

**2022**  
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CYRUS R. VANCE CENTER  
FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE  
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Alexander  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**2022 was a banner year for the Vance Center.** Our 20th anniversary celebration, a three-city series of events that kicked off in October, focused on our work's scope and impact and inspired planning for our future. For more on the celebration, see page [26](#).

- Even as we looked back, the organization continued growing. We added three new full-time **staff** to our Latin America Policy, Human Rights and Access to Justice, and Lawyers for Reporters programs, and welcomed Tom Plotkin and Lucila Hemmingsen to the Vance Center Committee.
- The **Human Rights and Access to Justice Program** participated in the Summit of the Americas, filed amicus briefs in two landmark cases in Peru and Brazil, and continued deepening its advocacy work on women prisoners' rights with a new strategic litigation initiative to improve laws and policies impacting incarcerated women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The impact of our **Environment Program's** work with the United Nations Special Rapporteurs on Human Rights and the Environment reached global proportions, as the UN General Assembly enacted a historic resolution recognizing the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment. The program also assisted the UN Special Rapporteur with an amicus brief to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on a case involving clean air in Peru; facilitated an amicus submission to the Constitutional Court of Ecuador resulting in a groundbreaking decision on the rights of Indigenous peoples to free, prior, and informed consent; and continued evaluating the application of the Escazú Agreement in Latin America and the Caribbean with a network of women environmental and land defenders.

- The **Good Governance Program** continued to defend journalists and media organizations reporting in the public interest, assisting organizations in fending off legal threats and claims related to stories on corruption, advising media outlets on strategies to protect themselves from retaliation, helping exiled journalists establish operations in the U.S., and representing high-profile Guatemalan judges and journalists facing persecution in their cases before the Inter-American System.
- In its third year, **Lawyers for Reporters** increased its clients and impact, participated in a summit on sustainability of independent news outlets, and received renewed funding. Through 2022, the program helped a diverse range of 134 news organizations from 30 states with a variety of legal matters.
- The **Africa Program** further expanded its collaborative network across sub-Saharan Africa, with an emphasis on women's leadership. The first cohort of the Advancing Women in the Workplace program in South Africa paired young lawyers with experienced mentors. We were proud to launch the first Women in the Profession chapter on the African continent, with Nigeria joining the 19 established WIP chapters in Latin America. We convened discussions on threats to democratic governance in West Africa, and the **African Legal Fellows Program** welcomed its first participant from Ethiopia.
- Judicial independence was top of mind for our **Latin American Policy Program**. We published regional and country-specific assessments on judicial independence and judges' freedom of expression, partnered with independent judges' associations across Central America, and supported judges presenting before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The program also created a multi-lingual booklet on migrants and refugees facing detention hearings in Brazil. The **Lawyers Council for Civil and Economic Rights in the Americas** produced a legal guide to file amicus curiae briefs in Latin America and expanded its annual Anti-Corruption Assessment to 17 countries.
- Together with the **Pro Bono Network of the Americas**, we organized regional events including Pro Bono Week in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and panel discussions in New York and São Paulo, Brazil. Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the annual Vance Center-Latin Lawyer Pro Bono Survey saw record-breaking participation from 213 law firms.
- In response to evolving needs, **Keep Families Together** expanded to cover 27 countries, including several in Africa and Southeast Asia.

- As always, we remained committed to fostering diversity in the profession and encouraging public interest lawyering. After a successful first year, the **Access to Justice Practicum** welcomed a second cohort of lawyers from Brazil, Chile, and Peru to spend a year working on a public interest project at one of our clearinghouse partners. The second round of participants in **TotalLAW Prep**, which mentors Afro-descendent and Indigenous lawyers from Latin America to pursue LL.M.s in the U.S., gained admission to U.S. law schools. In addition to launching the Nigeria chapter, the **Women in the Profession** program hosted international events on gender equality and diversity.
- Before the year ended, we announced two new initiatives. In November we launched the **Ukraine Project**, led by longtime Vance Center Committee member Taisa Markus, to address key international law issues arising from Russia's invasion and the war in Ukraine. In December, we introduced **Reporters Shield**, an innovative global program to help defend investigative reporting outlets against defamation and related claims. We look forward to seeing both of these grow through 2023.
- This year our projects benefited from important funding and grant support from the **Tinker Foundation, Chubb Rule of Law Fund, National Endowment for Democracy, the U.S. Mission to South Africa**, and others. The Access to Justice Practicum received generous support from funders including **General Electric** and **J.P. Morgan**.



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**HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND  
ACCESS TO  
JUSTICE** 🌐



The Human Rights and Access to Justice Program continued working to promote and protect the rights of the most vulnerable, pursue accountability for grave human rights violations, and promote responsible business conduct through collaboration with partner networks and advocacy and engagement with regional and UN human rights mechanisms.

- As part of its Women in Prison Initiative, the Program [received](#) a two-year grant to support a strategic litigation initiative aimed at improving laws and policies impacting incarcerated women in Latin American and the Caribbean. In collaboration with the [Women in Prison Network](#), we are engaging with Inter-American and United Nations human rights mechanisms through litigation and advocacy to clarify states' obligations to enact laws and policies that consider the unique pathways and consequences of women's incarceration and better protect women's rights under international and regional human rights frameworks.
- Program staff [participated](#) in the IX Summit of the Americas held in June in Los Angeles, through the Civil Society Forum. During the Summit, the Vance Center team joined two thematic working groups and made specific contributions on digital justice and the need for governments to engage with both the private sector and civil society in transparency and anti-corruption efforts. These contributions were presented directly to the representatives of participating States, including U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, in the final working group statements.



## IX SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

LOS ANGELES • 2022

- We filed amicus briefs in two landmark cases in Latin America:
  - An [amicus brief](#) before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in the case of *Eulogia and her son Sergio* challenged Peru's failure to comply with its obligations under international law regarding Indigenous campesino (peasant) communities and maternal health care.
  - In Brazil, we [supported](#) Instituto Vladimir Herzog's challenge to the country's 44-year-old amnesty law as amici before the Supreme Federal Court, arguing that, under established international law principles, the amnesty law does not apply to grave human rights violations, such as those committed during Brazil's military dictatorship.





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**ENVIRONMENT** 



The Environment Program advanced environmental rights and advocated for climate justice across the globe, supported the rights of Indigenous peoples and communities in Latin America, and partnered with clients and other advocates to support the fulfillment of the right to a healthy environment.

- The [UN General Assembly passed a resolution](#) recognizing the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, with the aim of protecting humanity from all forms of environmental degradation. This recognition capped 10 years of tireless work by the Program, which has supported the current and previous UN Special Rapporteurs on Human Rights and the Environment, Prof. David Boyd and Prof. John Knox, in their efforts to secure recognition of this right. [Our research](#), conducted in collaboration with [Clifford Chance, White & Case](#), and other firms around the globe, served as a cornerstone in the UN advocacy campaign, and established that 155 UN Member States already recognize the right to a healthy environment in their constitutions, laws, or jurisprudence.
- In a [case](#) concerning the Peruvian government's responsibility to redress harm from a lead smelter in the city of La Oraya, the Program, working with the Costa Rica office of the law firm [Arias](#), assisted UNSR Boyd with an [amicus brief](#) before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In

the first contentious case concerning the right to a healthy environment brought before the Court, the brief set out the state obligations flowing from the right, including clean air and non-toxic environments, and effective remedies.

- The Constitutional Court of Ecuador relied on an amicus brief facilitated by the Environment Program in a [historic decision](#) on the rights of Indigenous Peoples to free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC), [finding](#) that the Ecuadorian government had failed to adequately consult and protect Indigenous peoples in the granting of mineral concessions in lands adjacent to their territories. [Professor S. James Anaya](#), former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, submitted the brief with the support of [Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP](#), and in coordination with [Amazon Frontlines](#).

- With our client [Women's Earth & Climate Action Network \(WECAN International\)](#), we co-hosted [workshops](#) on the [Escazú Agreement](#) with WECAN's network of women environmental and land defenders in Latin America and the Caribbean. The workshops shared knowledge from the Program's research in Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru to assess compliance with the Agreement in the countries.
- On behalf of [Oxfam Mexico](#) and [Our Children's Trust](#), the Program, along with the law firm [Ritch Mueller](#), submitted an [amicus brief](#) in support of young people challenging the Mexican government's failure to implement its own climate change laws.





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**GOOD  
GOVERNANCE** 

The Good Governance Program continued to defend journalists and media organizations reporting on public interest matters from defamation claims and represented Guatemalan judges and human rights defenders under attack before the Inter-American System.



- The Program assisted the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project and other investigative journalism clients to fend off legal threats and claims related to stories on corruption in various European jurisdictions, and in defending lawsuits in Cyprus, Romania, Switzerland, the U.S., and the U.K. We regularly conducted pre-publication review and advised on intellectual property, corporate governance, employment, and journalistic collaboration matters.
- With law firm co-counsels, we helped exiled journalists from Afghanistan, Russia, and Venezuela establish operations in the U.S. to continue reporting safely.
- A marked increase in censorship and political persecution of independent media in Central America prompted clients to seek advice on reorganizing operations to protect against government repression.



- Acting as co-counsel with pro bono attorneys from the firm King & Spalding, we continued representing Guatemalan Judge Erika Aifán before the IACHR, as 13 other Guatemalan jurists were added to the petition.
- The Vance Center also represented award-winning Guatemalan journalist José Rubén Zamora before the IACHR in an ongoing case seeking his [release from illegal imprisonment in Guatemala](#).
- Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers Diego García-Sayán [recognized the Vance Center's research](#) on protecting lawyers against undue interference in his report to the UN Human Rights Council.

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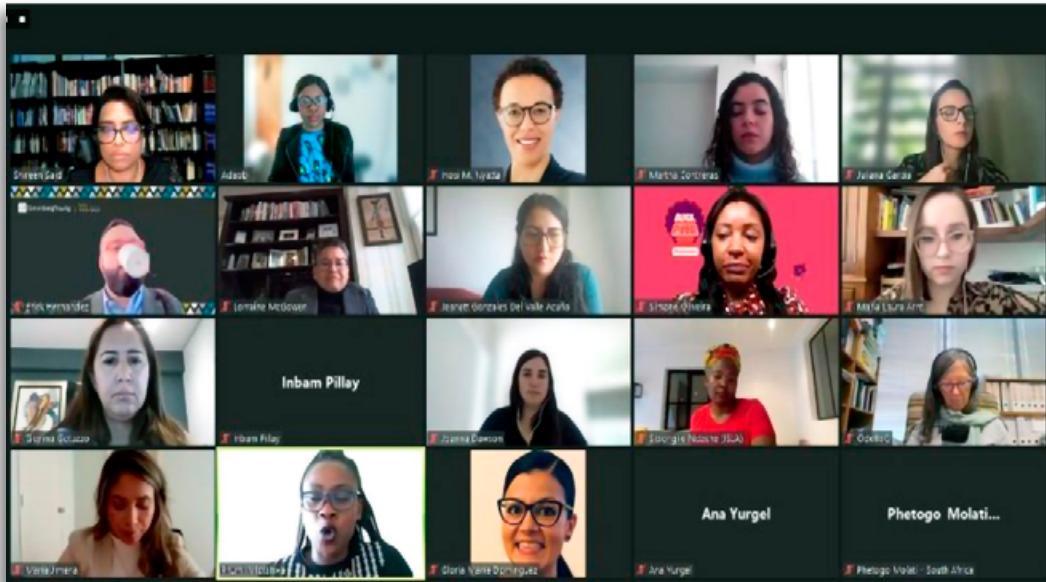


**AFRICA** 





The Africa Program continued collaborating with law firms, bar associations, the judiciary, and the private sector in sub-Saharan Africa to promote pro bono practice, strengthen civil society partnerships, increase access to justice and diversity in the profession, and bolster the legal community's international experience and connections.



- Through the [Advancing Women in the Workplace mentorship program](#), the Program continued upholding women of color in South Africa's legal market in their efforts to access leadership positions. The program's first cohort comprised 20 mentees selected from 136 applicants, all young women of color representing a range of provinces and legal sectors, who were paired with 20 experienced mentors with a demonstrated commitment to women's leadership. In its first year, the program held trainings on legal, leadership, and career skills; hosted fireside chats featuring individual mentors' perspectives; and organized webinars to discuss [workplace sexual harassment](#) and other issues that limit women from attaining leadership positions.



- The Africa Program launched the first African chapter of the Women in the Profession (WIP) program, in Nigeria. Members of WIP's international steering committee joined more than 200 attendees at a [launch event](#) to welcome the group to WIP's global community of women attorneys collaborating on solutions to narrow the gender gap and enable women in law to share best practices, professional development, training, and networking opportunities. For more on this event, see the [WIP section of this report](#).
- In response to democratic backsliding and the resurgence of coups in West Africa, we organized a four-part webinar series featuring experts on democratic governance in Africa, in partnership with the [West African Bar Association](#), [Pan African Lawyers Union](#), and [West African Civil Society Forum](#). These expert analyses provided guidelines and action points for institutions engaged on democratic governance in West Africa. The organizers also submitted a [memorandum](#) based on the webinars to the African Union and ECOWAS.



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LATIN  
AMERICA 🌐



This year, the Latin America Policy Program maintained its focus on combating corruption, strengthening judicial independence, and supporting civic space across the region.

## In 2022, the Program:

- Supported independent judges' associations in Central America in their efforts to strengthen judicial independence and integrity, through producing [judicial independence assessments](#) of six countries; a [report on judges' freedom of expression](#); a [comparative analysis on "Judiciary Councils" in Latin America](#); and a report on [criminalization of justice operators in Guatemala](#), which was cited in the annual report of the IACHR. In collaboration with the Latin American Federation of Judges, we also published the "[Assessment of the Independence of the Judicial System in Bolivia](#)," the first of a series of assessments planned for South American countries.



- Joined a submission to the UN Human Rights Council regarding setbacks to the Guatemalan justice system.
- Joined a [group of international observers](#) convened by the *Asociación por una Sociedad Más Justa* (ASJ), the Honduran chapter of Transparency International, to monitor the reappointment of Honduras' Supreme Court.



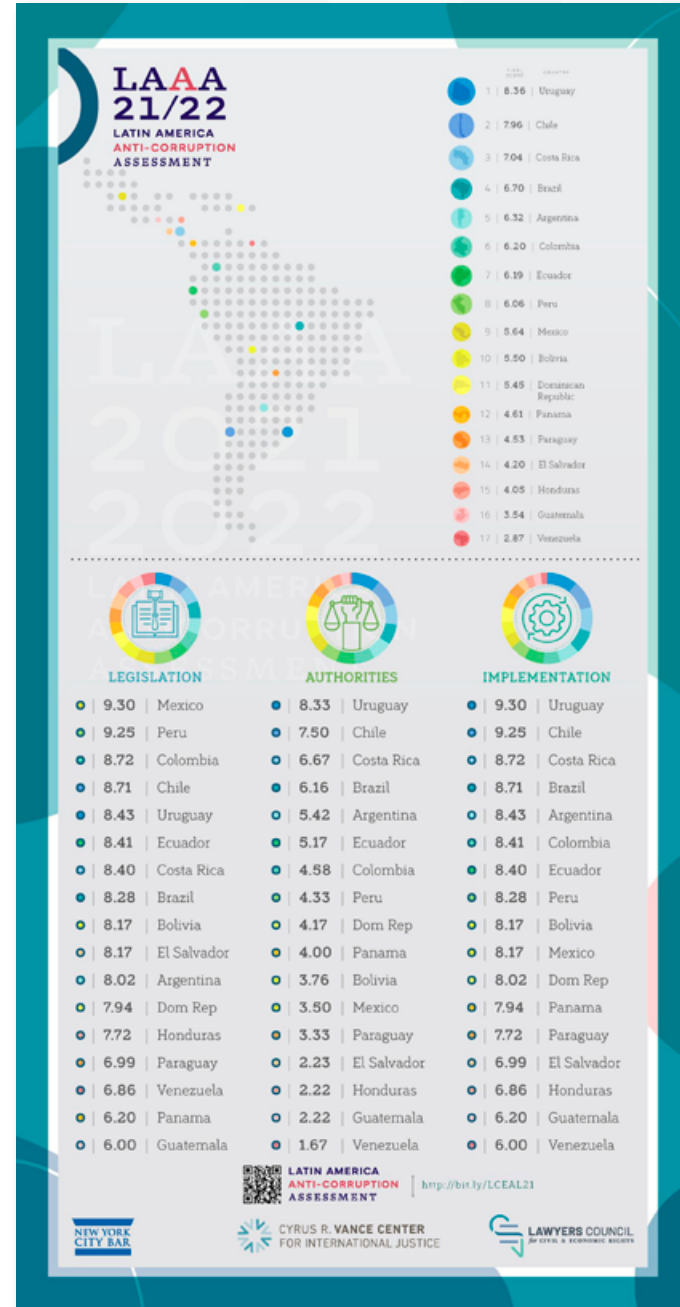
- With [Instituto Pro Bono Brasil](#), [Tauil & Chequer Advogados](#) asociado a Mayer Brown, and BNY Mellon, produced a [booklet](#) in four languages explaining the specific rights of migrants and other minorities in detention hearings in Brazil.



- The [Lawyers Council for Civil and Economic Rights in the Americas](#) produced the [Latin America Anticorruption Assessment 2021-2022](#), which delineates legal efforts and challenges around preventing and redressing corruption in 17 countries. The assessment, which received widespread [regional media coverage](#), found that existing legal efforts to counter corruption have little impact without complementary actions to implement those laws, and that institutions responsible for countering corruption lack the independence, capacity, and resources to investigate and punish corruption. The Council also produced a guide to file amicus curiae briefs in Latin America to support civil society organizations and the legal community in strategic litigation.









ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
*October 2023*

### TWENTY YEARS AFTER A GROUP OF IDEALISTIC LAWYERS

launched this organization to respond to inequality and support access to justice, it is important for us to take a moment to look back at what we've accomplished together. Through our efforts, thousands of lawyers around the world have given their time and expertise to pro bono projects, providing essential guidance and support to civil society organizations, and contributing to the creation and growth of robust pro bono practices in their own countries. We have connected dozens of young South African lawyers with firms in New York, helped establish pro bono clearinghouses in more than 15 countries and founded chapters to increase women's representation and leadership in the legal profession in more than 20 countries in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa. We have persuaded the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to grant precautionary measures to human rights defenders under threat, secured rulings on behalf of victims of human rights violations in national and international courts, coordinated efforts to fight for marriage equality across the Americas, and helped push the United Nations to recognize the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

In October, we had a chance to gather and acknowledge some of these accomplishments, as well as the work of the many people responsible for them, during a two-day celebration at the New York City Bar Association, almost exactly 20 years after then-City Bar President Evan A. Davis announced the creation of the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice.



The festivities kicked off with an evening reception at the Bar Association building, with over 100 participants representing law firms, corporate offices, and civil society organizations from New York and across the globe. Led by Vance Center Committee Founding Chair Todd Crider, Committee Executive Chair Edwin S. Maynard, and Executive Director Alexander Papachristou, Committee members, clients, colleagues, and supporters past and present gathered to recognize the many people whose invaluable contributions have allowed us to achieve so much.

We honored three former or emeritus members of the Vance Center Committee — Hon. Loretta E. Lynch, Michael A. Cooper (posthumously), and Evan A. Davis — for founding our flagship African Legal Fellows Program in 2002; and recognized current Vance Center Committee members Antonia E. Stolper, Veronica Rodriguez, and Patricia Menéndez-Cambó for their essential engagement with the Women in the Profession program, which has supported women’s leadership in the legal profession since its founding in 2006.



We continued the next day with a slate of programmatic events joined by more than 60 people, representing U.S., Latin American, European, and African law firms, NGO clients and other stakeholders. Along with welcome remarks from former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Professor S. James Anaya and a keynote speech by former Committee member and current U.S.



Ambassador to Spain Julissa Reynoso, in-depth roundtable discussions focused on the right to a healthy environment, public and private sector efforts to fight corruption, international pro bono engagement to help migrant children and families, new developments in business and human rights, press freedom and global threats to journalists, and the impact of our African Legal Fellows and WIP programs in increasing diversity within the legal profession.





Even as we take this appropriate moment to reflect on our accomplishments, we continue looking forward, preparing and adapting programs and activities for the next two decades. The Vance Center keeps growing and evolving, responding to the changing needs of our clients and partners, emerging threats to justice, and the world we all share.

No matter what the future holds, we remain committed to the fundamental ideals on which the organization was founded: connecting actors across our international community in pursuit of genuine access to justice through a more inclusive, participatory, and equitable legal profession. We look forward to continuing to work toward that vision of a more just world, alongside all of you. •







VANCE CENTER COMMITTEE

CYRUS R. VANCE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

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**PRO BONO  
PRACTICE** 



- The Vance Center, [Comisión de Trabajo Pro Bono e Interés Público](#), and the [Pro Bono Network of the Americas](#) jointly organized [Pro Bono Week](#) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in June. Law firm pro bono coordinators from across the continent discussed recent developments and challenges in the field, such as identifying internal pro bono resources in the face of overwhelming demand for services.

- We also organized several events with the Pro Bono Network of the Americas focused on Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG), including:
  - A panel discussion at the International Bar Association’s annual conference on the role of pro bono practice within the emerging ESG market in the Latin American corporate legal sector, led by Vance Center Committee member and Shearman & Sterling Of Counsel Antonia Stolper and White & Case Partner and former Vance Center Committee member Jonathan Hamilton.
  - “Pro Bono & ESG in Latin America: A Law Firm Perspective,” in São Paulo, Brazil. Panelists from Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, and the U.S. discussed the intersection of rising client demand for ESG expertise within Latin American law firms with the region’s robust pro bono infrastructure, and opportunities created by the growing focus on ESG.





LATIN LAWYER AND THE VANCE CENTER'S  
**PRO BONO SURVEY**  
**2022**

- In its 15th year, the annual Vance Center-Latin Lawyer [Pro Bono Survey](#) saw record-breaking participation from 213 law firms throughout the region, indicating growing commitment to pro bono practice: despite 2022's busy market conditions, 49% of firms said they took on more pro bono work than the previous year, and their lawyers dedicated similar amounts of time to pro bono cases as in 2021.



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**WOMEN  
IN THE  
PROFESSION** 



WIP promotes the advancement of women in the legal profession, emphasizing individual and institutional leadership. This year, we added the first WIP chapter on the African continent to the program's existing 19 Latin American chapters, which regularly host events, pro bono projects, mentoring programs, and other initiatives.



- In November, WIP held an event at the [International Bar Association's](#) annual conference in Miami entitled “Disrupting the Gender Hierarchy: A Woman Lawyer’s Perspective,” sponsored by [Morrison Foerster](#) and [Sidley Austin](#). More than 60 lawyers from a dozen Latin American countries attended a panel and workshop session to explore diversity and inclusion initiatives at law firms and successful efforts to challenge the status quo in their home countries. Participants discussed topics including gender equality, work-life integration, eliminating bias, and challenges in the legal profession, as panelists offered tips on closing the hierarchy gap and emphasized the importance of mentoring, the power of community within the profession, and men’s critical role as allies.
- In October, we joined a hybrid event with more than 200 participants to launch Nigeria’s [WIP chapter](#), the first chapter established in Africa. Prior to the formal launch, WIP Nigeria conducted a survey to understand why such a high proportion of women leave Nigeria’s legal profession, despite entering in numbers equal to or higher than men. During the launch event, the chapter presented the report, “Why Women Leave Law.”



- In collaboration with TelevisaUnivision, AbogadasMX, and SoftBank Latin America Fund, WIP co-hosted a panel discussion, “The Power of General Counsels in Promoting Diversity in the Legal Profession.” More than 140 people came to TelevisaUnivision’s Mexico City studios for the event, which highlighted the personal experiences of a panel of general counsels and their views on how their positions can promote diversity and inclusion in law firms.





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**KEEP  
FAMILIES  
TOGETHER** 



# KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER



In its fourth year of operation, [Keep Families Together](#) continued to expand in geography and scope of services.



As of this year:

- We have formalized partnerships with 150 domestic and foreign entities, including pro bono clearinghouses, corporate law firms, immigration legal services non-profit organizations, bar associations, and law school clinics.
- KFT operates in 27 countries, branching out into Africa and Southeast Asia, even while the majority of referrals still come from Central America.
- The initiative has provided foreign pro bono counsel for approximately 300 migrant children and families.
- Together with Fundación Pro Bono Guatemala, KFT organized its second annual awards ceremony in February 2022 to honor the important commitment of corporate law firms to the initiative.

We recognized 13 law firms from Angola, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Central America for their valuable contributions and work on KFT cases.

- During the Vance Center's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in October 2022, KFT partnered with Safe Passage Project and Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) to host a discussion on new forms of engagement between U.S. pro bono advocates assisting migrant children and families and pro bono lawyers abroad, including issues of family law and employment. The discussion emphasized the opportunity and necessity of scaling capacity to address both new and ongoing needs.
- In December, coordination of KFT transitioned to the Human Rights and Access to Justice Program.

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**ACCESS TO  
JUSTICE  
PRACTICUM** 



Along with partners [Fundación Barra Mexicana](#) and [Centro Mexicano Pro Bono](#), we conducted a [one-week training](#) to strengthen the skills of the first cohort of Practitioners pursuing public interest legal work, representing Argentina, Colombia, and Mexico.

The Vance Center also launched the second edition of the [Practicum](#), which will support outstanding recent law

graduates to work on one-year projects tackling systemic problems that hinder access to justice through placements with Women in Law Mentoring Brazil, Fundación Pro Bono Chile, and Alianza Pro Bono Peru. The initiative also received renewed financial support from General Electric, through its legal department's diversity council.



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TOTAL LAW  
PREP 



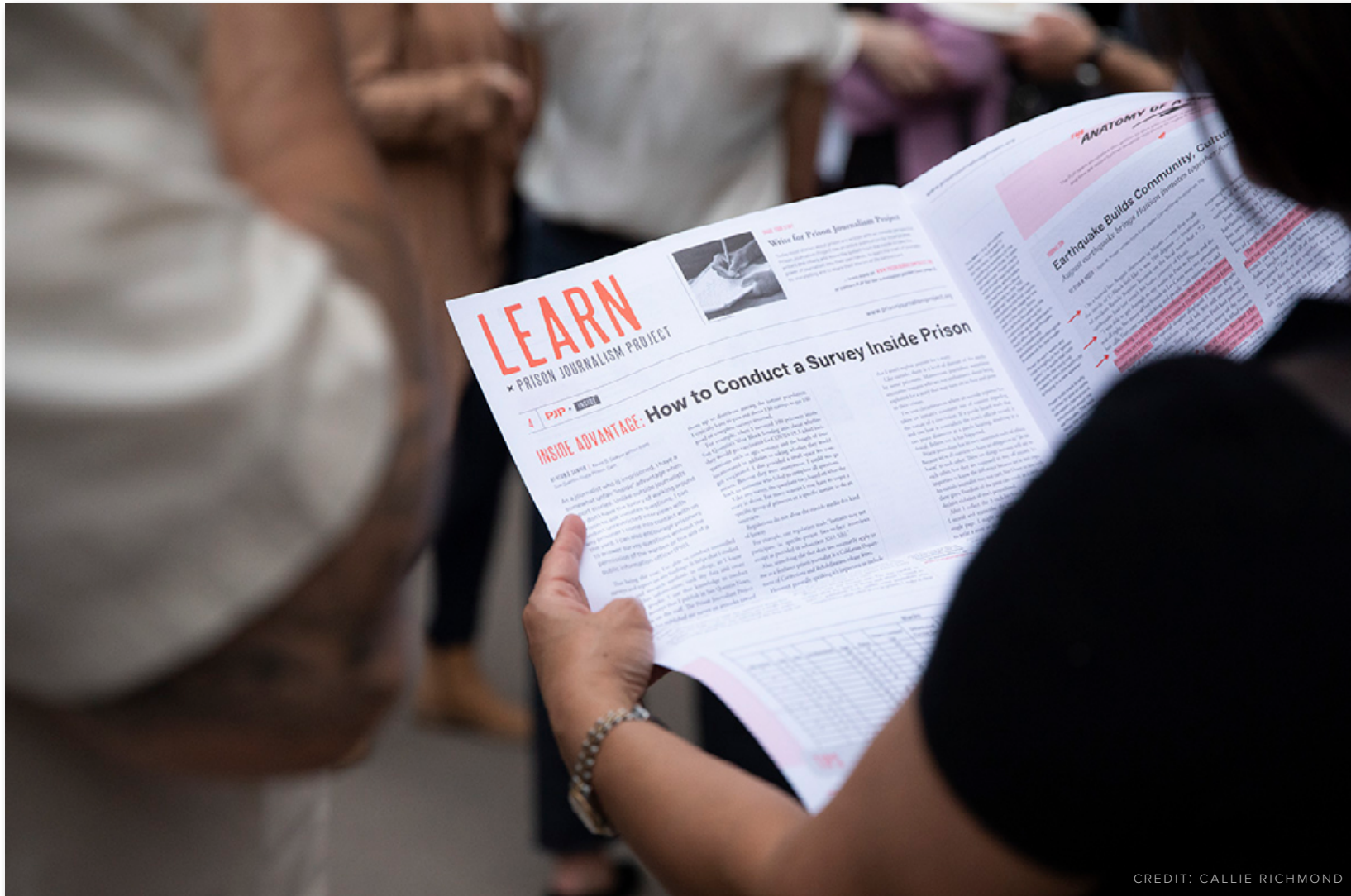


The Vance Center and TalentoTotal launched the [TotalLAW Prep Mentorship Program](#) in 2020 to engage law firms, companies, bar associations, law schools, and pro bono clearinghouses to create a broad and ethnically diverse leadership pipeline of highly talented Afro-Descendant and Indigenous lawyers from Latin America.

This year, [two candidates](#) from the program won admission to top law schools in the United States and are expected to graduate in May 2023.

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**LAWYERS  
FOR  
REPORTERS** 



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Lawyers for Reporters continued to grow its client base, assisting many local and mission-driven news outlets throughout the country. Program lawyers co-counseled with major law firms nationwide to represent clients on issues of corporate, tax, employment, intellectual property, media, and litigation.



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- In two years, [Lawyers for Reporters](#) has helped 134 news organizations from 30 states with an extensive range of legal matters including pre-publication reviews, licensing, joint publishing projects, contract review, fiscal sponsorships, trademark registration, copyright issues, applications for IRS recognition of tax-exempt status, nonprofit mergers, and a wide array of other legal issues affecting operations. Our clients include print and digital newspapers, magazines, podcasts, radio shows, webcomics, filmmakers, professional organizations, and literary journals.
- We have engaged more than 170 lawyers from 26 firms to join in representing these clients, donating the equivalent of millions of dollars in pro bono service, while handling many additional requests through Lawyers for Reporters' own lawyers.
- In October, we participated in the [Independent News Sustainability Summit](#) in Austin, Texas, sponsored by the [Knight Foundation](#) and hosted by [LION Publishers](#), [News Revenue Hub](#) and [RevLab at The Texas Tribune](#). The summit brought together 500 independent news leaders and supporters for three days of discussion on how to make independent news businesses sustainable. Several program clients received recognition for their accomplishments, and our participation led to new client referrals and helped our advice spread even more widely.
- This year, Lawyers for Reporters received renewed funding from the [Bay & Paul Foundations](#) the [Democracy Fund](#).

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**UKRAINE  
PROJECT** 






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**In response to Russia's war against Ukraine and the numerous related public international law issues, the Vance Center launched the Ukraine Project in November.**

The Ukraine Project seeks to raise awareness of key international law issues, provide legal representation to civil society organizations and others who support Ukraine, and publish reports on timely topics. It focuses substantively on public international law, U.S. domestic law responses to the war, and reconstruction. Taisa Markus, a longtime member of the Vance Center Committee and Ukrainian American who retired from private practice in 2021, serves as Special Counsel for the Ukraine Project.

# BY THE NUMBERS

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
 REVENUE:	\$1,573,034	\$1,750,319
 EXPENSES:	\$1,740,113	\$1,936,352
 PRO BONO CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$10,000,000	\$10,616,654

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Clients Served



Our Staff

10

LAWYERS

3

ADMINISTRATORS

127



Pro Bono Projects

666



Pro Bono Lawyers

155



Pro Bono Law Firms

33



U.S.

122



International



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Thank you to all our donors for your generous contributions to our work. We are immensely grateful for your support and are pleased to recognize your contributions during our last fiscal year, which ran from May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023.

### GRANTS

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- Democracy Fund
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