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The Vance Center

advances global justice by
engaging lawyers across
borders to support civil
society and an ethically active
legal profession.

The Vance Center is a unique collaboration of international lawyers catalyzing public interest innovation. A non-profit program of the New York City Bar Association, we bring together leading law firms and other partners worldwide to pioneer international justice initiatives and provide pro bono legal representation to social justice NGOs and others.

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Pro Bono Practice (not present)



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

2015 saw the Vance Center grow to maturity amidst ongoing innovation. We extended the geographical reach of our pro bono representation to a total of 61 countries and continued to add clients and projects. The impact of our work heightened: we actively engaged in supporting the Colombian peace negotiations, combating high-level corruption, and pursuing marriage equality. Our staff evolved and the Vance Center Committee grew in size and commitment. We focused our pro bono development efforts on Central America and institutionalization of the Pro Bono Network of the Americas. The year culminated in the Legal Summit of the Americas, which set our course for coming years of partnership and activism. **Alexander Papachristou, Executive Director**



PRO BONO REPRESENTATION

The Vance Center represented 57 NGOs and international organizations in 72 matters, with co-counseling by 358 lawyers from 164 law firms in 61 countries. These included 12 new countries, including Kyrgyzstan, New Zealand, and Ethiopia.

FINANCES

The Vance Center's cash budget continued to grow, approaching \$1 million, with pro bono participation exceeding \$6 million.

CONVENING LAWYERS GLOBALLY

The Women in Profession Program visited Panama and Mexico, establishing a mentorship program with Abogados MX that is expanding to Chile and beyond.

The Pro Bono Promotion Program visited Panama and Guatemala, in an effort to strengthen pro bono practice throughout Central America.

We organized a conference in Bogotá, Colombia, along with Universidad del Rosario that brought together government peace negotiators, other high officials, civil society organizations, and the Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, producing improved understanding of the Court's support for the peace process so long as those responsible for the most serious crimes do not go unpunished.

We hosted meetings at the New York City Bar Association on the conflicts in the Central African Republic and Darfur, Sudan, featuring the U.N. Assistant Secretary General and Special Adviser to the U.N. Secretary General on the Prevention of Genocide, the Head of the Liaison Office of the International Criminal Court to the United Nations, a representative from the U.S. Department of State, along with human rights activists and attorneys.

We honored Guatemala's former Attorney General Claudia Paz y Paz and High Risk Tribunal Judge Yasmin Barrios for their courageous pursuit of accountability and the rule of law in the prosecution of former president Efraín Ríos Montt on charges of genocide and crimes against humanity, as well as other war crimes, corruption, and organized crime cases.



VANCE CENTER
EXECUTIVE
SUB-COMMITTEE



Antonia E. Stolper



S. Todd Crider

The 2015 Legal Summit of the Americas: The Lawyer and Democracy

In December 2015, 86 attorneys, NGO leaders and academics gathered at the New York City Bar Association to participate in the Vance Center's Legal Summit of the Americas. The participants represented 19 countries, five bar associations, six universities, 21 NGOs, and 37 law firms.

Sub-titled "The Lawyer and Democracy", the Summit focused on how the legal profession working collectively can strengthen governance and open society in Latin America. Throughout the two-day event, participants attended and appeared on several panels addressing issues such as current economic and political conditions in Latin America and human rights issues in the region. Other topics included the ethical obligation of lawyers to support access to justice and a review of pro bono development in the region since the drafting of the Pro Bono Declaration of the Americas.

The Vance Center intended the Summit to stimulate the development of strategic initiatives for its and its partners' continued engagement in Latin America, following on the 2005 summit and the ensuing pro bono initiative. The heart of the

2015 Summit were three break-out sessions on specific themes: supporting civil society; promoting honesty in governance; and enhancing ethics in the legal profession.

Organization of American States Secretary General Luis Almagro Lemes gave the Summit's keynote speech, and former Vance Center Committee member and Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. also attended, along with Deputy Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights Elizabeth Abi-Mershed and Tinker Foundation CEO and President Renate Rennie. Other Summit participants included International Bar Association Secretary General Horacio Bernardes Neto, Chilean Bar Association President Arturo Alessandri, and United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Regional Representative for Central America Carmen Rosa Villa Quintana.

The Summit took place thanks to partial funding from the Tinker Foundation, as well as the support of other sponsors, including members of the Vance Center Committee.



Middle left: Secretary General of the Organization of American States, Luis Almagro Lemes

Middle Right: President and CEO of the Tinker Foundation, Renate Rennie

HOW THE VANCE CENTER WORKS

The Vance Center works in two basic ways: we give **pro bono legal advice and support** to non-governmental organizations active worldwide; and we collaborate with lawyers internationally to **strengthen pro bono practice** and ethics and diversity in the legal profession.

HOW WE HELP NGOs

The Vance Center helps clients with legal matters in three thematic areas:

HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE, ENVIRONMENT, AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

OUR ADVICE TAKES SEVERAL FORMS, AS SHOWN BY EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC CASES IN 2015:

Identification of "best practices" across a range of countries in an area of law or policy

How 7 countries worldwide have protected coral reefs against pollution, overfishing and other threats and how 12 countries in Latin America can improve their protections accordingly

How 5 Latin American countries have legislated to protect LGBTI people from violence and discrimination

Analysis of compliance with international treaties by countries that signed them

How 105 nations worldwide have implemented their obligations under various treaties and conventions to prevent and punish war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity

How environmental review processes in 6 Latin American countries reflect obligations under international treaties relating to the environment and to human rights

Amicus curiae representation before national, regional, and international tribunals

At the U.S Supreme Court, marriage equality in the United States, based on examples in Argentina, Canada, Holland, New Zealand, and South Africa

At the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, expropriation of a privately-owned media company and violation of due process and free speech

Training on enforcing human rights

How pro bono lawyers in El Salvador can protect LGBTI persons from hate crimes and discrimination

Establishing institutions and legal mechanisms

Developing innovative public-private mechanisms to ensure long-term security of fresh water in various Latin American countries

Creating an international organization for governmental and financial institutions worldwide to combine their resources to address the health effects of toxic pollution

Proposals for legislative reform

Creating a new category of water use concessions in Mexican law to facilitate conservation of fragile ecosystems

Revising the proposed mining law in Haiti to meet international best practices and Haiti's international obligations on respecting human rights and protecting the environment

Devising a legal definition of grand corruption for promulgation through international tribunals and national legislatures

WE ALSO PROVIDE LEGAL SUPPORT TO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS BODIES, INCLUDING:

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

The United Nations Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of people to self-determination

UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

UN International Law Commission Special Rapporteur for the Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict

UN Joint Office on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect

HOW WE STRENGTHEN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The Program for Strengthening the Legal Profession builds an ethic and practice of global engagement on behalf of vulnerable, disadvantaged individuals and communities. Initiatives include:

PRO BONO IN THE AMERICAS

The Vance Center since 2001 has brought together lawyers throughout the Americas to collaborate in promoting and institutionalizing pro bono practice. The Pro Bono Declaration of the Americas, a written commitment to provide pro bono service, has more than 530 law firms and other signatories from 21 countries representing more than 10,000 lawyers and a minimum of 200,000 hours of pro bono service.

In 2015, the Vance Center convened pro bono meetings in Panama, Mexico, and Guatemala; and 6 new law firms from Mexico, The Dominican Republic, Argentina, Colombia and Panama signed the Pro Bono Declaration.

The Vance Center also promoted the establishment of pro bono clearinghouses throughout Latin America. Alongside Fundación Pro Bono Chile and other partners, the Vance Center launched the Pro Bono Network of the Americas in 2011 to facilitate collaboration among clearinghouses. Thirteen clearinghouses participate in the Network whose members are supporting the establishment of clearinghouses in five more countries in South and Central America.

In 2015, the Vance Center and Fundación Pro Bono Chile led an effort with other Network members to institutionalize the Network, with a target to complete this process in 2016.

AFRICAN LEGAL FELLOWS

The Vance Center since 2003 has brought 42 lawyers of color from South Africa to work for a year in international law firms and corporate legal departments in New York City.

In 2015, the Vance Center Committee committed to expand the program to include lawyers from other African countries with common law jurisprudence.

WOMEN IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The Vance Center since 2007 has convened conferences in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Uruguay to consider how to improve opportunities and conditions for women in the profession. A steering committee of leading women lawyers throughout the hemisphere was formed to lead these efforts.

WIP in 2015 has fostered mentorship programs in Mexico (Abogadas MX) and Chile (Aprendiendo a Liderar) to enable women lawyers to share best practices and collaborate on solutions to narrowing the gender gap, especially regarding leadership positions.

The Vance Center also co-sponsors delegations and conferences with New York City Bar Association Committees and other partners to raise awareness of serious threats to human rights and the rule of law and to promote greater understanding of human rights and international law:

The Vance Center joined with the American Society of International Law and the International Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association in 2015 to organize a panel discussion on "the Administration and Management of Ad Hoc International Courts and Tribunals".

With the New York City Bar Association Office for Diversity and Inclusion and the American Society of International Law, the Vance Center also held a Diversity Roundtable in 2015 to discuss professional opportunities in international law.



ADRIANA OSPINA
Director of Pro Bono
Partnerships



LEIRE LARRACOECHEA SAN
SEBASTIÁN Fulbright Fellow
in Pro Bono Practice



The Human Rights and Access to Justice Program

works to protect individuals from discrimination, violence, injustice, and corruption, as well as supporting international human rights bodies committed to such protection.



MARIE-CLAUDE JEAN-BAPTISTE
Program Director



INDIRA MURILLO
Human Rights Fellow

SOME CLIENTS

Human Rights Watch
Amnesty International
United Nations Joint Office on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect
Asia Catalyst
Legal Resources Centre - South Africa
Corporación Humanas-Colombia

SOME PROJECTS

Legal analysis of the human rights implications of a proposed amnesty as part of the peace negotiations between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)
Analyzing the draft Haitian mining law in light of international best practices and human rights and environmental obligations
Design and produce a brochure in English and Arabic to educate Syrian women refugees in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey on the importance of birth and marriage registration
Amicus curiae brief to the United States Supreme Court in the case Obergefell v. Hodges in support of marriage equality for same-sex couples
Updating training manuals for grassroots organizations working in communities affected by HIV/AIDS in Asia
Study of the "Causes and Consequences of Women Imprisonment in Jamaica"
Advising a Venezuelan NGO on a case pending before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights regarding the unresolved death of five prisoners in a Venezuelan prison

WHAT CLIENTS SAY

The Vance Center has been a godsend for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program at Human Rights Watch. In 2015 we worked with the Vance Center on legal matters in Central Asia, the Caribbean and the United States of America, including an amicus brief submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States in the marriage equality case. Proactive, professional engagement, finding the right pro-bono partners and seeing projects through to completion are hallmarks of the Vance Center.

Graeme Reid, Director of The Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Program, Human Rights Watch

Working with the Vance Center has been an enormously rewarding experience for Amnesty International. The Vance Center has consistently displayed the highest level of professionalism, and a solid understanding of human rights analysis and the nuances that underlie our work. The collaboration has brought us top-notch legal expertise and helped deepen our research base. Thank you for your commitment to furthering human rights.

Carrie Eisert, Policy Analyst/ ACLS Public Fellow Law and Policy Programme, Amnesty International - International Secretariat

The Vance Center provided Corporación Humanas with detailed research on laws regulating prostitution in the United States, Spain, Norway, France, Germany and the Netherlands for our advocacy against a draft law in Colombia to grant labor rights to persons engaged in prostitution which we believed to be unconstitutional because it would eliminate the crime of "incitement to prostitution". To get a better grasp of the implications of the draft law on the rights of women, we needed information that allowed us to understand how other countries had legislated on the issue. The Vance Center's research provided us with quality materials which improved our advocacy.

María Adelaida Palacio, Legal Department Coordinator, Corporación Humanas - Colombia



VANCE CENTER AND NGO MADRE PRODUCED A BROCHURE TO EDUCATE SYRIAN WOMEN REFUGEES IN THE MIDDLE EAST ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES TO SECURE KEY HUMAN RIGHTS



The Environment Program promotes conscientious stewardship of natural resources and the human rights obligations underpinning a sustainable environment and climate change.



SUSAN KATH
Director



CLEA BOWDERY
Staff Attorney



MARIA ANTONIA TIGRE
Environmental Law Fellow

SOME CLIENTS

Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente
The Nature Conservancy
Pronatura Noreste
Legal Response Initiative
Dr. Marie Jacobsson, United Nations International Law Commission, Special Rapporteur for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Armed Conflict

SOME PROJECTS

Analysis of international humanitarian, environmental, and human rights law governing the protection of the environment during and after armed conflict
Study of regulatory best practices for preventing harm to wildlife from tourism and improving protection of whales and sea turtles in Peru
Guidance for developing countries at the 2015 Paris climate negotiations regarding the U.S. Constitutional requirements for ratification of treaties
Identification of possible legal challenges to the construction of an interoceanic canal in Nicaragua that threatens substantial environmental harm and the displacement of communities
Advice and advocacy in Mexico to change the legal framework for water concessions to preserve fragile wetland ecosystems threatened by over-extraction of natural water resources

Critical legal support in The Dominican Republic, Mexico, Peru, and various other Latin American Countries to create "water funds," an innovative public- private finance mechanism to allow downstream water users to fund good management practices upstream to ensure a clean, safe water supply in the long term

A thorough comparative analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the environmental review processes across six Latin American Countries and their compliance with international standards and best practices

WHAT CLIENTS SAY

The Vance Center has been a terrific partner in our work on coral reef protection. Through their knowledge and networks, we have received critical pro bono legal analysis from lawyers across Latin America and the Caribbean and as far away as Australia and Tanzania. Their staff has also contributed legal work to each phase of the project in addition to managing all of the work of the pro bono lawyers. Thanks to their help, we will be able to propose innovative legal reforms to more effectively protect coral ecosystems in the Americas.

Haydée Rodríguez, Legal Advisor, Marine Program, Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense

The contribution of the Cyrus R. Vance Center and its lawyers has been of crucial importance for my work as the United Nations International Law Commission's Special Rapporteur on the topic 'Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts'. By assisting me in identifying case law relevant to my second and third report, the Center has enabled considerable progress to be made on this topic. The contributions were excellent in every respect and it is a privilege to have received this assistance. In addition, it has been inspiring to work with such an engaged group of excellent lawyers in the cause of global justice.

Dr. Marie Jacobsson, United Nations International Law Commission, Special Rapporteur for the Protection of the Environment in relation to Armed Conflict

The Vance Center has become a great partner in our Water Security strategy in Latin America and the Caribbean. They have helped us to develop strong relationships with local counsel in regions where they are pioneers promoting a culture of pro bono legal services. The Vance Center team assumes real ownership in all projects as a member in our conservation efforts, but also promotes methods to share legal knowledge and information with other nonprofits and individuals in order to achieve greater impacts in the region.

Froylan Hernandez-Ruiz, Senior Attorney, Latin America Region, The Nature Conservancy



COP21 Paris



The Good Governance Program

pursues openness and honesty in government, supporting civil society and independent journalism to hold officials and institutions accountable.



ALEXANDER PAPACHRISTOU
Executive Director



LEIRE LARRACOECHA SAN SEBASTIÁN
Fulbright Fellow in Pro Bono Practice

SOME CLIENTS

Transparency International
Access Info Europe
Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project
Media Development Investment Fund

SOME PROJECTS

Analyzing the legislation and regulatory practices of more than a dozen European countries regarding public access to registries of corporate ownership
Developing a legal definition of the proposed crime of grand corruption, in consultation with international scholars, officials, and civil society organizations
Establishing a mechanism to provide legal assistance to investigative journalists threatened with defamation litigation worldwide
Devising a legal structure for investment in independent media companies in markets lacking capital and press freedom
Providing amicus support for a claim challenging expropriation of a media business at an international human rights tribunal
Supporting a campaign to highlight systemic corruption through public Internet participation

WHAT CLIENTS SAY

The support of the Vance Centre over the last year has been invaluable as Transparency International embarked on a bold new global initiative and campaign to confront grand corruption and the impunity enjoyed by so many of its perpetrators. The very astute and meticulous work of the Vance Centre has given us strength in our mission to rid the world of grand corruption and make sure that victims are acknowledged. We are particularly impressed with their reliability and high professionalism as they become part of our driving force.

Cobus de Swaedt, Managing Director, Transparency International e. V.

Confirming its strong commitment to freedom of speech and freedom of the press, the Vance Center enabled MDIF to access top quality pro bono legal advice that was critical in finding new and innovative ways of supporting independent media operating under governments that are hostile to the idea of free and independent press

Elena Popovic, Secretary & General Counsel, Media Development Investment Fund



MIDDLE LEFT: FORMER GUATEMALAN ATTORNEY GENERAL CLAUDIA PAZ Y PAZ
MIDDLE RIGHT: HIGH RISK TRIBUNAL JUDGE YASSMIN BARRIOS

VANCE CENTER COMMITTEE

Leading lawyers from international law firms and the corporate and public sectors in New York City, constituted as a Special Committee of the New York City Bar Association, provide strategic direction, core financial support, and pro bono leadership.

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Inosi Nyatta



Timothy Wilkins



Bret Parker

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS:



Julissa Reynoso



Carlos Martinez



Patricia Menendez-Cambo



Rick Levine

DEPARTURES:

The Vance Center wishes to acknowledge and thank Committee and staff members who left us during 2015, having contributed generously in many ways:

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Eric Ordway | Weil, Gotshal & Manges

Janet Mejia | Administrative Associate

Elizabeth Millard | Managing Director

Dina Stukanow | Director of Pro Bono Partnerships

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Former Justice Constitutional Court of South Africa

Hon. Juan E. Mendez | UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

PRO BONO PARTNERSHIPS

The Vance Center is able to provide pro bono legal advice and support to our NGO clients because of our partnerships with law firms throughout the world.

Our in-house lawyers work with clients to identify their needs and design projects to meet them. We then invite law firms to undertake those projects with us. Some projects call for only one law firm to participate, but most often several firms form a team, analyzing the laws of as many or more countries. In such multi-jurisdictional matters, a U.S. law firm, usually one represented on the Vance Center Committee, acts as coordinating counsel.

We cannot begin to name all of the law firms that have worked with us in 2015, but notably more than three quarters are located outside of the United States. Hundreds of lawyers in those firms participated in our projects. All of this happens always on an entirely pro bono basis.

When we invite law firms to join in our projects, we often collaborate with pro bono clearinghouses in other countries. We are grateful for our partnerships with:



The pro bono clearinghouses in the Western Hemisphere have joined together to establish the Pro Bono Network of the Americas (Red Pro Bono de las Américas) whose Internet site is www.redprobono.org. The members of the network contribute staff time and other resources to foster active

Centro Interdisciplinario de Derecho Social y Economía Política (CIDSEP UC) (Paraguay)

Comisión de Trabajo Pro Bono e Interés Público Colegio de Abogados de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Fundación Pro Bono de Venezuela, ProVene

Instituto Pro Bono Brasil

Poder Ciudadano (Argentina)

Fundación Venezuela sin Límites

Fundación Pro Bono Chile

Pro Bono Law Alberta (Canada)

Fundación ProBono Colombia

Comisión Pro Bono del Colegio de Abogados de Costa Rica

Fundación Pro Bono República Dominicana

Alianza Pro Bono Perú

Fundación Barra Mexicana

Justice Connect (Australia)

ProBono.Org (South Africa)

Alliance des Avocats pour les Droits de l'Homme (France)

mutual advice and assistance on administration, finance, and project development, as well as collaboration on special projects. A working group of network members devoted considerable time in 2015 to institutionalization, with the goal of achieving consensus throughout the network in 2016.

RED PRO BONO MEMBERS:

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Sembrando la semilla de la justicia
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ProVene
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We proudly take our name from **Cyrus R. Vance** – former U.S. Secretary of State, New York City Bar Association President, and prominent private lawyer – who exemplified ironclad commitment to fundamental rights through collaborative problem solving.



CYRUS R. VANCE JR.



CYRUS R. VANCE



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BY THE NUMBERS

CLIENTS SERVED: **57**

PRO BONO PROJECTS: **72**

OUR STAFF:

LAWYERS: **8**

ADMINISTRATOR: **1**

PRO BONO LAWYERS: **358**

PRO BONO LAW FIRMS: **164**

US LAW FIRMS: **20** NON-US: **144**

	FY 2014-15	(2013-14)
REVENUE:	\$873,895	(\$852,194)
EXPENSES:	\$873,895	(\$827,969)
PRO BONO CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$6,000,000	(\$5,000,000)
IN-KIND SUPPORT:	\$228,000	(\$230,000)

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