claims Act post *Sosa v. Alvarez Machain* for class action suit filed in the Eastern District of New York by Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange against manufacturers of the poison.

American Bar Association/Central & Eastern Europe Law Initiative (ABA-CEELI – Spring 2004)

Drafted a resource manual (bench book) for handling domestic war crimes cases in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Human Rights in the Middle East

Adalah: The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel (Haifa, Israel – Spring 2012)

Comparative analysis of law and practice on court imposition of security costs and fees in filing civil complaints, the impact of such fees on indigent litigants, and how they apply to foreign plaintiffs.

(Fall 2006)

International humanitarian and human rights law research on IDF practices in the Gaza Strip since the capture of the Israeli soldier in June 2006.

(Spring 2004)

A comparative analysis of the law and policies of prisoners' and detainees' access to counsel.

Iraq History Project (International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul College of Law – Spring 2008)

Researched and drafted a literature review of material on human rights violations in Iraq from 1968-2003, for a major report to be published by the Institute in the fall of 2008.

Human Rights Watch (Middle East/ North Africa division – Fall 2006)

Research on Israel's legal obligations with regard to land and housing rights of its indigenous population for report published in March 2008: *Off the Map, Land and Housing Rights Violations in Israel's Unrecognized Bedouin Villages*.

(International Justice Program, Fall 2003)

Assessed the Iraqi justice system and international fair trial standards.

Solidarity Center (Washington, D.C. – Spring 2004)

Researched and wrote *Justice for All, The Struggle for Worker Rights in Jordan*, report on core international labor standards in Jordan; students also traveled to Jordan to obtain first-hand testimonies for the report.

International Criminal Justice and Universal Jurisdiction

Center for Constitutional Rights (New York – Fall 2009)

Litigation-oriented research on the legality of state-sanctioned torture under the principle of universal jurisdiction.

(Fall 2004)

Legal research for case filed in Germany under the 2002 Code of Crimes Against International Law against U.S. military and civilian leaders for command responsibility for war crimes at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

Special Court for Sierra Leone, Office of the Prosecutor (Freetown, Sierra Leone – Fall 2003-Spring 2006)

Research and analysis on legal questions in the case briefs and proceedings (as part of Academic Consortium).

Human Rights Watch / International Justice Program (Spring 2004)

Researched the role of victims at the International Criminal Court.

Corporate Liability

EarthRights International (Washington D.C. – Fall 2012-Spring 2013)

Research on domestic remedies for a continuing nuisance by a U.S. company on foreign soil.

(Fall 2007)

Research memos for *Bowoto v. Chevron*, brought under the Alien Tort Statute in the N.D. California, alleging gross violations of human rights by Chevron and its subsidiaries engaged in oil exploitation in Nigeria's Delta region.

(Spring 2006)

Preparation of a written submission for the UN Special Representative to the Secretary General on Business and Human Rights on issues of corporate accountability and complicity in human rights abuses.

Land Law and Housing Rights

Human Rights Watch (Middle East/ North Africa division – Fall 2006)

Research on Israel's legal obligations with regard to land and housing rights of its indigenous population for a report published in March 2008: *Off the Map, Land and Housing Rights Violations in Israel's Unrecognized Bedouin Villages*.

Coalition to Protect Public Housing (Chicago – Spring 2006)

Strategic development for a petition or other submission to the UN and/or Inter-American regional human rights bodies on violations of rights to adequate housing and to non-discrimination.

Tebtebba Foundation (The Philippines / London – Spring 2005)

Research collaboration with experts of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations leading to a legal commentary on free, prior, and informed consent of indigenous peoples in relation to development affecting their lands and natural resources.

Global Rights/ Partners for Justice (Washington D.C. – Fall 2004)

Prepared a guide to strategic impact litigation and a human rights analysis of Mongolian land laws, which was translated and used in a workshop on strategic human rights lawyering and activism held in Mongolia (conducted by a Clinic alumna after graduating).

Peacebuilding / Transitional Justice / Responsibility to Protect and to Fulfill Human Rights

Peace Appeal Foundation (PAF) (Charlottesville – Fall 2012-Spring 2013)

The PAF assists stakeholders to design and implement inclusive, authentic, multi-track and multi-sector peace and conflict transformation processes to achieve agreed, fair and just outcomes. Clinic students are collecting key agreements and secondary sources on conflicts in various countries, organizing the material for an online database, and summarizing the peace processes for comparative purposes.

Center for Justice in International Law (CEJIL) (Washington D.C. Spring 2013)

Writing an amicus brief for the Inter-American Court on Human Rights in support of the petitioners in the *Case of Benito Tide Méndez and others v. Dominican Republic*. The case deals with forced expulsion, deprivation of liberty, destruction of identity documents, physical abuse and other human rights violations of members of six families between 1994-2000 in the context of mass expulsions of Haitians and Dominicans of Haitian descent from the Dominican Republic.

(Fall 2003)

Requested an Advisory Opinion from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on the scope of economic, social, and cultural rights protection in the Inter-American system.

Human Rights First (New York – Spring 2007, Spring 2010)

Wrote and revised an amicus brief to be submitted with the Human Rights Defender Program of Human Rights First to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The brief supports a case filed by the Colectivo de Abogados José Alvear Restrepo (Colombia) and the Center for Justice in International Law (CEJIL) concerning the state's duty to protect human rights defenders.

Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission (North Carolina – Spring 2005)

Reviewed trial documents and secondary sources in federal criminal case and federal civil case, analyzing for procedural violations under international law.

International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) (New York – Fall 2004)

Compiled an analysis of laws and regulations governing the preservation of documentation from fifteen truth commissions, including best practices and recommendations, for a project aimed at developing a user-friendly handbook for existing and future truth commissions.

Amicus curiae brief of International Human Rights Organizations and Faith-Based Organizations to the Supreme Court on behalf of Respondent in *Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain* (Spring 2004)

Substantial research and assistance in writing amicus brief arguing that arbitrary arrest and detention are violations of core principles of international law, and should be upheld in furtherance of the battle against terrorism and impunity in general. Clinic joined as amicus.

Rights Related to Health and Medical Treatment

Joint Action and Learning Initiative on National and Global Responsibilities for Health (JALI) (Washington D.C. & Braamfontein, South Africa – Spring 2012)

Researched accountability and enforcement methods in international agreements, conventions and initiatives, drawing best practices on the most effective forms of animating and enforcing compliance with international law and norms in relation to the Framework Convention on Global Health. Drafted memo examining national accountability mechanisms on the right to health adopted by South Africa, Brazil and Russia in accordance with the ICESCR, including an evaluation of the success of these approaches.

Forest Peoples Program (U.K. / Netherlands) and Association of Indigenous Village Leaders in Suriname (VIDS – Suriname) (Spring 2006, Spring 2007)

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Center for Justice in International Law (CEJIL) (Washington, D.C. – Spring 2004)

Drafted arguments for a brief to be submitted to Inter-American human rights system on the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS to antiretroviral medications and integral treatment.

Rights of Refugees

Human Rights First (Washington D.C. – Fall 2003)

Analyzed the impact of the US-Canada Border Agreement on asylum seekers.