

CYRUS R. VANCE CENTER  
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# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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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.



VANCE CENTER STAFF

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

2018 saw the Vance Center confront endemic and acute injustice, with new staff and redoubled commitment:

- Our Human Rights and Access to Justice Program brought together advocates for incarcerated women from 23 countries in an unprecedented three-year collaboration to analyze the causes of women’s incarceration and improve its conditions.
- In rapid response to the U.S. Administration’s Zero-Tolerance anti-immigration policy, our Latin America Program, with new leadership, launched Keep Families Together, organizing dozens of Guatemalan, Honduran, Salvadorean, and other Latin American corporate lawyers to provide pro bono assistance to immigration counsel of children separated from their families at and within U.S. borders.
- The Environment Program bolstered global and local responses to climate change, notably providing key legal support to the Global Pact, seeking to unify and strengthen international regulation of environmentally-destructive activities.
- The Africa Program gained a new leader who launched our partnership with Power Africa, a USAID-led inter-governmental initiative to double electrification in sub-Saharan Africa, focusing our African Legal Fellows Program on energy law practice and attracting four fellows.
- The Lawyers Council for Civil and Economic Rights in the Americas homed in on crises in Nicaragua and Venezuela, as well as judicial and other reforms in Peru and Guatemala, led by a new Latin America Policy Manager.
- The Women in the Profession Program advanced its development of a region-wide mentoring toolkit and strengthened its network of 18 national chapters, also under new program management.
- The Good Governance Program assisted investigative journalists in Cyprus, Serbia, Jordan, and Great Britain, among others, as well as digital rights and anti-corruption activists.
- The Vance Center Committee gained new members from existing and new law firms, as well as at the chair and executive sub-committee, and launched a strategic planning process.



Alexander Papachristou,  
Executive Director

## PRO BONO REPRESENTATION

The Vance Center represented 51 NGOs and international organizations in 80 matters, with co-counseling by 370 lawyers from 99 law firms in 52 countries.

## FINANCES

The Vance Center’s finances remained steady, with largely unrestricted revenue and expenses related mostly to employee compensation. We continued to enjoy support from the Ford Foundation, the Novo Foundation, and the Chubb Rule of Law Fund, among others.

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Edwin S. Maynard

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Antonia E. Stolper



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# THE VANCE CENTER WORKS IN TWO BASIC WAYS:

We give **pro bono legal advice and support** to non-governmental organizations and international governmental bodies worldwide; and we collaborate with lawyers internationally to **strengthen pro bono practice and diversity** in the legal profession.

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## WE GIVE PRO BONO HELP IN THREE THEMATIC AREAS

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

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## WE STRENGTHEN THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN DIVERSITY AND PRO BONO PRACTICE

- We envision lawyers worldwide enjoying equal access and accommodation in their professional lives and sharing engagement in fundamental human rights, a sustainable environment, and fair, open governance.
- POWER AFRICA AND AFRICAN LEGAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
  - WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION PROGRAM
  - LAWYERS COUNCIL FOR CIVIL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN THE AMERICAS
  - PRO BONO PROMOTION PROGRAM
  - BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE
  - KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER INITIATIVE

# THE LATIN AMERICA PROGRAM

The Vance Center got started when lawyers in Buenos Aires invited lawyers at the New York City Bar Association to collaborate on developing pro bono practice in Argentina. These roots have spread throughout the region into the Pro Bono Network of the Americas.



JORGE ESCOBEDO  
Director of Pro Bono Partnerships



KARINA BENZAQUEN  
Program Manager



JAIME CHAVEZ ALOR  
Latin America Policy Manager

# LAWYERS COUNCIL FOR CIVIL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS

The Lawyers Council is an innovative peer-to-peer engagement from 13 Latin American countries and the US seeking to devise affirmative, sustained responses to systemic challenges to the rule of law and fundamental rights in the region. The recent rise of populism throughout the hemisphere compounds inveterate problems of wealth and income inequality, gender, race, and ethnic inequity and bias, and inattention to the public interest.



In 2018, the Council held its annual in-person meeting in Mexico City focusing on combating corruption and supporting civil society. The Council began planning shorter term initiatives, including delegations to specific countries to meet with government, private sector, and civil society representatives and report to the public on urgent issues.

The Council membership consists of private sector lawyers active in bar associations, NGO boards, and pro bono practice:

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| Carolina Zang (Argentina)<br>Zang Bernal Vines                                     | Alberto Rebaza (Peru)<br>Rebaza, Alcázar & De las Casas                     |
| Alfonso Carrillo (Guatemala)<br>Carrillo & Asociados                               | Paula Samper Salazar (Colombia)<br>Gómez-Pinzon                             |
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| Luciana Cossermelli Tornovsky (Brazil)<br>Demarest Abogados                        | Antonia Stolper (United States)<br>Shearman & Sterling                      |
| Valeria Chapa (Mexico)<br>AT&T Mexico  | Mary Fernández (Dominican Republic)<br>Headrick, Rizik, Alvarez & Fernández |
| Roberto Quiroga (Brazil)<br>Mattos Fihlo   | Marcela Hughes (Uruguay)<br>Hughes & Hughes                                 |
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# WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION PROGRAM

The Vance Center’s WIP Program promotes the advancement of women in the legal profession and pursues pro bono practice to enhance the legal status of women in general. An International Steering Committee of 47 leading practitioners oversees a network of 19 chapters in 18 Latin American countries. Each chapter provides a platform to share ideas and create initiatives supporting the professional development of women lawyers and organizes projects to assist women’s organizations in their communities.

Membership grew across all WIP chapters. Mentorship was a key focus, as chapters in Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico, and Peru developed programs to discuss this critical career-building tool. In addition, the WIP International Steering Committee began drafting an Internal Mentoring Toolkit for other chapters to replicate successful programs. The WIP chapters in Panama and Ecuador obtained non-profit status and continued developing their pro bono projects.

Peru developed a best-practices manual for law firms to promulgate international gender diversity policies, and Argentina partnered with the Federal Ministry of Production and Labor to develop guidance to prevent gender-based economic violence. At WIP’s annual gathering in Mexico City, a seminar on gender equity in the legal profession drew more than 200 participants, most representing WIP chapters throughout the Americas.



**An International Steering Committee of 47 leading practitioners from 18 countries oversees a network of 10 chapters in 18 Latin American Countries. Its members are:**

Carolina Zang; Patricia Lopez Aufranc (Argentina)

Carolina Aguirre; Mariana Pereira (Bolivia)

Esther Nunes; Moira Huggard- Caine (Brazil- Sao Paulo)

Ana Amelia Abreu; Raquel Stein (Brazil-Porto Alegre)

Carolina Menichetti; Patricia Silberman (Chile)

Claudia Barrero; Paula Samper (Colombia)

Andrea Saenz; Vivian Liberman (Costa Rica)

Marielle Garrigo; Sarah De León (Dominican Republic)

Margarita Zambrano; Paola Gachet (Ecuador)

Morena Zavaleta; Michelle De Gutierrez (El Salvador)

Gabriela Roca ; Ruby Asturias (Guatemala)

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Lorraine McGowen; Marcia Maack; Patricia Menéndez-Cambo;

Ruti Smithline; Sabrena Silver and Taisa Markus (United States)

# PROMOTING PRO BONO PRACTICE

The Vance Center itself began as a transnational endeavor to embed pro bono practice in the Latin American legal profession. With partners throughout the region, we drafted and promoted the Pro Bono Declaration of the Americas, a formal commitment to pro bono work, now with more than 560 law firm and other signatories from 22 countries. Pro bono clearinghouses with our help took root in 14 countries, and in 2011 they came together as the Pro Bono Network of the Americas.

## IN 2018:

The Network held its first annual conference on pro bono practice in Mexico City, co-hosted by our three Mexican clearinghouse partners;

The Network committed to a plan focusing on regional migration crises and pro bono engagement with law schools;

We supported efforts in Bolivia, Guatemala, and Uruguay to establish clearinghouse organizations to join the Network;

16 new law firms from 4 countries signed the Pro Bono Declaration of the Americas.

### Pro Bono Network Members from Latin America:



In formation:



*“The Vance Center has been a key partner in launching a pro bono clearinghouse in Uruguay. The expert support of the Vance Center Pro Bono Practice team will allow us ultimately to bridge the access to justice for the most vulnerable members of our society.”*

Nicolás Etcheverry, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Montevideo

# KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER

Launched in response to the U.S. government’s “Zero Tolerance” policy, the Keep Families Together initiative provides Latin American pro bono counsel to assist U.S. immigration lawyers representing children and families.

Through its clearinghouse partners in the Pro Bono Network of the Americas, the Vance Center since September 2018 has

enlisted more than 40 pro bono attorneys from seven law firms in Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico to support the legal representation of dozens of separated families. The lawyers obtain identity documents, medical records, supporting affidavits, and other vital evidence to support families’ reunification and immigration relief.

# THE AFRICA PROGRAM

Helping overcome the legacy of apartheid was a foundational initiative of the Vance Center, which took shape as the South African Legal Fellows program.



ADAOBI EGBOKA  
Africa Program Manager

The Africa Program collaborates with lawyers in sub-Saharan African law firms and civil society organizations to promote pro bono practice and strengthen the legal profession's international experience and connections. We have focused on transitional justice in South Africa, Kenya, and the Central African Republic, LGBT rights in East and southern Africa, and most recently the specific challenges of incarcerated women, in a global project.

## IN 2018

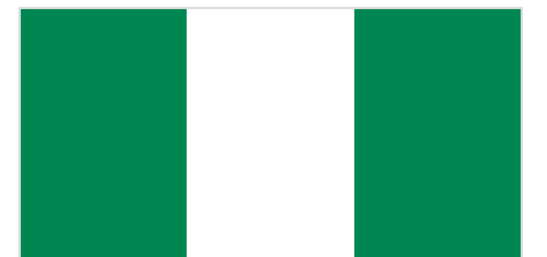
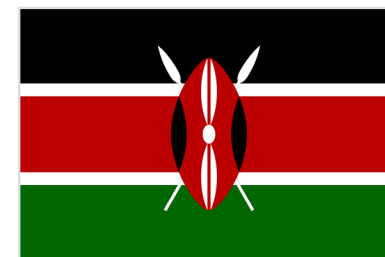
We launched the Power Africa Legal Fellows Program, a multi-year partnership with Power Africa, a USAID-led cross-government initiative seeking to double electrification in Sub-Saharan Africa, including through building capacity in the legal profession.

We engaged with civil society and other leaders on rule-of-law concerns in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania and met a delegation of judges and lawyers from Ethiopia to discuss legal aid and clinical legal education.

We welcomed a new African Program Manager who focused efforts to develop a Women in the Profession initiative in Nigeria and Ghana

Our pro bono representation included analyzing the Central African Republic's nationality law and protecting rivers in East and southern Africa.

## AFRICAN LEGAL FELLOWS PROGRAM



Over 17 years, 55 junior African Lawyers from South, West, and East Africa have worked in 24 New York-based international law firms and corporate legal departments where they developed transactional skills, professional contacts, and opportunities for pro bono practice.

In 2018, we inaugurated the Power Africa Legal Fellows Program. These fellows focus their work at host law firms and corporate legal departments on energy and project finance practices and participate in briefings by U.S. government agencies promoting U.S. investment in energy infrastructure and finance, as well as meetings with Power Africa private sector partner companies, and African government, corporate, and legal representatives.

The 2018 Power Africa Legal Fellows:

Belinda Ongonga, from Bowmans Kenya (Coulson Harney LLP) at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP

Ejemen Ofoman, from Olaniwun Ajayi LP (Nigeria) at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe.

Lotanna Nwodo, from Aluko & Oyebo (Nigeria) at Sullivan & Cromwell

The 2018 African Legal Fellow:

Njabulo Hlophe, from Werksmans Attorneys (South Africa) at Kirkland & Ellis



# 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  
Programs Director



SAM BOOKMAN  
Pro Bono Practice Fellow

## WHAT WE DID AND WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAID IN 2018

### ALDES - Securing Increased Access and Protection in the Media for LGBTI People in El Salvador

The Vance Center supported long-time client Asistencia Legal para la Diversidad Sexual - El Salvador in addressing the systemic exclusion and negative coverage that LGBT people face in the media. We sponsored a workshop in El Salvador “[A] national and international perspective on the power of the media to promote respect for the rights of sexual minorities” led by Rio de Janeiro-based New York Times Latin America regional editor Ernesto Londoño. We also conducted research on what obligations regarding LGBTI rights media outlets have under international human rights law, as well as best practices in this area.

*“The Vance Center’s level of service to our non-profit organization since 2012 has been of the highest quality, extremely professional, trustworthy, ethical and compassionate. The Vance Center staff is knowledgeable and supportive of our work for the LGBTI community of El Salvador.”*

Ana Montano  
Director, ALDES/LGBTI Justice Clinic

### Women in Prison: Evidence, Advocacy, and Reform

The Vance Center launched a three-year project to promote global collaboration on improving conditions of women’s imprisonment with a groundbreaking conference in Bogota, Colombia, bringing together 49 advocates from 23 countries, including nine formerly incarcerated women.

*“Thank you for an amazing conference. It was a wonderful experience and even more wonderful is the fact that the networks made possible by the conference are growing and continuing.”*

Kathy Boudin  
Co-Director/Co-Founder,  
Center for Justice at Columbia University





# THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

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



SUSAN KATH  
Director, Environment  
Program



## WHAT WE DID AND WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAID IN 2018

We contributed to the deliberations on the Global Pact for the Environment, a proposed global agreement on fundamental principles of environmental law, using comprehensive research to demonstrate the consensus on principles and objectives in international environmental law. The legal tools we produced are now publicly available for use across the globe in ongoing consultations to codify and advance the progressive development of core principles of international environmental law and secure environmental protection for all.

*"The International Council of Environmental Law's collaboration with the Vance Center provided timely research, which State Members of the United Nations General Assembly found valuable for their consultations on international environmental law. The analysis of national treaty commitments to environmental law principles for each region world-wide complement the Secretary-General's first ever report on international environmental law. The Vance Center filled a gap in all nations' legal research needs, materially advancing the UN deliberations."*

Nicholas A. Robinson, Executive Governor,  
International Council of Environmental Law

We hosted the Philippines Commission on Human Rights as part of its National Inquiry on Climate Change, an investigation into corporate responsibility for global emissions of greenhouse gases and violations of Filipinos' basic human rights. The Commission over two days, and in conjunction with similar events in the Philippines and London, received testimony from scientific and legal experts on the urgency to address the global threat of climate change and its impact on human rights. The unique inquiry into climate change by a national human rights institution will produce recommendations in 2019 regarding accountability and protection of human rights related to the climate crisis.

*"I would like to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation for everything the Vance Center has done to support our inquiry session. With you, the [session] was a success and we were able to draw out wonderful insights that will be very helpful for us as this dialogue continues. Again, thank you so much for the support."*

Trisha Isabelle F. Fernandez, former Legal Consultant,  
Philippines Commission on Human Rights



# 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

## WHAT WE DID AND WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAID

**A Culture of Safety Alliance**, a coalition of major news companies, journalism organizations, and freelancers, who have gathered to develop and endorse worldwide freelance protection standards and work to embed them into newsrooms worldwide, sought advice on insurance for freelance journalists in conflict zones, organizational restructuring, and a model contract for freelance journalists.

*“The Vance Center has provided invaluable support every single time we’ve needed it over the last two years. They have been reliable, generous and expert, always ready to support us, including by involving several law firms that have helped us to make great progress in our work.”*

Elisabet Castenys, Executive Director

**Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism** sought the Vance Center’s advice regarding publication of several reports of U.S. companies influencing regulatory decisions in Egypt regarding pharmaceutical and other products.

*“We’ve asked the Vance Center several times for help on short notice, and they truly helped us as soon as possible. The legal aid provided was an ultimate shield protecting ARIJ and its partners.”*

Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism

## BY THE NUMBERS

CLIENTS SERVED: **51**  
PRO BONO PROJECTS: **80**

**OUR STAFF:**  
LAWYERS: **7**  
ADMINISTRATORS: **2**  
PRO BONO LAWYERS: **370**  
PRO BONO LAW FIRMS: **99**  
US LAW FIRMS: **23** NON-US: **76**

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
REVENUE:	\$957,063	\$996,007
EXPENSES:	\$957,063	\$996,007
PRO BONO CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$6,500,000	\$5,500,000
IN-KIND SUPPORT:	\$123,500	\$180,376

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