

CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL PRO BONO EXCELLENCE

Welcome: Roger Maldonado, New York City Bar Association President

Law Firm Recognition

Environment Program - Susan Kath

 Advocating in Chile for the Right to a Healthy Environment Client: Human Rights Watch Law Firm: Weil, Gotshal & Manges

2. Global Mapping of the Human Right to a Healthy Environment Client: UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights and the

Environment Dr. David Boyd

Law Firm: Clifford Chance

Human Rights Program - Marie-Claude Jean-Baptiste

1. Sensitizing Media in El Salvador on LGBTI Rights

Client: Asistencia Legal para la Diversidad Sexual - El Salvador

(ALDES)

Law Firm: Paul Hastings

2. Prosecuting Crimes Against Humanity Commited in Venezuela

Client: Proetica, the Peruvian chapter of Transparency

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International

Law Firm: Hughes Hubbard & Reed

Good Governance Program - Jaime Chavez Alor

1. Legal Ethics in Guatemala

Client: Acción Ciudadana, the Guatemalan Chapter of Transparency

International

Law Firm: Baker & McKenzie

Special Recognition to Hunter Carter and Ciro Colombara for their dedicated efforts to secure marriage equality in Latin America through AMAmericas

Presentation by Evan Wolfson, founder of Freedom to Marry, the pioneering campaign that won same-sex couples the right to marry throughout the United States.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Advocating in Chile for the Right to a Healthy Environment

Weil prepared an amicus curiae brief for Human Rights Watch before the Supreme Court of Chile, which ruled that many years of pollution from industrial facilities violated the right of residents of Quintero and Puchuncaví to a pollution-free environment, accepting international law arguments raised in the brief.

Law Firm Offices: London, Munich, New York, Paris

Lawyers involved in Matter: Barbara Jagersberger, Richard Levine, Marcel Andersen, Tayyibah Arif, Harriet Fielding, Ramona Maria Frenzel, Jay Minga, Carolin Obermaier, Milosz Palej, Amama Rasani, Maximilien Roland, Jan Stoetzer, Amy Suenholz, Lauren Wands and Sirak D. Biratu

Global Mapping of the Human Right to a Healthy Environment

Clifford Chance coordinated a global survey for Dr. David Boyd, the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, to determine which UN member states recognize a human right to a healthy environment in their domestic laws. The survey's authoritative evidence of an emerging state practice, which Dr. Boyd will present at the UN General Assembly later this year, represents an important contribution to international environmental law.

Law Firm Offices: Amsterdam, Beijing, Brussels, Bucharest, Dubai, Dusseldorf, Hong Kong, Istanbul, London, Luxembourg, Madrid, Milan, Moscow, Newcastle, New York, Paris, Perth, Prague, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Tokyo, Warsaw, Washington DC

Lawyers involved in Matter: Alexander Anichkin, Albert Moro, Umberto Penco Salvi, Madalina Rachieru - Postolache, Donna Stukach, Dorothee Vermeiren, Thomas Voland, Ying White, David Alfrey, Guido Bergervoet, Pieter de Bock, David Boyd, Maria Eduarda Estelita, Monica Freely, Aleksandra Jach, Eoghan MacDonagh, Frederic Maximilian Mainka, Bogdan Micu, Max Mousseron, Jemima Roe, Jorrit Sijl, Janet Mary Whittaker, Akanksha Bhagat, Alexandria Bishop, Louise Brown, Colette Carman, Sabina Crangasu, Martyna Darczuk, Tiemen Drenth, Susan Elizabeth Coomes Foster, Rebecca Hekman, Eva Kurban, Carla Lewis, Bernice Lin, Ishbel McLachlan, Shane Mecjler, Timothy Merchant, Edward Montague -Doghan, Anna Leger Mount, Amanda Murphy, Christina Cathey Schuetz, Shin Setoyama, Hena Sial, Kristy Souter, Christopher Tansey, Shashwat Tewary, Prachi Trivedi, Camille Tulasne, Martin Urban, Michael Weaver, María Álvarez - Tolcheff Alarcó, Daniela Benčová, Matias Bietti, Amy Broddle, M.E. Bultemeier, Jack Cottrell, Ann K. Davin, Fraser Eccles, Ava Elwadia, Theodora Fajembola, Luis Fortuno, Lauren Harris, Leland Hui, Weisiyu Jiang, Joanna Kaminska, Magda Khan, Julia Kono, Sarah Ku, Jessica Kyne, Lukáš Kádě, Jingxuan Liu, Nicole Mah, Arina Mamenkova, Angie McGhee, Edward Millett, Zuzana Morávková, Allison Nadler, Piotr Ptasinski Milena Raffaldi, Roland Scarlett, Anna Tomlinson, Martin Urban, Pearlynn Wang, Pete Yu

Sensitizing Media in El Salvador on LGBTI Rights

Paul Hastings analyzed the legal obligations of private media outlets to respect LGBTI rights under the laws of Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, and Ecuador, as well as international law, so that ALDES can sensitize El Salvador's media about the significant stigmatization facing that the country's LGBTI community.

Law Firm Offices: New York

Lawyers involved in Matter: Michael Fitzgerald, Kevin P. Broughel, Arturo Carrillo, Veronica Rodriguez, Jane H. Yoon, Eduardo Gonzalez, Samuel Halter, Axel Schamis and Emilio Minon

Prosecuting Crimes Against Humanity Committed in Venezuela

Hughes Hubbard & Reed advised Proetica on the feasibility of prosecuting violent acts committed against protesters in Venezuela. The work supported Proetica's communication to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

Law Firm Offices: Paris, New York, Washington D.C.

Lawyers involved in Matter: Benjamin Britz, Bryan Sillaman, Ernesto Alvarado, Stephen Fowler and Jan Dunin Wasowicz'

Legal Ethics in Guatemala

Baker McKenzie analyzed the rules on legal ethics in ten Latin American jurisdictions for Acción Ciudadana, in support of its effort to reform of the Guatemalan bar association's rules of professional responsibility and prevent and redress corruption.

Law Firm Offices: Bogota

Lawyers involved in Matter: Mariana Gutierrez, Alexandra Silveira, Sebastian Luque

Special Recognition: Marriage Equality in Latin America

The Vance Center gives special recognition to Hunter Carter of Arent Fox LLP and Ciro Colombara of Rivadeneira, Colombara, Zegers Abogados for their intrepid, innovative legal campaign to secure marriage equality in Latin America through AMAmericas, a coalition of lawyers and advocates litigating in Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Chile, as well as the Inter-American Human Rights System.