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Welcome to the 2018 PILnet Global Forum and welcome back to Berlin. We are excited to be here with you to explore how to effectively use law as a tool for social change.

Since we were first in Germany for the 2011 European Forum, pro bono and public interest lawyering have been on the rise here, throughout Europe, and around the world. You, PILnet, and the global legal community have been called to action when civil society needed us most. And we continue to be there, fighting for equity and inclusivity. Though as the world is rapidly changing, as many are struggling with the closing space for civil society, attacks on democracy, and threats caused by accelerated globalization, PILnet recognizes the need to find innovative, new tools to protect the public interest. With an increased spotlight on responsible business practices combined with a flourishing global community of non-profit innovators, we can reclaim and reimagine the role of law.

To this end, PILnet is changing the way people think about public interest law. Together with you, our nonprofit and private sector partners, we are creating opportunities for social change by:

- engaging the legal profession as a whole,
- empowering those who serve and represent the poor and vulnerable, and
- enabling change that is inclusive and sustainable.

To do this, how law is used needs to change. Corporate lawyers have long used methods to protect their clients by minimizing future risks. Lawyers, in all sectors, should put those same tools to work for the public good. This will allow us to unlock law’s full potential. And you are the key to making that happen.

The PILnet Global Forum is our platform to come together and collaborate for systematic change. Here, we will discuss ways to build stronger, more resilient civil societies by navigating fluctuating compliance requirements. There will be opportunities to learn about the burgeoning pro bono networks in Africa, Eurasia, and Asia. We will delve into possibilities of different models for public interest lawyering and of social impact investing. And in-depth discussions will be had about the role of law in protecting the rights of refugees and migrants, providing justice for trafficked persons, and establishing legal assistance as a standard humanitarian aid. This is our chance to share strategies, forge partnerships, and take action to tackle these matters with the full strength of our combined experience.

Because of this, we are excited and proud to personally welcome you to the 2018 PILnet Global Forum in Berlin. On behalf of the PILnet team, we look forward to diving into another great Forum, enthusiastic and optimistic that together, we can make law work for all.

Suzanne Turner and Heng-Pin “Ping” Kiang
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We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Krassimir Kanev for his many years of service on our Board of Directors and are honored to have him join our Emeritus Board. His continued guidance and support have made PILnet the organization it is today. He has worked tirelessly to ensure that human rights are protected in Bulgaria and around the world, and that all lawyers have the right to defend the public interest. We wish him the best and look forward to continuing our work together to ensure law is working for all.
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About PILnet

PILnet is a global public interest law organization that creates opportunities for social change by unlocking law’s full potential. PILnet’s mission is to make law work for all. To do this, the organization engages, empowers, and enables all lawyers to use their skills to help organized civil society become more resilient and more effective in helping the most vulnerable.

With staff and offices in Beijing, Budapest, London, Hong Kong, Moscow, and New York, and with the support of partner law firms and civil society organizations, PILnet is creating a new frontline of public interest lawyers. It pursues its mission by providing new tools and strategies to public interest lawyers and developing networks of pro bono lawyers to support them.

Since 1997 and now with a renewed strategy, PILnet’s unique approach complements traditional rights-based strategies. PILnet engages the entire legal profession as a global public interest law and pro bono network, to form effective, long lasting collaborations with civil society. As a strategic intermediary between the different sides of the legal profession, PILnet carefully pairs civil society organizations and corporate lawyers to address urgent concerns and systemic issues. Building these relationships and involving corporate lawyers in long lasting collaborations with civil society is a crucial piece of the PILnet strategy: it allows civil society organizations to not only obtain high-quality, free legal assistance when it is urgently needed, but also to become aware of the full range of specialized legal assistance they can receive from corporate lawyers, including against ongoing, and even yet to be determined, threats—ultimately leading to stronger, more resilient societies.

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PILnet’s Achievements

Change, by definition, is a state of transition. The theme of this year’s Global Forum, Law for Change, reflects PILnet’s focus on shifting the boundaries of what it means to be a public interest lawyer and expanding how we use law to serve the interests of the whole of society, rather than just the powerful few.

We spent the better part of last year implementing our renewed strategy, testing our programs, and challenging our own thinking about PILnet’s role in using law as a tool for social change. With a renewed vision, we are developing public interest projects that allow for deeper, more sustained and strategic uses of private sector legal advice to go beyond the more limited, one-off engagements that PILnet’s clearinghouses had typically brokered. By harnessing the networks that we have built, many of whom include you at this Global Forum, we are putting new tools in the hands of public interest advocates and engaging the whole of the legal profession as part of a global public interest law and pro bono community.

Over the last year, this is how PILnet has been creating change:

- **Mobilizing lawyers at every stage of their careers and in every field of law to see themselves as public interest lawyers.** PILnet’s fifth Public Interest Law Short Course Program, co-hosted by the University of Hong Kong, trained 40 law students and young professionals from mainland China on how to be an effective public interest lawyer and effect change at the local level. Meanwhile, in Russia, our eighth annual training program on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility on the Global Legal Market, in collaboration with Moscow State University, DLA Piper, and White & Case, trained students from across Russia to practice law ethically and to give back to their society as part of their social responsibility. Over the years since starting, almost 300 students from various Russian regions have been empowered using this unique methodology.

- **Empowering civil society to use law to build resilience and advocate for change.** Pro bono assistance brokered through PILnet’s clearinghouses globally and nationally, in Hong Kong, Hungary, and Russia, enabled an environmental organization to draft a new law giving legal rights to a river in Trinidad and Tobago; informed the development of employer guides and best practices for hiring migrant workers in the Gulf region; contributed to a case before the European Court of Human Rights challenging the Russian “foreign agent” law; and in Russia, resulted in the granting of partial legal capacity to an individual who had spent 18 years deprived of freedom in a mental institution without access to proper expert examination or legal assistance. These are just a few examples of the over 200 NGOs supported through our clearinghouses this year.

- **Building a network to bridge the gap between NGOs and corporate lawyers to develop deeper, stronger pro bono collaborations for systemic change.** In Hungary, our Compliance Bridge Project has brought together experts from within law firms and companies to train, guide,
and partner with NGOs to use risk management tools and fill any gaps in legal compliance. These connections have led to more trusting relationships between the private and public sectors, enabling NGOs to become better consumers of the legal expertise available. In Eurasia and Southern Africa, where pro bono is still developing, PILnet is supporting local lawyers and civil society, with ongoing partnerships with bar associations across Eurasia and newly established ones with Southern African Development Community—Lawyers’ Association, to build pro bono cultures and institutions through trainings, guides and regional events.

- **Incubating innovative public interest law strategies and business models that make law a more effective tool for change.** PILnet’s 2018–2019 cohort of Fellows, selected from China, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, South Korea, and Uganda, are learning on the job and via expert workshops how to deploy corporate and transactional law in support of the public interest. As part of a new frontline for social change, these Fellows join over 145 PILnet Fellow Alumni who are applying their skills to lead social movements and protect the public interest worldwide. In Hong Kong, our inaugural Law for Change Student Competition matched law student innovators with legal mentors to design better solutions to enable low income communities to gain access to justice. Under the mentorship of Davis Polk & Wardwell, the first winning team, OUTLET, recognized the need for early legal advice to be given to sub-divided tenants and the elderly in their communities to prevent problems from escalating later. They are now using their prize funding to implement their project connecting these underprivileged groups with university students, and making legal education a social service.

- **Convening, educating and mobilizing public interest lawyers on local and global platforms to promote change.** As the space for civil society around the world is being forced closed, PILnet provides a space for public interest advocates across the legal profession to come together for one common goal—to make law work for all. From Belgium to Hong Kong, Mozambique to Myanmar, we have continued to nurture the growth of pro bono and public interest law around the world and connect its proponents via events like this, PILnet’s Global Forum. Through the connections made, the insights shared, and the relationships built, the Forum spurs the public interest community to action. At last year’s Forum, PILnet held its first annual Stakeholder Strategy Convening, a gathering for thought leaders to exchange ideas about the present challenges to, and future possibilities for, public interest law. Armed with the insight gained here and over the last year, together with the wisdom from PILnet’s 20 year history, PILnet has a renewed strategy for supporting and empowering organized civil society to deal with today’s challenges.

These successes, and many more not listed here, are the result of the engagements PILnet’s hardworking and dedicated staff have created with lawyers on all sides of its networks. We are proud of these achievements and grateful for your help and support. There is still much work to be done as the threats being accelerated by globalization and the changing landscape for organized civil society are truly daunting. But with your support, PILnet stands ready to renew its efforts to build stronger and more resilient societies in which law works for all.
PILnet in Action

PILnet is working with the next generation of lawyers in Hong Kong to reclaim law for the public good. Last year, we launched the inaugural Law for Change Student Competition, sponsored by the WYNG Foundation, to challenge law students and their legal mentors to think creatively to develop new, innovative solutions to the pressing social justices of today. The winning team, OUTLET, and their fellow five finalist teams now have new tools, skills, and connections to draw on throughout their public interest law careers. The second annual student competition is currently underway, inspiring another class of future public interest lawyers to use law to build strong, sustainable, and resilient families within their communities.

After the concept of “limited competence” was introduced in 2012, individuals in Russia with mental illnesses have had a chance to break free of a system that has deemed them completely incompetent. Pavel M. spent 18 years in a mental institution powerless against the systems that bound him. In 2018, through our Russian Clearing-house, PILnet connected NGO Prosto Lyudi with Dechert. Together, they successfully won their court appeal to recognize Pavel’s limited competency.

Today, Pavel is applying for a job to re-establish his independence, and most importantly, now has the freedom to do what he chooses.
The PILnet Fellows Program provides an opportunity for recent law graduates to work in an emerging area of public interest lawyering that takes techniques historically used to benefit a powerful few and puts them to work for the most vulnerable. The program includes experiential learning in developing transactional lawyering approaches to public interest matters, complemented by workshops and classroom-style training carried out by leading legal academics and practitioners. In addition to working alongside PILnet staff, the 2018–2019 PILnet Fellows are also International Visiting Scholars of Fordham Law School where they have access to additional resources and networks to further expand their knowledge and impact during their fellowship.

Introducing the 2018–2019 PILnet Fellows:

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LL.B. | Chinese University of Hong Kong

Shan Helen Jiang
Home Location | Beijing, China
Area of Interest | International economic law and anti-corruption
LL.M. | Harvard Law School

Sarah Yookyung Kim
Home Location | Seoul, South Korea
Area of Interest | Employment and governance
J.D. | U.C. Berkeley Law

Anastassiya Miller
Home Location | Kostanay, Kazakhstan
Area of Interest | Accountability and transparency for state and non-state actors
LL.M. | Notre Dame Law School

Eva Edline Murungi
Home Location | Kampala, Uganda
Area of Interest | Sustainable, responsible and impact investment
LL.M. | Harvard Law School
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Rene Kathawala | Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe | New York
Jacquelyn MacLennan | White & Case | Brussels
Brian Moran | Paul Hastings | New York
Nicolas Patrick | DLA Piper | London
Helen Rogers | Allen & Overy | London
Michael Skrein | Reed Smith | London
Laura Tuell | Jones Day | Washington, D.C.
Benjamin Weinberg | Dentons | Chicago

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The Global Forum Host Committee is a group of local lawyers, NGO leaders, academics, and business people that provide guidance and expertise to help make PILnet’s Global Forum a success. We extend sincere thanks to the members of the host committee and Pro Bono Deutschland e.V. for their invaluable support and for welcoming us back to Berlin.

Members

Peter Braun | Dentons | Frankfurt am Main
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Welcome from the Global Forum Host Committee

On behalf of the Forum Host Committee, it is our privilege to welcome you to Berlin for the 2018 PILnet Global Forum. We are honored to host this year’s Forum and provide an opportunity for lawyers, public interest law advocates, and pro bono thought-leaders to discuss and work towards solutions to the most urgent rights and justice issues at the global and local levels.

The Forum has returned to Berlin for the first time since 2011. At that time, Germany and much of the world was facing a difficult economic situation. As government-provided financial assistance was threatened, corporations cut costs, and unemployment increased the number of citizens in need, German lawyers heeded the call to offer assistance to NGOs and the vulnerable communities they served. Now, seven years later, pro bono and public interest lawyering continues to grow in strength and lawyers are heeding a new call-to-action in the face of new challenges.

In parts of Europe, democracy and respect for the rule of law is regressing. The shrinking space for civil societies is a threat to the system that keeps governing bodies in check and ensures all people are represented. Thus, protecting the voices of the marginalized and the civil societies that represent them is of utmost importance.

To provide this protection, in addition to PILnet, multiple organizations have stepped up to support pro bono work including Deutscher Anwaltverein (DAV)—the German Bar Association—who offers pro bono clinics within Germany and provides legal guidance to crises in other regions. This is why we are excited that PILnet is partnering with DAV at this year’s Forum to explore lawyering and legal assistance during humanitarian crises and responses. Take a look at the agenda for a number of workshops that are being offered this week as part of this partnership.

We extend our warmest welcome to Berlin. We look forward to meeting each of you throughout the week and discussing our goals, strategies, successes, and concerns. We hope we will build new collaborations and find creative solutions to a variety of public interest concerns where the law can have a positive effect, including closing space for civil society, corporate accountability for human rights impact, climate change, and refugee and migration issues. Together we can use law as a tool for change. The 2018 Global Forum in Berlin is our platform to discover how.

With our sincere and enthusiastic welcome,

Peter Braun | Dentons | Pro Bono Deutschland e.V.
Karina Fletcher | Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer | Pro Bono Deutschland e.V.

On behalf of the 2018 Global Forum Host Committee
General Information

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SIDE MEETINGS

- **Monday, 12 November | 10:00–16:00**
  PILnet Stakeholder Strategy Convening
  Location: White & Case | Rahel-Hirsch Straße 10, 10557 Berlin

- **Monday, 12 November | 10:00–13:30**
  Global Meeting of Pro Bono Clearinghouses
  Location: Raue | Potsdamer Platz 1, 10785 Berlin

- **Monday, 12 November | 10:00–13:30**
  Global Meeting of Law Firm Pro Bono Professionals
  Location: Dentons | Markgrafenstraße 33, 10117 Berlin

- **Monday, 12 November | 10:00–13:30**
  Global Meeting of In-House Pro Bono Managers
  Location: Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer | Potsdamer Platz 1, 10785 Berlin

- **Monday, 12 November | 15:00–18:00**
  Joint Global Meeting of Pro Bono Clearinghouse, Law Firm, and In-House Pro Bono Professionals
  Location: SUPER concept space | Bikini Berlin Garden, 2. OG, Budapester Straße 50, 10787 Berlin

SOCIAL EVENTS

- **Monday, 12 November | 19:00–21:00**
  Global Forum Welcome Reception
  Location: SUPER concept space | Bikini Berlin Garden, 2. OG, Budapester Straße 50, 10787 Berlin

- **Tuesday, 13 November | 19:00–23:00**
  PILnet Global Awards Dinner Reception
  Location: Wasserwerk Gastronomie | Hohenzollerndamm 208, 10717 Berlin

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To receive a certificate of attendance, please ask at the registration desk or email Gyongyver Papp at gypapp@pilnet.org

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For security purposes, delegates are requested to wear their name badges at all times during the Forum.

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Bikini Berlin Garden, 2. OG, Budapester Straße 50, 10787 Berlin

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Monday, 12 November

10:00–16:00  PILnet Stakeholder Strategy Convening: Legal Empowerment of Civil Society in the Age of Globalization
—By invitation only

The second annual PILnet Stakeholder Strategy Convening is a gathering for thought leaders to exchange ideas and chart the future of public interest law. This year’s convening addresses the role of public interest lawyers in empowering civil society and advancing human rights by means other than traditional rights-based mechanisms. Discussions explore PILnet’s role in helping civil society organizations to develop new or alternative business models to harness the power of economic systems for social change.

Location:  White & Case | Rahel-Hirsch Straße 10, 10557 Berlin

10:00–13:30  Global Meeting of Pro Bono Clearinghouses
—By invitation only

The annual global meeting of pro bono clearinghouses offers a chance to exchange ideas, progress, and insight with your peers from around the world.

Location:  Raue | Potsdamer Platz 1, 10785 Berlin

10:00–13:30  Global Meeting of Law Firm Pro Bono Professionals
—By invitation only

PILnet, in partnership with the U.K. Collaborative Plan for Pro Bono and the Association of Pro Bono Counsel, convenes this annual global meeting of law firm pro bono professionals to provide peer-to-peer insight into pro bono trends and challenges within law firms and an exchange of best practices.

Location:  Dentons | Markgrafenstraße 33, 10117 Berlin
10:00–13:30  **Global Meeting of In-House Pro Bono Professionals**  
—*By invitation only*  
The global meeting of in-house pro bono professionals provides peer-to-peer insight into trends and challenges of doing legal pro bono work within companies and an exchange of best practices.  
**Location:** Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer | Potsdamer Platz 1, 10785 Berlin

15:00–18:00  **Joint Global Meeting of Pro Bono Clearinghouse, Law Firm, and In-House Pro Bono Professionals**  
—*By invitation only*  
Pro bono professionals from clearinghouses, law firms, and companies come together in this joint meeting to build better relationships and discuss how to create more effective cross-sector collaborations.  
**Location:** SUPER concept space  
Bikini Berlin Garden, 2. OG, Budapester Straße 50, 10787 Berlin

19:00–21:00  **Global Forum Welcome Reception**  
—*Open to all Forum attendees*  
Drinks and canapes served  
**Location:** SUPER concept space, Bikini  
Bikini Berlin Garden, 2. OG, Budapester Straße 50, 10787 Berlin

**Tuesday, 13 November**

**PILnet Global Forum**  
**Location:**  
Crowne Plaza City Centre  
Nurnberger Straße 65, 10787 Berlin

08:15–09:00  **Registration**

09:00–10:00  **Opening Plenary**  
**Room:** Conference Centre Sections II & III  
**Speakers:**  
- Marianne McKeown | PILnet | Austria  
- Garth Meintjes | PILnet | U.S.A.  
- Kimberley Motley | Motley Legal | Afghanistan  
- Christoph Steegmans | Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth | Germany
10:00–11:00  
**Plenary Panel Discussion:**
**Using Law to Build More Resilient Civil Societies**

Organized civil society across Europe faces shrinking legal space for its operations and dwindling trust and credibility that is inhibiting their missions and objectives, and weakening their sustainability. This panel discussion explores new public interest law tools that can be used to protect the interests of vulnerable communities before injustices occur, and new types of cooperation between public and private lawyers and civil society actors to ensure that the public interest has a seat at the decision-making table.

**Room:** Conference Centre Sections II & III

**Moderator:**
- Andrej Nosko | PILnet | Hungary

**Speakers:**
- Balazs Denes | Civil Liberties Union for Europe | Germany
- Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram | Clifford Chance | Poland
- Stephanie Hankey | Tactical Technology Collective | Germany
- Owen Pell | White & Case | U.S.A.

11:00–11:30  
**Coffee Break**

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**Room:** Conference Centre Section I

11:30–12:30  
**Pro Bono and Legal Empowerment in Africa**

This session aims to explore the role of pro bono, public interest law, and legal empowerment in realizing UN Sustainable Development Goal 16, which aims to: “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.” Discuss the efforts being made to undertake the establishment of regional pro bono networks in several regions and the role of pro bono in the legal empowerment of women in Africa.

**Room:** Conference Centre Sections II & III

**Moderator:**
- Toby Collis | Advocates for International Development | U.K.
**Speakers:**
- **Marlene Halpern** | Center for Reproductive Rights | U.S.A.
- **Jonathan Kaufman** | Advocates for Community Alternatives | Ghana
- **Michelle Odayan** | Probono.org | South Africa
- **Stanley Nyamanhindi** | Southern African Development Community Lawyers Association | South Africa

**Pro Bono Pitches**

In this fast-paced session, listen to pro bono pitches for three current areas of critical need. Seeking feedback, advice and collaboration, the speakers aim to walk away with tangible next steps and partners. An expert panel will provide feedback on the projects before audience members get their chance to ask questions and explore how they can get involved.

**Room:** London/Paris

**Moderator:**
- **Stephanie Biedermann** | PILnet | Hong Kong

**Expert Panel:**
- **Leontine Chuang** | PILnet | Hong Kong
- **Claire Fourel** | Ashurst | U.K.

**Speakers:**

**Pitch 1: Sex Workers' Rights in Europe and Central Asia**
- **Stewart Cunningham** | International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe | Netherlands

**Pitch 2: Refugees Empowered to Lead**
- **Laura Tuell** | Jones Day | U.S.A.
- **Sarah Mesick** | National Partnership for New Americans | U.S.A.

**Pitch 3: Assisting Refugees Using Complementary Pathways to Resettlement**
- **Kristine Rembach** | International Refugee Assistance Project | U.S.A.

**Pro Bono in Germany**

*Supported by Pro Bono*

An increased spotlight on responsible business practices, the arrival of large numbers of refugees, and a flourishing community of non-profit innovators has spurred the continued rise of pro bono culture in Germany since the PILnet Forum last took place in Berlin in 2011. This workshop examines the progress that has been made, the gaps that remain in accessing legal assistance and areas of legal need in Germany, and the continued impediments and challenges to doing pro bono in Germany today.
Room: Berlin

Moderator:
- Peter Braun | Dentons | Germany

Speakers:
- Cord Bruegmann | Independent Lawyer and Consultant | Germany
- Thomas Flatten | White & Case | Germany
- Peter Kromminga | UPJ | Germany

11.30–12.30
How Will the Next Generation of Lawyers Shape Firms of the Future?

Sponsored by Orrick

A great salary, top tier clients, and partner track are no longer enough. The next generation of lawyers are motivated by social justice and being a force for good in the world. To recruit top talent, law firms increasingly need to demonstrate a deep commitment to social responsibility and provide meaningful ways for these lawyers to engage in impactful pro bono. How can firms improve their recruitment models and deepen their pro bono programs to respond to this changing demographic? Join us for a conversation between human resources, university and pro bono professionals, and a young lawyer sharing their views in this field.

Room: Amsterdam/Wien

Moderator:
- Amy Grunske | Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe | U.K.

Speakers:
- Lindsay Ernst | The University of Hong Kong | Hong Kong
- Julian Gebauer | Herbert Smith Freehills | Germany
- Maria Hidalgo | Hogan Lovells | Spain
- Jeni Taylor | Reed Smith | U.K.

11.30–12.30
Navigating Shifting Compliance Requirements and Increasing the Resilience of Civil Society

Law provides opportunities for organized civil society to advocate for change, but it is also being used with increasing frequency around the world to limit, quiet, and punish critical civil society voices. Maintaining resilience in this context is difficult and requires a variety of tools and approaches, and compliance is on the frontlines of this defense. Resilient organizations need to understand what the law requires and how to comply with it, and pro bono lawyers can unlock that insight. This workshop looks at examples of how lawyers and civil society are working together to navigate compliance requirements and to explore alternative structures, locations, and governance.
Room: Rome/Helsinki

Moderator:
• Goran Buldioski | Open Society Foundations | Germany

Speakers:
• Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram | Clifford Chance | Poland
• Lamin Khadar | Dentons | Netherlands
• Milan Sagat | Via Iuris | Slovakia

12.30–14.00  Lunch

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Room: Conference Centre Section I

12:55–14:00  Open Discussion: Pro Bono and Public Interest Law in Africa
This lunchtime discussion is an opportunity to continue the discussion around exploring pro bono in Africa and is a chance to pitch new projects and collaborations for work in the region. The session is further an opportunity to discuss the take-away points from the session on pro bono and legal empowerment in Africa.

Room: Conference Centre Sections II & III

Moderator:
• Toby Collis | Advocates for International Development | U.K.

12:55–14:00  Discussion: Pro Bono and Public Interest Law in Asia-Pacific
—By invitation only
This lunchtime discussion is an opportunity for representatives of law firms, NGOs and others to meet and exchange the latest developments and updates around pro bono in the Asia-Pacific region. The session also offers a platform to explore collaboration, new ideas, and potential synergies around new projects.

Room: London/Paris

Moderator:
• Leontine Chuang | PILnet | Hong Kong
12:55–14:00

**Discussion: Pro Bono and Public Interest Law in Eurasia**

*—By invitation only*

This lunchtime discussion brings together stakeholders of PILnet’s regional project supported by the International Visegrad Fund and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Project that supports local pro bono and advocacy efforts in the EU Eastern Partnership countries, as well as other stakeholders from the Eurasian region.

**Room:** Berlin

**Moderators:**
- Tamas Barabas | PILnet | Hungary
- Dmitry Shabelnikov | PILnet | Russia

**Speakers:**
- Octavian Cazac | Turcan Cazac | Moldova
- Irakli Kandashvili | Georgian Bar Association | Georgia
- Elchin Usub | Azerbaijan Bar Association | Azerbaijan

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14:00–15:00

**The Value of a Network**

This session explores the opportunities and challenges of a country-focused multidisciplinary network for legal pro bono. Members of the U.K. Sierra Leone Pro Bono Network, which comprises solicitors, barristers, judges, and civil society organizations, share their experiences on the formation, activities, and benefits of their network. This session is useful for pro bono providers working in environments with multiple stakeholders, to coordinate and provide more effective activities.

**Room:** Conference Centre Sections II & III

**Moderator:**
- Naomi Barnard | ROLE U.K. | U.K.

**Speakers:**
- Lloydette Bai-Marrow | ParaMetric Global Consulting | U.K.
- Gelaga King | 2 Bedford Row | U.K.
- Rebecca Perlman | African Commercial Law Foundation | U.K.

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14:00–15:00

**Access to Affordable Maternal Health Care for Undocumented Migrant Women in the EU**

In many European Union member states, undocumented migrant women’s access to affordable maternal health care is undermined or denied as a result
of laws and policies that directly or indirectly prevent them from accessing free or subsidised care. In addition, in some member states reporting obligations or the absence of effective firewalls undermine undocumented migrant women’s access to affordable maternal health care. In particular such laws and policies impede undocumented migrant women’s access to early, regular and adequate antenatal care thereby exposing them to serious risks during pregnancy. Such laws and policies contradict public health guidelines and violate human rights standards. The workshop aims to highlight how collaborative work between civil society and pro bono lawyers can help identify and shine a spotlight on the multiple legal and policy barriers undocumented migrant women in Europe face in access to affordable maternal health care.

**Room:** London/Paris

**Moderator:**
- Annamaria Csenterics | Dentons | Hungary

**Speakers:**
- Masha Bontje | DLA Piper | Netherlands
- Leah Hoctor | Center for Reproductive Rights | Switzerland
- Alyna Smith | Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants | Belgium

14:00–15:00  **Establishing a Clearinghouse: How to Pioneer a Collaborative Initiative to Maximize the Development of Pro Bono Work**

This panel examines the role of clearinghouses in building a culture of pro bono in places where it is new or underdeveloped, in the context of lessons learned by newly-formed clearinghouses worldwide. This discussion also includes ideas for how to overcome some of the specific challenges that clearinghouses face, in order to assess and maximize impact (whether the clearinghouse is new or more established).

**Room:** Berlin

**Moderators:**
- Jorge Escobedo | Vance Center for International Justice | U.S.A.

**Speakers:**
- Leire Larracochea | Fundacion Pro Bono Espana | Spain
- Ivette Montero | Centro Mexicano Pro Bono | Mexico
- Annemarie van den Heuvel | Pro Bono Connect | Netherlands
**Law Students as Change-Makers**

In 2017, PILnet organized the inaugural Law for Change Student Competition in Hong Kong, in which students were given the opportunity to develop innovative solutions using the law to address local social justice needs, under the guidance of legal mentors. This workshop explores how initiatives like this can create opportunities to educate, empower, and mobilize law students to be change-makers in their communities, and also how the legal community can come together to provide guidance and mentorship for emerging lawyers who are interested and committed to using their legal expertise to bring forth social change.

**Room:** Amsterdam/Wien

**Moderator:**
- Catherine Cheung | PILnet | Hong Kong

**Speakers:**
- Hansika Agrawal | The University of Hong Kong | Hong Kong
- Karen Fan | The University of Hong Kong | Hong Kong
- Soyoung Kim | The University of Hong Kong | Hong Kong
- Alison Li | The University of Hong Kong | Hong Kong
- Veronika Kramar Mandelj | The University of Hong Kong | Hong Kong
- Sally Yiu | The University of Hong Kong | Hong Kong
- Marcus Yuen | The University of Hong Kong | Hong Kong

**The Future of International Justice in Local Contexts**

The panel explores current challenges in advancing international justice in Africa and beyond. The panel discusses how law can help reconcile the tension between international justice and local justice, when they in fact exist, as well as how to navigate the local politics and perceptions of justice in Africa. By exploring how international justice can actually empower those whom it seeks to protect, the panel seeks to better understand the ways in which international justice can be achieved locally.

**Room:** Rome/Helsinki

**Moderator:**
- Stanley Nyamanhindi | Southern African Development Community Lawyers Association | South Africa

**Speakers:**
- Kimberley Motley | Motley Legal | Afghanistan
- Angela Mudukuti | The Wayamo Foundation | Germany

**Coffee Break**
15:30–16:30  **Pro Bono in Underserved Regions**

What types of pro bono support can law firms provide to organizations and institutions in underserved areas of the world? How do you promote success? This workshop explores practical issues and lessons learned when developing and running pro bono projects in developing countries.

**Room:** Conference Centre Sections II & III

**Moderator:**
- Claire Donse | DLA Piper | France

**Speakers:**
- Margaux Bia | DLA Piper | Belgium
- Suzanna Brickman | New Perimeter | U.S.A.
- Joe Tan | Advocates for International Development | U.K.

15:30–16:30  **Collaborating with Law School Clinics to Assist Refugees**

Sponsored by [Latham & Watkins](https://www.latham.com)

This panel explores ways in which law school clinics can go global. It considers various models for international clinical projects designed to foster collaboration among students from different countries and schools, which can involve pro bono lawyers and grassroots organizations as key partners. The speakers will discuss ways for lawyers to engage meaningfully with law school clinics, using as an example a clinical project focused on access to work, integration, and social empowerment for asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants.

**Room:** London/Paris

**Moderator:**
- Lindsay Ernst | University of Hong Kong | Hong Kong

**Speakers:**
- Christoph Koenig | Refugee Law Clinics Deutschland | Germany
- Max Oehl | Refugee Law Clinics Deutschland | Germany
- Ulrich Stege | University of Turin | Italy

15:30–16:30  **Making the Most Out of Pro Bono**

To make the most out of pro bono, to make it more meaningful, it is important for pro bono lawyers to develop deeper relationships with their NGO clients. How can this be done? How are relationships optimized between pro bono lawyers and their NGO clients and how is multi-level engagement created to link pro bono support to an NGO’s strategic work? This panel presents perspectives from an NGO and a law firm as well as a clearinghouse on how they have optimized and created relationships that have deeper relevance and impact.

**Room:** Berlin
Improving Access to Justice For Trafficked Persons

Increasingly the legal community is becoming more engaged in combating human trafficking across the globe. In 2018, PILnet embarked on a new initiative that aims to create a network of pro bono lawyers to support and strengthen the legal capacities of anti-trafficking in person (ATIP) organizations in five selected jurisdictions in Asia (Cambodia, Hong Kong, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam). This workshop explores existing partnerships between lawyers and ATIP organizations, highlights success stories and discusses challenges and lessons learned.

Room: Amsterdam/Wien

Moderator:
• Julia Mayerhofer | PILnet | Hong Kong

Speakers:
• Julia Macher | Liberty Global|Asia | Germany
• Annemiek van Goor | Netherlands Helsinki Committee | Netherlands


Is it possible to reap financial and social returns? There is growing movement in the philanthropic community around the world toward social impact investing. This is an area that is particularly well suited for corporate lawyers to contribute their expertise. This panel serves as a beginner’s guide to social impact investing—with a speaker introducing what social impact investing is and two law firms discussing how they set up a pro bono practice in this area.

Room: Rome/Helsinki

Moderator:
• Hannah Tye | Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer | U.K.

Speakers:
• Tobias Faber | Hogan Lovells | Germany
• Rene Kathawala | Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe | U.S.A.
• Diane Stewart | DLS International Legal | PILnet Board | U.K.
16:30–16:45  Break

16:45–17:45  Engaging the Private Sector in Assisting Refugees in Detention

This panel explores successful efforts to engage law firms and private companies in the delivery of legal services to detained refugees. There are many barriers that have deterred the private sector from participating in legal projects in detention centers. Look at some successful endeavors in Europe and the U.S., highlight the benefits to the law firms and private businesses, and identify techniques to overcome the barriers. Perspectives are shared from the viewpoints of law firms, private businesses, and the NGOs organizing the efforts.

Room: Conference Centre Sections II & III

Moderator:
• Laura Tuell | Jones Day | U.S.A.

Speakers:
• Luke Arbuthnot | Goldman Sachs International | U.K.
• Serge Clerckx | Jones Day | Belgium
• Elina Sarantou | HIAS | Greece

16:45–17:45  Private Sector for Public Good: Human Rights by Other Means

Sponsored by PAUL HASTINGS

Rapidly changing political and socio-economic conditions, as well as the threat of government interference, make it necessary for public interest lawyers to revisit conventional legal approaches. Litigation, advocacy and “naming and shaming” can still be effective, but have their limits. More innovative approaches to public interest lawyering must be explored. Some of these approaches are routinely used by the private sector and can serve to complement the more traditional approaches. Threats to the public interest are different today than they were 20 years ago. How do we, as public interest lawyers, change the way we use law to address these threats?

Room: London/Paris

Moderator:
• Racine Ramhurry | PILnet | U.S.A.

Speakers:
• Gearoid O’Cuinn | Global Legal Action Network | Ireland
• Lise Smit | British Institute for International and Comparative Law | U.K.
• Carolijn Terwindt | European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights | Germany
How Can In-house Counsel and Law Firms Work Together on Broader Access to Justice Goals?

Sponsored by DLA Piper

Globally, interest continues to grow for law firms to partner with their commercial clients on pro bono projects. But is this the only way they can work together to further access to justice goals? What more can they do? What are the risks for commercial client relationships and for pro bono clients themselves? What has worked well? What hasn’t? Panelists, drawing on their own experiences, will discuss how they have built successful collaborations and the challenges to doing this type of work together.

Room: Berlin

Moderator:
- Eric Koenig | Microsoft (retired) | PILnet Board | U.S.A.

Speakers:
- Nicky Friedman | Allens | Australia
- David Hillard | Clayton Utz | Australia
- Will Scrimshaw | Microsoft | U.K.

Social Impact Investing II: Exploring Different Models

Sponsored by Reed Smith

This panel takes a deeper dive into social impact investing and looks at different models and instruments used for social impact investing around the world. Industry experts and lawyers on the panel discuss some of the different instruments and models and also provide insight into how lawyers can contribute to the movement.

Room: Rome/Helsinki

Moderator:
- Jean-Luc Bedos | Dentons | PILnet Board | France

Speakers:
- Ranajoy Basu | Reed Smith | U.K.
- Adrian Fuchs | Financing Agency for Social Entrepreneurship | Germany
- Mareike van Oosting | Hogan Lovells | Germany

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Wednesday, 14 November

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09:30–11:00  **Opening Plenary and Spark Talks: Law for Change**
*Sponsored by WHITE & CASE*

**Room:** Conference Centre Sections II & III

**Speakers:**
- Ulrich Schellenberg | Deutscher Anwaltverein | Germany
- Suzanne Turner | Dechert | PILnet Board | U.S.A.

**Spark Talk 1:** Pro Bono Frontiers: Helping Bhutan Create its First Law School
- Jacquelyn MacLennan | White & Case | PILnet Board | Belgium
- Louis O’Neill | White & Case | U.S.A.

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**Room:** Conference Centre Section I

11:30–12:30  **Legal Empowerment Through Technology**
*Sponsored by Microsoft*

Technology can be a powerful tool for legal empowerment. When it meets real need, is designed with users at the centre of the process, and is properly resourced, it can unlock access to justice for excluded individuals and populations. But it’s hard to hit that sweet spot when there is a lack of tech know-how within the public interest and access to justice sector. This workshop looks at what it takes to use technology meaningfully for legal empowerment.
**Room:** Conference Centre Sections II & III

**Moderator:**
- Andrej Nosko | PILnet | Hungary

**Speakers:**
- Ozgur Kahale | DLA Piper | France
- Peggy Reuter-Heinrich | HeiReS | Germany
- Amy Squires | Microsoft | U.S.A.

11:30–12:30

**Changing the System: Developing a Policy Voice for Pro Bono**

The workshop examines the impact and influence that the pro bono community can have on public policy, both in the context of law reform and wider potential human rights and societal change. The speakers address: 1) public advocacy/campaigning approaches, 2) strategic litigation approaches, and 3) consultative forums and mechanisms. Discussion will also focus on how civil society organizations can amplify the messages about the work of pro bono—including media and citizen engagement and linking legal problems into larger policy issues. Through specific issues and case studies, the speakers examine different approaches, including how strategic litigation has responded to new challenges, and identify good practice protocols, partnership models, and tools to help practitioners, advocates and pro bono partners to effectively prioritize their resources in affecting policy change.

**Room:** London/Paris

**Moderators:**
- Ingrid Gubbay | Hausfeld & Co. | U.K.
- James Sandbach | LawWorks | U.K.

**Speakers:**
- Filip Gregor | Frank Bold | Czech Republic
- Peter Kromminga | UPJ | Germany
- Yolande Meyvis | Dentons | Belgium
- Christopher Patz | European Coalition for Corporate Justice | Belgium

11:30–12:30

**Lawyers Across Borders I: European Lawyers in Lesvos**

**DAV Workshop**

This workshop delves deeper into the experience and lessons learned from the European Lawyers in Lesvos (ELIL) project. Providing legal assistance to refugee communities in Greece, and elsewhere in Europe, remains an area of critical need and the ELIL model can provide examples of how to effectively mobilize lawyers at home and across borders.

**Room:** Berlin
11:30–12:30

**The Rights of LGBTQ+ People: Individual Protection & Strategic Change**

*Sponsored by Allen & Overy*

The work of human rights defenders, NGOs, civil society, lawyers and others in protecting and upholding the human rights of LGBTQ+ people is broad in terms of scope, delivery and client group. This panel explores efforts across the spectrum, from individuals fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries at one end, to strategic litigation catalyzing legal change at the other. The imperative on lawyers to be mindful of historical contexts and local sensitivities in all aspects of rights protection work and the difficulties of navigating conflicting objectives and priorities is also considered.

**Room:** Amsterdam/Wien

**Moderator:**
- Aditi Kapoor | Allen & Overy | U.K.

**Speakers:**
- Victoria Barnes | Human Dignity Trust | U.K.
- Josh Little | Allen & Overy | U.K.
- Kimahli Powell | Rainbow Railroad | Canada

12:30–13:30

**Lunch**

12:30–13:30

**Pro Bono Marketplace: Meet & Greet**

Browse the marketplace to find new pro bono opportunities and connect with new partners from around the world. Over lunchtime, representatives of NGOs and clearinghouses will be available to meet at their stalls.

**Room:** Conference Centre Section I

13:30–14:30

**Training Part I: Learning from the Private Sector: Lobbying, Advocacy & Building Resilience**

What if citizens, corporations and NGOs could team up in pursuit of social change? It might sound far-fetched but our planet would be better off if this became the reality, rather than a fantasy. This session is for NGO advocates, private sector professionals and citizen activists looking to collaboratively deploy lobbying as a tool for social change. In the first of this two-part training
we will explore a number of important questions: how do you design an advocacy campaign? Which legal and political tools can you deploy? How can you build leverage? How can you collaborate with the private sector?

**Room:** Conference Centre Sections II & III

**Speakers:**
- **Lamin Khadar** | Dentons | Netherlands
- **Alasdair Tyrrell** | The Good Lobby | Belgium

**Roundtable Part I: Responding to the Legal Needs of Children on the Move in Europe through Pro Bono Assistance**

—*By invitation only*

Part I of roundtable discussions, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), with the assistance of JustRight Scotland (JRS), is in the final planning stages of launching a new effort to address the humanitarian crisis of unaccompanied children on the move across Europe. The collaboration will work closely with established law firm counsel, corporate counsel, legal practitioners, organizations, and current initiatives to enhance existing capacity through the provision of pro bono legal services to children on the move. Partnering with PILnet, KIND and JRS are convening this roundtable with pro bono experts to discuss the proposal, solicit feedback, and identify potential pilot site locations in which to launch these activities.

**Room:** London/Paris

**13:30–14:30**

**Lawyers Across Borders II: Challenges, Experiences & Needs**

**DAV Workshop**

In what circumstances does legal advice need to be provided abroad and what is already being done? What concrete challenges can occur when lawyers counsel abroad? How can networks to exchange knowledge and best practice be established? The aim of this workshop is to draw upon experience gained in legal consulting abroad as well as in analyzing the rule of law in specific countries “in the field” in order to clarify how networking can be improved to achieve even more effective outcomes.

**Room:** Berlin

**Moderator:**
- **Adriana Kessler** | JUMEN | Germany

**Speakers:**
- **Thomas Oberhaeuser** | Deutscher Anwaltverein | Germany
- **Natacha Bracq** | The International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute | France
**Alternative Business Models for Public Interest Lawyering**

To advance the public interest, two models are well established: (1) commercial, usually large, law firms that do pro bono work, and (2) NGOs/legal nonprofits. This workshop explores alternative business models for working in the public interest such as a “public interest law firm” (a private law firm whose primary focus is public interest) and a social enterprise law firm. The workshop discusses how these initiatives are structured, how they are able to sustain their work and what advantages these models bring along to advance the public interest.

*Room:* Amsterdam/Wien

**Moderator:**
- Gearoid O’Cuinn | Global Legal Action Network | Ireland

**Speakers:**
- Ilann M. Maazel | Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady | U.S.A.
- Kimberley Motley | Motley Legal | Afghanistan
- Amelia Weidner | Salvos Legal Humanitarian | Australia

14:30–14:45 **Break**

14:45–15:45 **Training Part II: Learning from the Private Sector: Impactful Communication through Language and Design**

This, the second session in a two-part training, will explore how advocates can maximize their impact through effective communication as well as the golden rules of both written and visual advocacy.

*Room:* Conference Centre Sections II & III

**Speakers:**
- Lamin Khadar | Dentons | Netherlands
- Roman Stepanenko | Nike | Netherlands

14:45–15:45 **Roundtable Part II: Responding to the Legal Needs of Children on the Move in Europe through Pro Bono Assistance**

—By invitation only

Part II of roundtable discussions led by Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), with the assistance of JustRight Scotland (JRS), on launching a new effort to address the humanitarian crisis of unaccompanied children on the move across Europe.

*Room:* London/Paris
Establishing Independent Legal Advice as a Standard Measure for Humanitarian Aid

DAV Workshop

Deutscher Anwaltverein (DAV) is leading discussions with several worldwide organizations, including the UN, about how to establish legal assistance as a standard humanitarian aid measure. Join this workshop in order to find out how they are proposing to do that and to participate in the discussion about how to move their suggestions forward.

**Room:** Berlin

**Moderator:**
- Leonie Lockau | Deutscher Anwaltverein | Germany

**Speakers:**
- Ekram Nicola | Norwegian Refugee Council | Palestine
- Vinzent Vogt | Refugee Law Clinics Abroad | Greece
- Stefan von Raumer | Deutscher Anwaltverein | Germany

Pro Bono in EU Law Strategic Litigation: The Coman Case

The CJEU judgment in Coman and Others will revolutionize the meaning of the term “spouse” under EU law. This strategic case drew upon a unique collaboration of lawyers from across the human rights and corporate sectors, and was bolstered by domestic campaigns for law reform in Romania. This workshop will explore the partnerships, campaigns and strategy that made it possible.

**Room:** Amsterdam/Wien

**Moderator:**
- Arpi Avetisyan | ILGA Europe | Belgium

**Speakers:**
- Iustina Ionescu | ACCEPT | Romania
- Jacquelyn MacLennan | White & Case | PILnet Board | Belgium

Closing Plenary

**Room:** Conference Centre Sections II & III

Wine Reception
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PILnet would like to thank Deutscher Anwaltverein (DAV), the German Bar Association, for partnering with us on a unique stream of talks and workshops highlighting the critical need for more free legal assistance during humanitarian crises.

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2018 PILnet Global Awards

This year, PILnet welcomed an impressive array of nominations from across the globe for two Global Awards. PILnet’s Award for Exemplary Partnership in the Public Interest is awarded to the best pro bono legal project undertaken as a collaboration between an NGO and a law firm, with an impact felt in more than one country. The Award for Local Pro Bono Impact honors the best innovative pro bono legal project undertaken by a law firm and/or NGO or the wider pro bono community.

All winners are selected by a jury independent of PILnet and PILnet staff. Award recipients will be announced on 13 November, at the PILnet Global Awards Dinner Reception.

2018 Award for Exemplary Partnership in the Public Interest

SHORTLISTED PROJECTS

Ancile Avocats, Amnesty International France and ACAT

The law firm Ancile Avocats, in coordination with Amnesty International France and Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (ACAT), drew up a legal opinion on the French arms trade with Saudi Arabia and the UAE in the context of the ongoing Yemeni armed conflict and humanitarian crisis. The opinion, published on the 20th of March 2018, analyzed the lawfulness of the arms trade with States involved—especially regarding international humanitarian law and France’s international commitments, in particular the Arms Trade Treaty and the 2008 Council Common Position defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment. Ancil Avocats assessed precisely the high level of legal risk regarding the compliance of France with its domestic, European and international law obligations, since the transfer of weapons and related items to Saudi Arabia and the UAE can potentially be used to carry out war crimes. The legal opinion exposes several axes for lawsuits including administrative, civil, and criminal claims, tackling both the French State and French arms exporting companies. This could be the first step towards NGOs partnering with Ancil Avocats to use legal claims to defend Yemeni human rights. After the publication, NGOs have used the opinion in their advocacy actions and are considering joining any potential legal case as claimants or civil party to pursue the partnership in the long run.

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld and Lawyers Without Borders

Lawyers Without Borders (LWOB) worked with lawyers at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld to conduct a mid-program external review to ensure that LWOB was on track for compliance with each of their grant and program objectives and to alert LWOB to any gaps. The “Gap Analysis, Evaluation and Review” is considered a best-practice planning tool that is essential to identify the tasks that are required to properly deliver each project. Monitoring and evaluation are possibly the most critical aspects of a rule of law program, yet often NGOs lack the resources that would ensure a comprehensive analysis. Akin Gump’s lawyers observed and monitored all
major training programs, interacted with attendees, staff and trainers, and elicited input from all key stakeholders. This yielded important programming data and metrics, and also signalled to stakeholders that their input and contribution to the nature, extent, and quality of the program is valued. The programming areas reviewed included wildlife crime and community/wildlife conflict, and anti-human trafficking programs in Tanzania and Kenya. Currently, Akin Gump is reviewing programs aimed at countering extreme violence (counter-terrorism) with LWOB in Kenya.

**Instituto Internacional de Derecho y Sociedad/International Institute on Law & Society and Central Unica de Rondas Campesinas del Peru**

Instituto Internacional de Derecho y Sociedad, in collaboration with Central Unica de Rondas Campesinas del Peru and indigenous organizations Pacto de Unidad de Organizaciones Nacionales de Pueblos Indigenas and Comunidad Nativa Tres Islas, provided pro bono legal defense for indigenous peoples in Latin America, including the countries of Peru, Chile, Colombia, and Guatemala. This collaboration empowered indigenous people to better protect themselves and their land. These achievements included: enforcing precautionary measures granted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for indigenous leaders from original peoples from Cajamarca (Peru) persecuted due to their opposition to an unconsulted mega mining project called “Conga”; achieving the first judgement from the Constitutional Tribunal in Peru that recognizes indigenous people’s autonomy; fulfilling legal recognition of indigenous people’s territorial autonomy demands; supporting indigenous people to elaborate a bill for the effective recognition of an indigenous legal justice system called “egalitarian legal pluralism”; organizing public hearings; organizing trainings for indigenous leaders in international laws and in strategic litigation matters; and finally, defending ordinances that recognize the legal personality of indigenous peoples in Peru before the Constitutional Tribunal.

**Linklaters, Debevoise & Plimpton, Hogan Lovells and eyeWitness to Atrocities**

Linklaters, Debevoise & Plimpton, and Hogan Lovells partnered with eyeWitness to Atrocities to review footage gathered on their mobile app. eyeWitness to Atrocities provides human rights defenders and organizations documenting human rights abuses with a mobile app to capture relevant video footage and photos embedded with metadata to verify where and when it was taken and whether it has been altered. Both the images and the metadata are stored within the app until the footage is then sent to a secure server and reviewed by pro bono lawyers who curate the information for potential use in international investigations and prosecutions. Every piece of footage that had been recorded and secured through the app was reviewed by a team of lawyers who used their legal training and understanding of the rules of evidence to catalogue, tag, and objectively record the material in legal terms and then compile dossiers on particular situations. The eyeWitness app has had a significant positive impact on the delivery of justice to victims of international war crimes due to its revolutionary ability to safeguard the authenticity of video and photo evidence of human rights atrocities around the world. By sending the footage to a secure server, a secure chain of custody is established which then allows the footage to be used as evidence in prosecutions and investigations. The partnership with the firms, and the
ability of the pro bono lawyers to review an enormous amount of footage in a short amount of time, has allowed eyeWitness to have an impact on international accountability by contributing audiovisual evidence to help secure prosecutions for the most heinous crimes. The partnership between eyeWitness and the pro bono firms is what allows this technology to have impact. Without this partnership, eyeWitness would not have the capacity to review the vast amount of evidence that comes in or deal with requests from investigators and prosecutors where evidence must be provided on a tight deadline.

**White & Case and ACCEPT Romania**

White & Case partnered with ACCEPT Romania to represent Adrian Coman, a Romanian national who argued for the right to have his same-sex American husband live with him in Romania, despite the Romanian Civil Code prohibiting the recognition of same-sex marriages or partnerships legally registered in other states. ACCEPT initiated strategic litigation leading to a case before the Romanian Constitutional Court and a referral to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). White & Case joined ACCEPT in preparation for the CJEU hearing, arguing that the European values of dignity and non-discrimination should be applied to same-sex couples, and to clearly establish the balance between national identities and traditions, and the respect for EU fundamental freedoms. The impact of the case has already been felt in Romania where the Constitutional Court decided in July 2018 that the Civil Code prohibition is unconstitutional on the basis that it limits freedom of movement of same-sex couples. ACCEPT has also used the case to advocate for legislation on same-sex partnerships. A draft bill that provides for legal recognition of same-sex couples is currently pending in the parliament. The case is also having a ripple effect in other countries where there is no legal recognition of same-sex couples, including Bulgaria, where the courts have already started to apply the Coman decision directly.

**2018 Award for Local Pro Bono Impact**

**SHORTLISTED PROJECTS**

**Dentons and Dentons Europe Dabrowski i Wspólnicy**

Dentons’ Warsaw office has developed a unique pro bono strategic litigation practice under the visionary leadership of Agnieszka Wardak (Partner and Head of Dentons’ Criminal Litigation and Internal Investigation practice) and Wojciech Kozlowski (Partner and Head of Dentons’ Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice) to fortify civic freedoms, human rights, and the rule of law in Poland, taking on several cases. One topic they have focused on is countering pro-Nazi propaganda and Holocaust denial. In a major unprecedented case, they are representing two Holocaust survivors and an anti-Nazi resistance fighter, who filed a lawsuit against the publisher of books praising Adolf Hitler and denying the Holocaust. They have also provided support to the Association of Jewish World War II Veterans and Victims in order to enable the publication of a book that reveals the truth about war crimes and the Holocaust and are currently countering xenophobia and ethnic/religious hatred and representing victims of xenophobia and slander who claim a violation of their
dignity and identity. Several of these cases concern the protection of personal rights and civil law as well as freedom of expression. Dentons represented blogger Andrzej Radke in a landmark freedom of speech case that they took in cooperation with the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights. Mr. Radke, a retired Solidarity activist who had been imprisoned during Soviet times, had published blog posts criticizing the local government’s operations and a video that proved embarrassing for the local government. In another case they represented Polish blogger, Pawel Zieba, who was charged by authorities with a similar petty offense for criticizing the actions of local authorities. Dentons obtained a full acquittal. Additionally, they took on a high-profile case in which Polish poet and activist Jan Kapela was charged with disrespecting the Polish national anthem by modifying the anthem’s lyrics to make a statement about the country’s refusal to take its fair share of refugees. Dentons is determined not only to improve the situation of particular individuals, but to obtain landmark court decisions with far-reaching implications for the interpretation and application of the law.

**Forum for Nation Building Nepal**

The Forum for Nation Building Nepal (FNB Nepal) launched Community Mobile Legal Clinics (CMLCs) to provide victims with advice on legal issues arising from the 2015 earthquake in eight of the hardest-hit districts in the country. Training of trainers for lawyers and law students was initially completed, along with the publications of booklets and posters. Over the course of a year, 90 CMLCs were conducted, directly benefiting 7,901 people; nine policy advocacy sessions with stakeholders were facilitated, and legal awareness was promoted through social media. The CMLCs were led by lawyers and law students from the FNB Nepal team, which provided legal literacy classes regarding the developments and amenities announced by the government. This was followed by free group and individual legal consultations regarding the reconstruction and other legal complications of the earthquake. Since 2015, FNP Nepal has directly reached 15,766 people through 180 CMLCs.

**Gomez-Acebo & Pombo, Fernando Pombo Foundation, and Servicio Jesuita a Migrantes y Pueblos Unidos NGO**

Gomez-Acebo & Pombo, Fernando Pombo Foundation (FPF), and Servicio Jesuita a Migrantes y Pueblos Unidos NGO published a unique and groundbreaking practical guide on legal assistance to migrants in detention centers with the goals of: promoting access to and enjoyment of internees’ rights in detention centers; improving the legal assistance of internees; raising awareness with lawyers of the situation of forced migrants; and reinforcing and supporting the legal profession’s efficiency and ability to support vulnerable people in this area. This project has contributed to the advancement of the rule of law by enabling access to justice to forced migrants before, during, and after their stay in a detention center. The seven Spanish Bar Associations in jurisdictions with a detention center have been sent the Guide and website link. They are currently disseminating this material at their southern border hotspots and the cities of Ceuta and Melilila, on the North coast of Africa. The Guide was distributed among all of the legal aid lawyers that assisted the persons that arrived at the boat Aquarius in Valencia. Collaboration agreements are being put in place to escalate the dissemination of the work. Programs have now
been, or are being, implemented at the Madrid Bar and the Barcelona Bar to provide training and disseminate the use of the website to legal aid lawyers. Subject to funding, they will develop this in the other five bar associations where there are detention centers.

**Hogan Lovells, Justice for Magdalenes Research, and Adoption Rights Alliance**

Justice for Magdalenes Research partnered with Adoption Rights Alliance and Hogan Lovells to launch the “Clann Project,” an evidence-gathering and advocacy partnership between these two voluntary Irish survivor advocacy groups. The project gathered witness evidence and advocated for legal, policy, and practical measures to benefit individuals, families, and communities affected by the forced separation of unmarried families in Ireland throughout the 20th century. “Clann” means “family” in Irish. Since 2015, the Clann Project has had three aims: to empower people affected by forced family separations to engage with the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes established in 2015; to contribute to the national historical record and influence the cultural response to ‘historic’ church-related abuses by creating a public archive of evidence; and to help achieve reparation for the human rights abuses suffered. The Clann Project has worked with 164 witnesses living in Ireland, the U.K., the U.S. and elsewhere, the majority of whom had never made any official complaint to a public body about their treatment, and none of whom were offered legal or advocacy support by the national Commission. In April 2018, the Clann Project submitted a 149-page Group Report to the national Commission, summarizing the evidence gathered (including archival evidence); providing human rights and constitutional legal analysis of the facts recounted; and recommending legislative, policy, and practical reparation measures. In March 2018, Hogan Lovells lawyers delivered 73 witness statements to the Commission and assistance remains available. The Clann Project is a transformative example of how lawyers can work with victims/survivors of “historic” systematic abuses in Ireland in the public interest and in furtherance of human rights, including the right to truth.
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What is a Pro Bono Clearinghouse?

Pro bono clearinghouses broker free advice from legal professionals for nonprofit organizations in need of legal assistance and foster the relationship for continued support.

What are the specific goals and principles of a clearinghouse?

- to improve access to justice
- to provide legal advice to all, regardless of race, religion, politics, background or creed
- to promote the rule of law and the use of law as a tool to achieve social justice
- to act independently of governments, funders, law firms, NGOs and other groups
- to raise awareness of pro bono work
- to educate people about the law and development

PILnet’s pro bono clearinghouses

PILnet’s pro bono clearinghouses work with independent nonprofit organizations to facilitate connections with law firms through its global legal network. They do this by helping NGOs pinpoint their legal needs, matching these needs with pro bono lawyers, and working with both sides to create a strategic partnership for sustained impact. The legal expertise is not limited by jurisdiction or region, as PILnet’s clearinghouses can draw on a host of legal skills from all over the world.

What kind of pro bono support is available?

Pro bono support comes in many forms and usually takes place outside of the courtroom. Pro bono projects fall into four broad categories: legal advice and advocacy; legal research; legal analysis and drafting; and legal training. NGOs might require help with a project which combines some, or all of these elements.

How do PILnet’s pro bono clearinghouses work in practice?

In order to ensure the legitimacy of our listings, we begin by having one of our in-house legal officers screen each nonprofit’s credentials. Once approved, PILnet individually works with the nonprofit to help define its legal needs. This cooperation leads to the creation of a matter, which is a short summary describing the NGO, the request and any other pertinent information, such as the jurisdiction and the timeframe. The matters are pooled into a monthly listing that goes out to all of the cooperating law firms. Once connections are made, PILnet cultivates the relationship to increase the NGO’s legal capacity to create a more sustained and strategic use of private sector legal advice.

Joining is easy. If firms or individual lawyers want to receive the list of pro bono opportunities, PILnet will simply add your email address to the distribution list. There is no membership or other fee required. The list is open to all lawyers and law firms who want to review opportunities. For more information on clearinghouses, you are welcome to consult the online Pro Bono Clearinghouse Manual, developed by PILnet in collaboration with Advocates for International Development (A4ID): www.probonomanual.org
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