



## Washington College of Law International Externship Program: 2011 Placement Highlights

The following international organizations are in contact with the Externship Office or WCL faculty/staff with regards to hiring WCL externs. Many of these organizations have agreed to hire qualified WCL students as externs.

For a full listing of international organizations with WCL contacts, and for additional information on highlighted placements, see the International Externship Database:

<https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>.

After logging in, click on International Database in the upper left hand corner.

Please note that there is no contact information listed in the international database. Students interested in securing an international externship should contact the Externship Program directly by submitting an on-line request form.

**The Request for Assistance must be submitted by November 5, 2009.** The application and additional information can be found on-line on the International Externship Page:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/international.cfm>.

*NOTE: The Externship Program can provide students with assistance in applying to international externships but cannot guarantee that students will be placed.*

If you have further questions, contact the externship office via email, [externshipfellow@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externshipfellow@wcl.american.edu), or by phone, 202-274-4200.

## Argentina

### Agency for International Environmental Issues

The agency, part of the government of Argentina, is assigned the task of supervising the environmental impact of the country on a regional and international basis. The organization promotes and encourages the articulation of international agreements and processes and coordinates the country's international environmental policy. The Externship office has been in contact with the agency which has agreed to receive externship applications from WCL students.

### Center for Human Rights and Environment (CEDHA)

The organization focuses on human rights violations caused by environmental degradation. Among the various program activities, externs might work on public interest legal clinic cases, local or international litigation, advocacy work on fostering public participation, access to information and access to justice, human rights and environmental safeguards and international financial institutions, trade and sustainable development, right to water, corporate social liability, international human rights obligations of transnational corporations, and other related work. The co-founder of CEDHA is a WCL graduate.

### Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)

The Center for Justice and International Law is a non-governmental organization. Its principle objective is to achieve the full implementation of international human rights norms in the member States of the Organization of American States (OAS) through the use of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights. CEJIL's mandate is fulfilled through work in three program areas: the Legal Defense Program, the Training and Dissemination Program, and the Campaign to Strengthen the Inter-American System. WCL students worked at CEJIL in 2006 and 2008.

### Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS)

CELS is a non-governmental organization that works to foster and protect human rights, and strengthen the democratic system and state of law in Argentina. CELS aims to denounce violations of human rights, to affect the process of expression of public policies based on the respect of fundamental human rights and to promote the protection of these rights for the most vulnerable classes of society. The founder of CELS is also a faculty member with WCL's Human Rights Academy and has agreed to accept a qualified WCL applicant.

### Jebsen & Co. (Internship)

Jebsen & Co. is a corporate law firm in Buenos Aires with the majority of its clients from the America's and Europe. Jebsen & Co. focuses on several areas of business law such as the different legal stages of setting up a business and advising a business on how to fulfill Resolutions issued by the General Justice Bureau of the Government of Argentina. The firm does not meet the externship requirements; however, the unpaid internship is still an excellent opportunity for those interested in corporate law in Argentina with an international scope.

## Australia

### Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)

The Australian Law Reform Commission conducts inquiries into areas of law reform at the request of the Attorney-General of Australia. While accountable to the federal Parliament for its budget and activities, the ALRC is not under the control of the government, giving it the intellectual independence and ability to make research findings and recommendations without political concerns. A 2005 extern said of her experience: "It was fantastic, the best position I've ever held. The experience was awesome. They have an organized internship program and were just really great to work for."

## **Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Monash University**

The Castan Centre was established to meet the need for, and interest in, the study of human rights law, globally, regionally and in Australia. It seeks to bring together the work of national and international human rights scholars, practitioners and advocates from a wide range of disciplines in order to promote and protect human rights. The Centre's key activities are research, teaching, public education (lectures, seminars, conferences, parliamentary submissions, internships and media presentations), applied research, advice work and consultancies. WCL has an exchange program with Monash University and WCL students have externed there in the past. In fact, a WCL student who externed there in the 2006 was hired by the Castan Centre in late 2007. This WCL alum now helps run the Centre while also teaching at the Monash University Law School.

## **Bolivia**

### **Save the Children**

Save the Children is the leading independent organization creating lasting change in the lives of children in need in the United States and around the world. Recognized for its commitment to accountability, innovation and collaboration, Save the Children's work takes it into the heart of communities, where the organization helps children and families help themselves. Save the Children works with other organizations, governments, non-profits and a variety of local partners while maintaining its own independence without any political agenda or religious orientation. As quickly and as effectively as Save the Children responds to tsunamis and civil conflict, it works to resolve the ongoing struggles children face every day — poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease — and replaces them with hope for the future.

## **Brussels**

### **Magna Carta Institute**

Magna Carta is a non-for-profit independent research institute based on a network specializing in human rights and international law. The Institute gathers a network of experts and hosts its own research team in its Brussels' office. It conducts research and training programs on issues such as prosecuting terrorism and the rule of law; corporate social responsibility; business and human rights; humanitarian law; transnational human rights litigation; global governance; history and philosophy of international law and international relations. The Institute's objective is the promotion of scholarship and academic excellence in international law and human rights.

## **Cambodia**

### **Documentation Center of Cambodia (Khmer Rouge Tribunal)**

The Documentation Center of Cambodia is an independent NGO putting former officials of Democratic Kampuchea on trial. The Center documents the history of DK and promotes accountability and the rule of law, holding the world's largest body of information and potential evidence against former DK officials. WCL students have interned with the Documentation Center.

## **Cameroon**

### **Save The Young in Cameroon (SAYO)**

This international externship provides students the opportunity to work in Cameroon on development and human rights issues. A WCL student externed with SAYO in 2006. She prepared and administered workshops on human rights, Domestic Violence and Child Trafficking Awareness, helped organize and structure a rehabilitation program for victims of child trafficking, prepared grant proposals and acted as a liaison between associated organizations. The WCL alumna who has been so instrumental to the work at SAYO is also now placing WCL students as externs and actively hiring.

## **Women Empowerment Institute (WEI)**

The WEI is a relatively new organization whose mission is to empower women to take up leadership positions in society by breaking the traditional and social obstacles that hinder them from being integrated into decision making processes. They also work to empower women economically by engaging them to fight poverty through cooperation, search for markets around the region and abroad, and improving farm produce. WEI educates women on how to run their groups democratically, how to participate actively in decision-making processes, and how to be more involved in electoral processes. WCL students who interned at WEI of Cameroon have gone on to establish long term relationships with the organization and the Organization now actively seeks and hires externs from WCL.

## **Canada**

### **CRAAR -- Center for Research Action on Race**

The Center for Research-Action on Race Relations is a Montreal-based independent, non-profit civil rights organization with the mandate to promote racial harmony and equality in Canada. It is considered as one of the leading non-profit race relations organizations in Canada. CRARR activities and services include: advocacy and defense for victims of discrimination based on race, religion, ethnic or national origin, citizenship status and related characteristics; charter research and litigation on racial equality issues; conferences, consultations and seminars on different race relations and civil rights issues; research-action projects on systemic racism and on racial minorities' needs; interventions and advocacy before legislative, administrative, regulatory and judicial agencies; and training to public and private institutions, including the judiciary, on diversity and civil rights. A WCL student interned with CRAAR in the summer of 2010.

## **Chile**

### **The Council of Transparency**

The Council for Transparency is an independent public corporation created by the law of Transparency and Public Access to Information Administration. The organization has several objectives; (1) Promoting the principle of transparency and expanding the right of access to public information, generating relevant information on the levels of implementation in the public sector and best practices installed; (2) Guaranteeing the right of access to public information by ensuring its accessibility, enforceability and availability, and supervising the performance of the duties of transparency through the media and procedures established by regulations; (3) Improving regulation of the rules on transparency and the right of access to information while promoting the efficiency of governance and citizen control; (4) Installing the Transparency Council based on a model of governance quality that promotes citizen participation, incorporating comparative experiences and best

## **China**

### **Gaopeng & Partners (Internship)**

Students working at Gaopeng have an opportunity to work on a wide array of business oriented matters. Students work on international trade, administrative law and WTO matters. Students are paid a stipend over the summer. The law firm has expressed a strong interest in WCL students. This firm may not meet the Externship Program requirements, as it is for-profit. Please see the Externship Program for more details.

## **Costa Rica**

### **Alfredo Fournier & Asociados (Internship)**

The firm focuses on international corporate law, labor, franchising, and investment work. They also do some IP, banking and general business law. A WCL LLM alumnus is a member of the firm. The firm does not meet the Externship Program's requirements, as it is a for-profit firm, but it will be an excellent internship experience for students interested in corporate finance.

## **Costa Rican Ministry of Economy, Industry and Trade**

The office directs administrative investigations under Uruguay Round agreements dealing with subsidies, dumping, and general safeguards and advises on the implementation of special agricultural safeguards. They advise the Costa Rican permanent Mission on Geneva on the negotiations of the Doha Round - Group of Rules. A WCL LLM graduate has agreed to supervise one or two WCL students interested in working on issues involving the WTO and Central American communities. Students should be able to read, write and speak Spanish.

## **Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR)**

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights is an autonomous judicial institution which, together with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights makes up the human rights protection system of the Organization of American States. They have agreed to accept one qualified WCL student as an extern each summer. Externs will work directly with the members of the Legal Department and the Deputy Secretariat. Fluent Spanish is an absolute requirement. Candidate must have high academic standing, interest in the protection of human rights and knowledge of the various systems of human rights protection. The secretary of the organization has many contacts with WCL and has agreed to accept qualified externs for the summer semester. Complete fluency in Spanish, written and oral, as well as a background in international human rights is required.

## **Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH)**

The Inter-American Institute of Human Rights is an independent international academic institution, created in 1980 under an agreement between the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Republic of Costa Rica. Today, the IIDH is one of the most important world centers for teaching and academic research on human rights, with a multidisciplinary approach and with emphasis on the problems of America. The IIDH, located in San José, Costa Rica, supports the inter-American system of international human right protection and executes more than 50 local and regional projects for the dissemination of these rights among the principal non-governmental organizations, and among the public institutions of the Americas. WCL faculty has a close relationship with the organization.

## **Dominican Republic**

### **United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)**

UN-INSTRAW is the leading United Nations Institute devoted to research, training and knowledge management in partnership with governments, the United Nations System, civil society and academia to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment. Many of the studies conducted by UN-INSTRAW have highlighted the gendered effects of globalization in processes such as migration; the impact of structural adjustment policies on women's access to work, health and education; and violence against women as an obstacle to development and the achievement of international commitments such as CEDAW or the MDGs. The former director of INSTRAW has extensive ties with WCL.

## **France**

### **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Court of Arbitration**

The International Court of Arbitration is the arbitration body of the ICC, a private organization that represents business enterprises and associations from over 130 countries. The ICC has established many of the voluntary rules that govern the conduct of business across international borders and serves as the principal representative of global business interests to the United Nations. They will accept one student from WCL each year. Interns will attend the sessions of the Court and work with the Secretariat. Students MUST have a substantial background in arbitration. Due to the timing requirements of the positions available at the ICC, this is most likely an internship opportunity that is not eligible for academic externship credit.

## **Interpol**

INTERPOL is the world's largest international police organization, with 188 member countries. Created in 1923, it facilitates cross-border police co-operation, and supports and assists all organizations, authorities and services whose mission is to prevent or combat international crime. A WCL student interned in the summer of 2010 and worked primarily on issues of due process and the challenges that Interpol faces in protecting individuals' due process rights and rights to privacy and personal information in the processing and dissemination of policy information. She also worked on a long-term research project and was also able to review individual complaints against INTERPOL.

## **Guatemala**

### **Guatemala Human Rights Commission**

This organization is just the "hiring" entity that will actually place students with other human rights groups in Guatemala. Speak to the Externship Office to learn more about the various organizations at which the Guatemalan HRC can find placement for WCL students.

## **Hong Kong**

### **Government of Hong Kong SAR, Intellectual Property Department**

The Department protects the intellectual property rights by providing high-quality and responsive patent, trademark, and design registration services, promoting awareness of intellectual property rights of the individual and a respect for the rights of others, and advising the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on policies and legislation to protect intellectual property rights in Hong Kong. This externship opportunity was recommended by a faculty member of WCL, and several WCL students have externed the Intellectual Property Department of Hong Kong's SAR.

### **Squire, Sanders and Dempsey**

Squire Sanders is an international law firm with over 800+ lawyers in 30 offices and 6 associated offices spanning Asia, Europe and the U.S. serving governments, NGOs and private sector clients around the world. The firm and attorneys of the firm have received numerous awards for leading practices in telecommunications, information technology, competition law, labor, intellectual property, mergers & acquisitions. The WCL student who externed with Squire, Sanders and Dempsey is now working full time with the firm.

## **Hungary**

### **Environmental Management and Law Association (EMLA)**

EMLA creates and implements legal and management mechanisms to promote environmental reform and sound policy in a democratic, free-market Hungary. Topics for interns include: Aarhus Convention, several environmental directives of the EU (PRTR, Water Framework, Habitats, WEEE and RoHS etc.) They are also active in regional international co-operation with the public interest environmental lawyers of the region (EEB, Justice and Environment, Guta Association) and worldwide (The Access Initiative). WCL professors recommended this organization and the Externship Office has been in contact with it.

### **Mental Disability Advocacy Center (MDAC)**

Working primarily within the Legal Program of MDAC, the Legal Intern will be exposed to all areas of the organization to gain insight into how an advocacy NGO runs. The intern will receive regular supervision and feedback useful for a continuing career in human rights advocacy. Aside from exposure to legal advocacy in an NGO environment, MDAC offers a dynamic learning experience in the field of mental disability rights. Student must have strong legal research and writing skills and strong understanding of American disability law and/or international law. MDAC has strong ties to WCL and is enthusiastic about hiring an extern.

## India

### India Center for Human Rights and Law (ICHRL)

This group fights for human rights and justice through campaigns, litigation, publications, documentation and training. Their objectives are: Justice for marginalized communities; equal access to resources and sustainable development; legal aid and public interest litigation (PIL) in the courts; investigating, and responding to human rights violations through fact-findings and public hearings; compilation of recent judgments relating to various rights, and critiques on changes in the law in relation to rights. A WCL extern stated that "Working at ICHRL was amazing and I definitely recommend the experience to anyone interested in exploring international human rights."

### Mamidipudi Venkatarangaiya Foundation (MVF)

The Mamidipudi Venkatarangaiya Foundation (MVF) is focused on building the capacities of the community in rural and urban areas to abolish child labor by universalizing school education. The foundation's approach has the twin responsibility of organizing the community for public action and pressuring the system to deliver services, while seeking to prepare the concerned public institutions to take care of children and their education in formal schools. A current WCL student referred the Externship office to this organization and has put us in contact with its founder.

## Israel

### Adalah Justice Mission

Adalah Justice Mission is the first non-profit, non-sectarian, Arab-run legal center in Israel. Established in 1996, Adalah serves the Arab community (about 20% of Israel's population) nationwide. Their work draws on Israeli law, comparative constitutional law, and international human rights standards. Their main goal is to provide equal rights and minority rights protections in areas such as land, housing, education, employment, language, political, women's issues, prisoner's issues, cultural rights, and religious rights. They bring cases before Israeli courts, hold panel discussions and events, and train young Palestinian Arab lawyers. The founder of the organization is a WCL graduate.

### Friends of the Earth Middle East

Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME) brings together Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists. Their primary objective is the promotion of cooperative efforts to protect a shared environmental heritage. In so doing, they seek to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of necessary conditions for lasting peace in our region. FoEME has offices in Amman, Bethlehem, and Tel-Aviv. FoEME is a member of Friends of the Earth International, the largest grassroots environmental organization in the world. The director of the Israel branch is a graduate of WCL.

### Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society - World Headquarters

HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) is the oldest organization in the United States assisting refugees and immigrants. HIAS' Vienna center focuses on US-bound persecuted Iranian religious minorities, including Ba'hais, Jews, Christians (including Assyrians, Mandeans, Chaldeans, and Armenians) and Zoroastrians.

## Italy

### Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations focuses its attention on developing rural areas to address the problems of poverty and hunger. The FAO helps both developed and developing countries improve agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices and to ensure good nutrition for their citizens. The FAO also serves as a neutral forum to negotiate agreements and debate policy. A WCL student interned at FAO in the summer of 2009.

## **International Fund for Agricultural Development**

IFAD has focused on working with poor rural populations in developing countries to eliminate poverty, hunger and malnutrition; raise productivity and incomes; and improve the quality of their lives. The Fund has designed and implemented projects in very different natural, socio-economic and cultural environments. A WCL graduate currently works for the Fund and accepted WCL students to extern each of the past two summers (2009 and 2010).

## **United States Department of Defense**

Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG) attorneys are stationed throughout the United States and overseas. They are involved in a broad range of cases in military justice, contract law and international law — to name a few — and develop a working proficiency in numerous branches of the law. A WCL student has externed at the Navy Jag in Italy.

## **Jordan**

### **United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)**

UNRWA (the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) provides assistance, protection and advocacy for some 4.7 million registered Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the occupied Palestinian territory, pending a solution to their plight. The Agency's services encompass education, health care, relief, camp infrastructure and improvement, community support, microfinance and emergency response, including in times of armed conflict. Two WCL students externed/interned at UNRWA in the summer of 2010.

## **Kenya**

### **United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)**

UNEP acts as a catalyst, advocate, educator and facilitator to promote the wise use and sustainable development of the global environment. The UNEP does such things as assess global, regional and national environmental conditions and trends; develop international and national environmental instruments; and facilitate the transfer of knowledge and technology for sustainable development. A faculty member previously worked for UNEP and recommended the organization.

## **Latin America**

### **Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)/World Health Organization**

A WCL LLM alumnus currently working at the Department of Legal Affairs at PAHO has provided internships for a number of WCL students. It may be possible to spend part of the summer working in one of the 18 countries in Central America, South America and the Eastern Caribbean with which PAHO partners. Qualified students would have a strong interest in public health law, including interest or experience in disabilities, HIV/AIDS, and issues involving older persons and indigenous peoples. Spanish would be required for many, but not all countries.

## Malaysia

### International Women's Rights Action Watch--Asia

International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific is an international women's human rights organization working in South Asia, Southeast Asia, and several East Asian countries such as Mongolia and Hong Kong. IWRAP plays a critical role in filling the gap between the promise of women's human rights embodied in human rights treaties, and their actual realization at the national level. This involves mobilizing women's groups at all levels to draw accountability from governments on the domestic application of international human rights standards. IWRAP does this primarily through the lens of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and through other international human rights treaties, where relevant. IWRAP contacted us after a WCL alumna recommended WCL to the organization.

### Malaysian Parliament

A Former WCL LLM student ran for Malaysian Parliament and was seated in 2008. He proposed interested students could intern with him in his office or with Malaysian Parliament in general.

## Mexico

### Center for Migrant Rights (Centro de los Derechos del Migrante)

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante (Center for Migrant Rights) is a new and innovative non-profit organization based in central Mexico dedicated to improving the working conditions of migrant workers in the United States. The Center operates throughout Mexico, and sees its constituency as not only including migrant workers and their family members, but also U.S. and Mexican organizations that serve migrant workers, as well as government officials who work with migrant populations or who develop policies affecting migrants. Two WCL students externed with the Center in the summer of 2010.

### Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental

CEMDA is a public interest law firm based in Mexico City that is looking for WCL externs to work in their choice of four departments: Trade and Environment, Biodiversity, Environmental Litigation, or Air and Energy. CEMDA's mission is "to strengthen the foundations of a culture favorable to the sustainability of life, through environmental education and development, application and enforcement of legal instruments that help preserve and protect the environment." The CEMDA President, a WCL LLM, welcomes the opportunity to host WCL externs and will personally receive applications.

### Comisión de Derechos Humanos del Distrito Federal

The Federal District Commission of Human Rights works on a wide variety of human rights issue including freedom of the press, prevention of torture, strengthen discrimination laws. They work with the WCL Academy for Human Rights on a number of projects.

## Mongolia

### Mongolia --Office of the President -- Legal Advisor

The current legal advisor to the Mongolian President is an LLM Alumnus from WCL and is open to receiving applications from WCL students for an externship position in his office.

## Netherlands

### Coalition for the International Criminal Court

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court is the largest partnership in the world advancing the cause of international justice. Including more than 2,500 civil society organizations from 150 countries, the Coalition is leading the global fight to end genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity through a commitment to the core values of human rights and justice. The Coalition led the global civil society campaign to create the International Criminal Court and is now engaged in ensuring the effectiveness, independence, and accessibility of international justice and related national legal structures, while also responding to more urgent local and regional developments. The Coalition works with all aspects of the Court, as well as with the broader network of governments, the United Nations, and other institutions involved in the international justice system. Through this committed global partnership, the Coalition's guiding mission is to make justice universally accessible for victims of the gravest crimes in an effort to secure lasting peace.

### Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

The Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) aims to serve as a center for human rights studies. It conducts and promotes research projects, and collects relevant documentation on international human rights issues with an aim to enhance and distribute the knowledge on human rights procedures and practices. SIM is a research institute of the Faculty of Law of Utrecht University. A professor at WCL's Human Rights Academy works at SIM and is seeking to host a qualified WCL student.

### Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)

The Permanent Court of Arbitration offers services for resolving disputes between nations, nations and private parties, as well as disputes involving intergovernmental organizations. These services include arbitration, conciliation, fact-finding commissions of inquiry, and mediation. Applicants would need to have a solid background in arbitration and excellent research and writing skills. WCL Faculty and the Dean recommended this organization.

## Nigeria

### Aires Law Firm

The Aires Law Firm is a pro bono firm that works on behalf of women and children who are being discriminated against based on religious law. A former WCL Humphrey Fellow is a senior partner at the firm, and was lead counsel representing a woman who was sentenced to death by stoning for allegedly committing adultery. The firm has accepted WCL students in the past and is looking forward to receiving qualified WCL applicants but warns that students will have to come prepared to deal with some very serious matters. Experience in Islamic law is preferred.

### Legal Research Initiative

LRI is an NGO focusing on research and policy issues. Their primary areas have been criminal law, convention against torture, bail reform, domestic violence, human rights, and codifying "customary law" --where the lack of clarity is often used to the detriment of women. Internships are very common, as all attorneys here must do a six month internship to be certified. They are very interested in hosting a WCL extern. Knowledge of international law, criminal law, and human rights preferred.

## **Northern Ireland**

### **Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ)**

The CAJ is an independent, non-governmental human rights organization which seeks to secure the highest standards in the administration of justice in Northern Ireland. The NGO works closely with other domestic and international human rights organizations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, submitting documents to the UN and European bodies on the protection of human rights. The organization accepted a WCL student for an externship in 2010.

## **Rwanda**

### **Next Generation Connect**

NGC objectives are to enhance the high quality of skills necessary for Rwanda's women and youth leaders; to promote capacity building through education and training, working toward the global promotion and advancement of women and youth; to empower, support and facilitate research and documentation, particularly in the areas of social, economical, justice, gender, development issues, and to disseminate the knowledge gained from this research and educate the public as to the needs for and benefits of implementation of the outcomes. A WCL student interned at Next Generation Connect in the summer of 2006.

## **South Africa**

### **Human Rights Institute of South Africa (HURISA)**

The Human Rights Institute of South Africa (HURISA) is an NGO that offers professional services towards the promotion of a human rights culture, peace and democracy. HURISA's staff is committed to providing training in human rights, to disseminating human rights information and to conducting research and advocacy.

### **Legal Resources Center of South Africa**

The Legal Resources Center is an independent, client-based, non-profit public interest law centre which uses law as an instrument of justice. It works for the development of a fully democratic society based on the principle of substantive equality. The Legal Resources Centre seeks creative and effective solutions by using a range of strategies, including impact litigation, law reform, participation in partnerships and development processes, education and networking within and outside South Africa. This organization was recommended by WCL faculty and one of the organization's founders is a visiting professor at WCL this fall.

### **Richard Spoor Attorney at Law**

Richard Spoor is a public interest attorney based in White River South Africa. Spoor does a lot of work with former mine workers that have contracted various diseases from working in the mines. Spoor represents these workers in law suits against their former employers. Spoor also represents communities that have been displaced from their land by large mining companies without compensation. A WCL student interned with Mr. Spoor in the summer of 2009 and two more interned with Mr. Spoor in the summer of 2010. Currently the student organization the African Justice Initiative (AJI) coordinates which students are selected for this position. AJI will select two students to intern with Mr. Spoor for the summer of 2011. AJI will make applications available the week before winter break and the applications will be due on Friday January 14th. Contact AJI for more information at [AJI@wcl.american.edu](mailto:AJI@wcl.american.edu)

## **South African Human Rights Commission**

The SAHRC is a national institution established to entrench constitutional democracy through the promotion and protection of human rights by "addressing human rights violations and seeking effective redress for such violations; monitoring and assessing the observance of human rights; raising awareness of human rights issues; educating and training on human rights." A WCL student externed there in 2006 and described it as a "fantastic experience." Another WCL student externed with the SAHRC in the summer of 2010 and also recommends this internship to other WCL students.

## **University of Pretoria Center for Human Rights**

The Centre for Human Rights of the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria is one of the most active human rights institutions in the African continent. Members of the Centre helped write the South African Constitution and Bill of Rights, and have contributed to legal education regarding human rights through academic programs and research outputs. Members of the Centre have served as consultants for organizations such as the Organization of African Unity, NEPAD, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the South African Human Rights Commission. A WCL student externed at the University in the summer of 2009 and worked with a WCL faculty member who was working there on a temporary basis.

## **University of Western Cape Research Center**

The Community Law Centre is a non-governmental organization, based at the University of the Western Cape. It is committed to protecting and promoting human rights and combines a strong academic tradition with a practical hands-on approach to transformation. The Centre has chosen to focus on the needs and status of particularly vulnerable groups such as children, women and people who are poor and living in poverty. The Center was recommended to us by a member of the faculty.

## **Sweden**

### **Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law**

The Institute is an independent academic institution dedicated to the promotion of human rights through research, training and education. Host of one of the largest human rights libraries in the Nordic countries and engaged in various research and publication activities, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute provides researchers and students with a conducive study environment. The Director of the Institute teaches with the Academy for Human Rights and has agreed to accept a qualified WCL student for the summer semester.

## **Switzerland**

### **Association for the Prevention of Torture**

The APT is an international non-governmental organization which has been leading the international campaign for the adoption, entry into force and effective implementation of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture (OPCAT), an international legal instrument which seeks to open all places of detention to international and national scrutiny. The APT offers legal advice on criminalizing torture, provides training on visiting places of detention; gives advice on the establishment and functioning of national prevention mechanisms; and advocates for legislative reform, ratification and implementation of relevant international treaties. The faculty at WCL has suggested working at this organization and WCL has worked extensively with the APT in the recent past.

## **International Commission of Jurists**

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) consists of jurists who represent all the regions and legal systems in the world working to uphold the rule of law and the legal protection of human rights. Interns conduct legal research on the state of independence of judges and lawyers in specific countries, update contact files, draft country chapters in English, and engage in legal analysis in accordance with international standards on the protection of an independent judiciary. Spoken and written fluency in English and/or French required. The ICJ has agreed to accept one qualified WCL applicant and a WCL student interned with the ICJ in the summer of 2010.

## **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)**

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence and to provide them with assistance. It directs and coordinates the international relief activities. It also endeavors to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles. The WCL faculty may be able to assist qualified students in obtaining an externship. Students must have a substantial background in humanitarian law including course work in international humanitarian law and related courses.

## **International Labour Organization (ILO) Boosting Employment/Small Enterprise Development**

The unit seeks to design and advocate business environment reform that at the same time increases labor demand through strengthening firms and that promotes rights and other standards which ensure adequate protection and working conditions for the women and men who work in enterprises. The WCL faculty referred us to a member of the ILO who has provided us with a contact at the EMP/SEED unit of the organization with whom the Externship Office is in regular contact. All students working at the ILO must be receiving academic credit (and financial aid or an academic grant).

## **International Labour Organization (ILO) Cooperatives (EMP/COOP)**

The ILO views cooperatives as important in improving the living and working conditions of women and men globally as well as making essential infrastructure and services available even in areas neglected by the state and investor-driven enterprises. The ILO defines a cooperative as an "autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise". The Cooperatives Department is looking for someone with a cooperative or business law background. The WCL faculty referred us to a member of the ILO who has provided us with a contact with whom we are in regular contact. All students working at the ILO must be receiving academic credit (and financial aid).

## **International Labour Organization (ILO) International Labour Standards (NORMES)**

The intern's core training and assignments will relate to the Department's activities concerning the ILO's supervisory mechanisms. The training will include the examination of reports submitted by governments, and any observations submitted by employers' and workers' organizations. The intern may be asked to draft comments which will be reviewed by a senior standards specialist for submission to the Committee of Experts. In cases where new legislation has been adopted, the intern may be required to undertake a detailed analysis of the compatibility of the new legislation with the provisions of the Convention and, on this basis, to draft relevant comments. The Externship Office is in regular contact with the NORMES unit of the ILO, and a WCL student externed at ILO NORMES this past summer. All students working at the ILO must receive academic credit (and financial aid).

## **International Labour Organization (ILO) Office of the Legal Adviser**

The ILO formulates international labor standards, setting minimum standards of basic labor rights: freedom of association, the right to organize, collective bargaining, abolition of forced labor, equality of opportunity and treatment, and other standards regulating conditions across the spectrum of work related issues. In June each year, the International Labour Conference meets, providing interns a unique opportunity to be involved in the many services that we provide the delegates and Secretariat during that time. Note: Fluency in French or Spanish would be very valuable. The Externship Office is in regular contact with the NORMES unit of the ILO, and a WCL student externed at ILO's Office of the Legal Adviser in the summer of 2010. All students working at the ILO must be receiving academic credit (and financial aid or an academic grant).

## **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

The German Foundation Act (GFA) was passed to provide financial compensation to former slave and forced laborers and certain other victims of National Socialist (Nazi) injustice. The IOM is processing claims for payment relating to slave labor, forced labor and personal injury and is responsible for processing claims for property loss suffered under the Nazi regime. Must be fluent in English and one other language: German, Czech, Russian, Hebrew, Hungarian, or Polish. Students must receive academic credit. A WCL LLM alumna works for the organization.

## **International Service for Human Rights**

The International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) promotes the development, strengthening, effective use and implementation of international and regional law and mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights. The "Human Rights Monitor" provides a unique annual review of all the UN human rights meetings as well as the relevant meetings of intergovernmental organizations. The Human Rights Defenders Office (HRDO) seeks to actively protect human rights defenders worldwide. ISHR officials have stated they "very much encourage interested WCL students to apply."

## **South Centre--Work Programme on Trade and Development**

Interns will be assigned to provide legal research assistance for their Trade Disputes Quarterly. The TDQ's production is overseen by one of their program officers. However, depending on their program needs and the interests of interns, they might assign their interns to do substantive policy research projects that may still be broadly defined as "legal work" since such research would generally require at least some basic knowledge of international law and policy issues. The organization has indicated they would welcome the opportunity to take on a student for the summer.

## **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Division of International Protection Services)**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people. In more than five decades, the agency has helped tens of millions of people restart their lives. This position is highly competitive and only students with a background in human rights will be considered. A WCL student did extern with the organization in the summer of 2010.

## **World Health Organization - Mental Health Department**

The World Health Organization is the United Nations specialized agency for health. The Mental Health Department has three areas of focus: Current mental health laws; developing new laws; training mental health legislators. This position requires a background/interest in mental health policy/law.

## **Trinidad, WI**

### **Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission**

The Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) was established by the Securities Industry Act, 1995 (the Act). It is an autonomous body whose role is to provide for the regulation of the securities market in Trinidad and Tobago and for related matters. A WCL student externed with the Commission in the summer of 2010 and highly recommends the position to other WCL students.

## **Tunisia**

### **African Development Bank (Integrity and Anti-Corruption Division and other divisions)**

The African Development Bank (AfDB) Group's mission is to help reduce poverty, improve living conditions for Africans and mobilize resources for Africa's economic and social development. The center piece of the Bank's latest effort to improve the continent's investment climate and reduce risk of fraud and corruption is the creation of an Integrity and Anti-Corruption Division (IACD) within the Office of the Auditor General. Applicants must be citizens of one of the Bank's member countries. A WCL adjunct faculty member worked at AfDB in 2008 and has offered to assist students in applying.

## **US Headquarters**

### **Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)**

Headquartered in Washington, CIEL's Geneva office focuses on the World Trade Organization, where international trade rules are negotiated, monitored, and enforced. The Geneva office particularly needs trade law students or students interested in issues of globalization and sustainable development. Knowledge of French, Spanish and German is useful. With the CIEL founders being former WCL adjunct professors, and a long history of WCL LLM students working at the organization, this could be an excellent opportunity for WCL summer externs.

### **Center for Reproductive Rights**

The Center is dedicated to reproductive rights, with expertise in both U.S. constitutional and international human rights law. Its groundbreaking cases before national courts, United Nations committees, and regional human rights bodies have expanded access to reproductive healthcare, including birth control, safe abortion, prenatal and obstetric care, and unbiased information. The Center influences the law outside the courtroom as well, documenting abuses, working with policymakers to promote progressive measures, and fostering legal scholarship and teaching on reproductive health and human rights. Members of the WCL faculty have been in contact with the Deputy Director of the center.

### **Global Rights (International Human Rights Law Group)**

Global Rights works to promote racial and gender equality and help people and communities feel empowered to change their societies. Global Rights focuses on developing the skills of local activists that are essential to addressing human rights concerns and promoting justice such as: documenting and exposing abuses, conducting community education and mobilization, advocating legal and policy reform in countries and internationally, and using the courts to increase access to justice for disadvantaged populations. WCL faculty recommended this organization.

## **International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)**

The International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) assists countries pursuing accountability for past mass atrocities or human rights abuses. The Center works in societies emerging from repressive rule or armed conflict, as well as in established democracies where historical injustices or systemic abuse remain unresolved. ICTJ assists in the development of integrated, comprehensive, and localized approaches to transitional justice comprising five key elements: prosecuting perpetrators, documenting and acknowledging violations through nonjudicial means such as truth commissions, reforming abusive institutions, providing reparations to victims, and facilitating reconciliation processes. A WCL student interned with the ICTJ office in Kampala, Uganda in the summer of 2010.

## **Uzbekistan.**

### **United Nations Development Program**

This UNDP project is mostly legal dealing with changing the legal regime from collective agricultural policy to more of a free market especially in the dairy market and would involve lots of legal research on international best practices on global food policy. There is also a large focus on sustainability as the current system of central command and output quotas have led to devastating environmental degradation through the overuse of pesticides, fertilizers, poor water management, and overproduction. The project sounds fascinating as they are trying to really change an entire agricultural system from top down communism to privatization with environmental protections. Currently a WCL alum works with the UN Development program and has agreed to help WCL students secure externship positions.