





# Prosecuting Serious International Crimes: Exploring the Intersections between International and Domestic Justice Efforts

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Speaker Biographies

# Elizabeth Andersen, Director, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative

Elizabeth Andersen, Director, joined the ABA ROLI in September 2014. She has more than 20 years of experience in international law, international human rights and rule of law development. She previously served for eight years as executive director and executive vice president of the American Society of International Law; for three years as director of ABA ROLI's Europe and Eurasia Division (previously known as ABA CEELI); and for eight years at Human Rights Watch, as a researcher, as director of advocacy and, ultimately, as executive director of its Europe and Central Asia Division. Ms. Andersen began her legal career in clerkships with Judge Kimba M. Wood of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and with Judge Georges Abi-Saab of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. She is an expert in international human rights law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law, and has taught these subjects as an adjunct professor at the American University Washington College of Law. Ms. Andersen received a B.A. from Williams College, an M.P.A. from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and a J.D. from Yale Law School. She currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Williams College, and on the governing and advisory boards of several international non-profit organizations.

# Paige Arthur, Founder and Principal, Public Action Research

Paige Arthur, PhD, is a consultant working in the field of international human rights. She is the Principal of Public Action Research, which she founded in 2011. Her clients have included the Carter Center, the Ford Foundation, the US State Department, UN Women, the UN Office of

Internal Oversight Services, the UN Department of Political Affairs, the International Development Research Centre, the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), and the Counter-terrorism and Humanitarian Engagement Project at Harvard Law School, among others. An established researcher in the field of human rights, Ms. Arthur was deputy director of research and deputy director of institutional development at ICTJ from 2006 to 2011. She is the editor of *Transitional Justice, International Assistance, and Civil Society: Missed Connections* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2016), the editor of *Identities in Transition: Challenges for Transitional Justice in Divided Societies* (Cambridge University Press, 2011), and her work has appeared in *Human Rights Quarterly*, the *International Journal of Transitional Justice, Transitional Justice Review*, and other academic journals. She holds a PhD in contemporary history from the University of California, Berkeley.

#### Elena Baylis, Associate Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh

Professor Elena Baylis is an Associate Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She is an expert in post-conflict justice. Her research focuses on the intersections between international criminal law and rule of law initiatives and on the role of transnational networks. She has studied the interactions between international, national, and sub-national institutions and communities in several post-conflict states, including Kosovo, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Several of Professor Baylis's recent articles are based on a study of the group she has dubbed the "post-conflict justice junkies" as well as the broader set of international attorneys, human rights officers, and consultants who undertake post-conflict justice work on behalf of the international community. Professor Baylis also studies U.S. law and policy issues. As in the international context, her domestic research concerns the points of engagement between international, national and state institutions and communities. She has published papers on U.S. national security, immigration, education policy, and the nondefense of marriage laws by state attorneys general. Professor Baylis is a graduate of Yale Law School, where she was awarded the Raphael Lemkin Prize for the best paper on international human rights. She earned her B.A. summa cum laude from the University of Oregon Honors College. Before joining the University of Pittsburgh, she taught for a year at Mekelle University Law Faculty in Ethiopia as a Visiting Assistant Professor from the University of Alabama Law School. She also practiced civil litigation and advised clients on foreign policy matters with the law firm of Shea & Gardner in Washington, D.C. and clerked for Judge Mariana Pfalezer of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

#### Reed Brody, Counsel and Spokesperson, Human Rights Watch

Reed Brody is Counsel and Spokesperson for Human Rights Watch. His work with the victims of the exiled former dictator of Chad, Hissène Habré – who is now on trial before the Extraordinary African Chambers in Senegal – and of of Augusto Pinochet of Chile and Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier of Haiti has been featured in four documentary films, including "The Dictator Hunter." He is author of four Human Rights Watch reports on the US mistreatment of prisoners in the "war on terror" and the book "Faut-il Juger George Bush?" Before joining Human Rights Watch, he led United Nations teams investigating massacres in the Democratic Republic of Congo and monitoring human rights in El Salvador, and he helped to prosecute human rights crimes in Haiti. His 1984 investigation uncovered atrocities by the US-backed "contras" against Nicaraguan civilians.

# **Todd Buchwald,** Special Coordinator, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of State

Todd F. Buchwald is the Special Coordinator for Global Criminal Justice at the U.S. Department of State. He previously served in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the State Department, including as the Assistant Legal Adviser for United Nations Affairs. Before coming to the State Department, Mr. Buchwald was an attorney at the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. He is a graduate of Cornell University and the Yale Law School.

### Anna Cave, Principal Deputy, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of State

Anna Cave serves as the Principal Deputy in the Office of Global Criminal Justice (GCJ) at the Department of State. Prior to GCJ, Ms. Cave was the Senior Advisor on atrocities prevention to Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights Sarah Sewall, responsible for establishing the Department's new Secretariat for Atrocities Prevention. From 2012–2014, Ms. Cave served as the Director for Central Africa at the National Security Council, where she coordinated executive branch agencies and advised and supported the President, the National Security Advisor, the Deputy National Security Advisor, and the Senior Director for African Affairs on foreign policy issues in central Africa. She was the NSC lead on the U.S. response to the crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) involving Rwanda in 2012-2013, mass atrocities in the Central African Republic (CAR) in 2013-2014, and the violence perpetrated by the Lord's Resistance Army. From 2009 to 2012, Ms. Cave served as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues in GCJ. Ms. Cave covered central Africa and advised on a variety of issues relating to international humanitarian law and war crimes tribunals, the International Criminal Court and positive complementarity, transitional justice and justice sector-reform, witness protection and domestic accountability mechanisms, and atrocities prevention. Ms. Cave is a graduate of Columbia Law School (J.D.), where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a recipient of the Skadden Law Student Fellowship, and Duke University (B.A.). Ms. Cave clerked for Judge Lawrence McKenna in the Southern District of New York and is a member of the N.Y. State Bar. She previously practiced in the litigation department of the international law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell, where she initiated the firm's international human rights pro bono practice and collaborated with grassroots and international NGOs and academic human rights institutions for projects in Africa and Southeast Asia.

### Geoff Dancy, Assistant Professor, Tulane University

Geoff received his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 2013. He studies international human rights law, transitional justice, repression, civil war, and pragmatism. Abroad, he closely follows events in Sri Lanka and Kenya. At home, he thinks a good deal about gun violence, mass incarceration, domestic violence, and other symptoms of structural violence in the state of Louisiana. He is a former director and current consultant for the Transitional Justice Research Collaborative, a group focused on collecting data and developing theory about human rights prosecutions, truth commissions, and other mechanisms of post-authoritarian or post-conflict justice. Geoff is currently working on a manuscript called *Human Rights Resilience: A Pragmatist Approach to Human Rights Law and Practice*.

#### Richard Dicker, Director, Human Rights Watch, International Justice Program

Richard Dicker, Director of Human Rights Watch's International Justice Program since it was founded in 2001, has worked at Human Rights Watch since 1990. He began working on international justice issues in 1994 when Human Rights Watch attempted to bring a case before the International Court of Justice charging the government of Iraq with genocide against the Kurds. Dicker later led the Human Rights Watch multi-year campaign to establish the International Criminal Court (ICC) and continues to be closely involved on issues that are central to the ICC's mission and mandate. He monitored the start of the Slobodan Milosevic trial in The Hague and traveled to Baghdad to press for independent and impartial justice following the 2003 invasion. He attended the beginning of Saddam Hussein's trial before the Iraqi High Tribunal in 2005. Dicker has spent the past few years examining efforts to establish accountability for the most serious crimes at the national level. A former civil rights attorney in New York, Dicker graduated from New York University Law School and received his LLM from Columbia University. He is regularly appears in the international media on justice issues and publishes frequently on the topic.

### Siri Frigaard, former Chief Public Prosecutor for the Norwegian National Authority for Prosecution of Organized and Other Serious Crimes; former Deputy General Prosecutor for Serious Crimes in East Timor

Siri S. Frigaard served as Chief Public Prosecutor and Director of the Norwegian National Authority for Prosecution of Organized and Other Serious Crime from the office's establishment on August 1, 2005 to June 1, 2015. The office is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of the core international crimes, such as war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity, as well as terrorism crime, computer crime, sexual abuses of children on the internet and organized crime. Prior to this appointment, she was the Deputy Director of the National Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS) from May 1, 2003. From January 2002 until May 2003 she was Deputy General Prosecutor for Serious Crimes in East Timor, in charge of the investigation and prosecution of the serious crimes committed in the country prior to 24 October 1999. She has also served as a Senior Prosecutor and Special Legal Adviser to the General Prosecutor of Albania from June 1999 to October 2001. Prior to this appointment she had been working in Norway since 1985 as a public prosecutor. She was a member of the Norwegian Parliament's Select Committee for a period of 6 years, as well as being member of the Executive Committee of The International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) from 2008 to 2014. She has been representing Norway in different committees in the European council in Strasbourg and in the Baltic Sea Co-operation as well as being member of different international organisations, also as a board member. In August 2007, she was the Team-Leader for the Mid-term Evaluation of the UNDP Justice System Programme in Timor-Leste.

# **Robert Goldman,** *Professor, WCL; Vice President & Member of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists; Faculty Director, WCRO*

Robert K. Goldman is Louis C. James Scholar; co-director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; faculty director, the War Crimes Research Office; and professor of law. He holds expertise in international and human rights law; U.S. foreign policy; terrorism; and law of armed conflict. From 1996 to 2004 he was a member of the Organization of American States'

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and its president in 1999. From July 2004 to July 2005, Goldman was the UN Human Rights Commission's Independent Expert on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism. In October 2005, the International Commission of Jurists named him one of the eight jurists on the Eminent Jurists Panel on Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights. In 2008, Goldman was elected Commissioner and member of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists. He is author of THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE (1972); coauthor of MIDDLE EAST WATCH'S BOOK, NEEDLESS DEATHS IN THE GULF WAR, a 1991 publication that assessed civilian casualties during the 39-day air campaign and assigned responsibility for violations of the laws of war; and coauthor of THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS: A GUIDE FOR APPLICATION IN DOMESTIC LAW (2001). He is also the author of scores of reports, papers and articles on human rights and humanitarian law related issues.

### **Claudio Grossman,** Dean, Washington College of Law; Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law

Claudio Grossman is Professor of Law and Dean of American University Washington College of Law (WCL) and the Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law. Since his appointment as dean in 1995, WCL has further developed its intellectual creativity, pursuing numerous and exciting initiatives. More than 50 full-time faculty members have been hired, dramatically improving the law school's student-faculty ratio and expanding and enhancing scholarship, teaching and service. A variety of WCL programs have been developed during Dean Grossman's tenure including: dual JD Programs with universities in Canada, France and Australia, the LL.M. in Law and Government Program, the L.L.M. in Advocacy, the Supervised Externship Program, the S.J.D. Program, a dual LL.M./MBA, LL.M. specializations in Gender and the Law and in Free Trade Agreements and Regional Integration, and specialized summer programs in human rights and humanitarian law, international commercial arbitration, health law, intellectual property, law and government, international organizations, law and diplomacy, environmental law, and legal English. Also during Dean Grossman's leadership, WCL has developed and expanded summer abroad programs in Europe, Asia, and Latin America, numerous semester abroad programs, the International Commercial Arbitration Center, the Intellectual Property (IP) Program, clinics in IP, Disability Rights Law, Immigrant Justice and an evening section of the General Practice Clinic, and integrated sections in the first year so as to promote interconnectedness among the different law courses. Dean Grossman served as member (2003-2015) and chairperson (2008-2015) of the United Nations Committee against Torture. On May 20, 2013, Dean Grossman was elected chair of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies for a one-year term. In May 2009, he was named to the judging panel for the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award by the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice & Human Rights, and in May 2010 he was elected to the Center's board of directors. Dean Grossman has served on the governing board for the International Association of Law Schools since 2008 and was reelected in 2010 for a three year term. On January 1, 2014, Dean Grossman began serving as President of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, following three years on its Board of Directors. He is also a member of numerous associations including the American Law Institute.

# **Nobuo Hayashi,** Senior Legal Advisor, the International Law and Policy Institute, and Researcher, PluriCourts, University of Oslo Law Faculty

Nobuo Hayashi specializes in the law of armed conflict, particularly the fundamental principles, conduct of hostilities and protection of victims; international criminal law, especially war crimes and modes of liability including command/superior responsibility; and public international law, in particular recourse to force and state responsibility. His most significant works cover military necessity, threat of force, and the law and ethics of nuclear weapons. He brings with him more than fifteen years of experience performing advanced research, advising international prosecutors, authoring court submissions, teaching at universities and publishing scholarly articles in the aforementioned areas as well as other related fields. He is also a Researcher at the University of Oslo Law Faculty (since 2012), and a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Turin Law Faculty/UN Interregional Criminal Justice Research Institute (since 2007), and a visiting Professor at the International University of Japan (since 2005).

### **Brenda Hollis,** Prosecutor, Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, former Prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone; Reserve Co-Prosecutor, Extraordinary Chambers in Courts of Cambodia

Brenda Hollis has served as the Prosecutor of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone since January 2014 and is also the Reserve Co-Prosecutor of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. She previously served as Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone from February 2010 to December 2013. From 2007 to 2010, she was a Principal Trial Attorney in the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP), where she was responsible for leading the legal team prosecuting former Liberian President Charles Taylor. From 2001 to 2007, Ms. Hollis was an Expert Legal Consultant on international law and criminal procedure. During this period she trained judges, prosecutors and investigators at courts and international tribunals in Indonesia, Iraq and Cambodia. She also assisted victims of international crimes in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Colombia to prepare submissions requesting investigations by the International Criminal Court in The Hague. In 2002 and 2003, and again in 2006, Ms. Hollis served as a consultant to the OTP, where she assisted in evidence-gathering missions and provided legal and tactical advice. Ms. Hollis was Senior Trial Attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia (ICTY) from 1994 to 2001, where she served as lead counsel in a number of historic prosecutions. She led case in which rape was charged as torture, and was lead counsel in the preparation of the case against former Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic until her departure from the ICTY in 2001.

#### Olivier Kambala, Deputy Chief of Party, Checchi and Company Consulting, Inc.

Olivier Kambala joined Checchi Consulting and Company as Deputy Chief of Party on the USAID Mali Justice Project in January 2016. Prior to joining Checchi & Co., he served as Mali Country Director with the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, leading, managing, coordinating, and developing programs in Mali that included transitional justice, rule of law, and antislavery. Mr. Kambala is also the Founder and Director of the Congo Memory Institute, which seeks to create an open archive of written and oral memories of atrocities committed in the Congo region before, during and after European colonization, provide forums for people to record and share their memories with others, with a special focus on those living in the Congo, and to nurture a shared dialogue for local, state and foreign actors to build a collective memory from which to redress past wrongs by reforming institutions and cultures of oppression.

### Daniela Kravetz, International Criminal Justice and Gender Practitioner, United Nations

Daniela Kravetz is a Chilean attorney with extensive experience in international criminal law, human rights and gender justice issues. For the past two years, she has been working with UN Women in Colombia supporting domestic efforts to prosecute conflict-related sexual and genderbased violence. She is also a visiting professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa, where she teaches a course on international criminal law and gender crimes, and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Prosecuting Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Network of the International Association of Prosecutors. Daniela regularly lectures on international criminal law and gender issues, and provides training to legal practitioners from different regions on the use of international criminal law to promote women's human rights. Previously, she worked for almost ten years as a prosecutor at the Office of the Prosecutor of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, where she was involved in cases against high-level leaders for war crimes committed in the conflict in that region. She was also an active contributor to this Office's legacy project on prosecuting conflict-related sexual violence crimes, which will be published by OUP in April 2016.

# **Charles Guy Makongo,** Country Director, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (DRC)

Charles Guy Makongo, became the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative for the Democratic Republic of Congo Country Director in February 2010. From June 2009 through January 2010, Mr. Makongo served as the director to ABA ROLI's Dutch Embassy-funded program in Maniema province to combat sexual and gender-based violence. Mr. Makongo graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Yaoundé, Cameroon with a B.A. in Law. He obtained his M.A. in international relations and international disputes from the International Relations Institute of Cameroon. Prior to joining ABA ROLI, Mr. Makongo worked for a number of international organizations, including a SightFirst Project, funded by the Lions Club International Foundation. He was also a project manager and national expert under the sphere of European Union-Cameroon Cooperation and the PACDET human rights pilot project.

# **David Mandel-Anthony,** Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of State

David Mandel-Anthony is a Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Global Criminal Justice at the U.S. Department of State, advising the Ambassador-at-large for War Crimes Issues since March 2012 on the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy for the prevention and response to mass atrocities, including genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. David's focus includes the Western and Great Lakes regions of Africa; Guatemala and Central America; Ukraine; international and hybrid criminal tribunals; transitional justice; post-conflict rule-of-law building; and sexual violence in conflict. David has worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Humanity in Action, the Open Society Justice Initiative, Human Rights Watch - International Justice Program, the Public International Law and Policy Group, and the International Center for Transitional Justice. Before working at the State Department, David lived in Uganda advising the judiciary on establishing a domestic war crimes tribunal for atrocity crimes. Originally from Lexington, Kentucky, David received a B.A. in Plan II Honors from the University of Texas at Austin and a J.D. from the Leitner Center for

International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School. He is a Fellow with the Truman National Security Project.

# Julissa Mantilla, International Consultant Specializing in Transitional Justice with a Gender Approach; Professor, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru

Julissa Mantilla is a lawyer and professor at WCL's Academy of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. She holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is also an international consultant on Gender, Transitional Justice and International Human Rights Law. She was a member of the Peruvian Truth Commission where she investigated the cases of sexual violence against women during the armed conflict. She was a member of the legal team of the Ombudsman Office that investigated the cases of forced sterilization against Peruvian women. She has given lectures around the world in universities and organizations like the IADB, the OAS, the World Bank, American University, University of Santiago de Compostela, University of Buenos Aires, University of Peace of the United Nations in Costa Rica, Iberoamericana in México, Universidad San Carlos de Guatemala, among others. She has also published several articles and documents on issues like sexual violence, armed conflict, truth commissions, transitional justice, gender and human rights. She has been a Legal Expert at the hearings of the Inter American Court of Human Rights and the Symbolic Tribunals on sexual violence for Colombia and Perú. She was a consultant for UN Women in Colombia on gender and transitional justice. Currently, she is a Professor at Pontificia Universidad Católica from Perú.

#### Judge Margaret McKeown, Chair, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative

Judge Margaret McKeown was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by President Clinton and was confirmed by the United States Senate in 1998. She attended the University of Madrid and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Wyoming with a B.A. in 1972 and from Georgetown University Law Center with a J.D. in 1975. She received an honorary doctorate from Georgetown University in 2005. Judge McKeown was a White House Fellow in 1980-1981, serving as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior and Special Assistant at the White House. In 1993, she served as a Japan society Leadership Fellow.

Judge McKeown is chair of the ABA Rule of Law Initiative, and chair of the ABA Latin America and Caribbean Council. She serves on the Judicial Advisory Board for the American Society of International Law, the managerial board of the International Association of Women Judges, and the Council of the American Law Institute. She is vice-chair of the Georgetown Law Board of Visitors and Jurist-n-Residence at the University of San Diego Law School. Judge McKeown has lectured and taught extensively on ethics, judicial administration, international law, litigation, constitutional law, and intellectual property in Latin America, Asia, and Europe. She is co-author of "Trial Tactics in Trade Secret Litigation," Intellectual Property Counseling and Litigation (Matthew Bender), "The Promises of a New World Information Order," The Knowledge Economy (Aspen Institute), and "The Lost Sanctuary: Examining Sex Trafficking Through the Lens of Ah Sou" (Cornell Journal of International Law). She is also an author of Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts (West Group). Judge McKeown has received a number of prestigious awards, including the ABA Margaret Brent Women of Achievement Award, the Georgetown University John Carroll Award, the Georgetown University Law Center Outstanding Alumnae, the University of Wyoming A&S Outstanding Alumna, the Outstanding Mentor Award from Big Sisters, the Federal Bar Association Community Service Award, and the Girl Scouts' "Cool Women" Award. Judge McKeown has been active in community and civic affairs. She has served on the national boards of Volunteers of America and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and is the past chair of the White House Fellows Foundation.

### Juan Mendez, Professor of Human Rights Law in Residence, WCL; United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment; former Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide

Juan E. Méndez is a Professor of Human Rights Law in Residence at WCL, and the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment. He is the author (with Marjory Wentworth) of "Taking A Stand: The Evolution of Human Rights" (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2011). He was an advisor on crime prevention to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court from 2009 to 2011 and Co-Chair of the Human Rights Institute of the International Bar Association in 2010 and 2011. Until May 2009 he was the President of the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ). Concurrent with his duties at ICTJ, the Honorable Kofi Annan named Mr. Méndez his Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, a task he performed from 2004 to 2007. A native of Argentina, Mr. Méndez has dedicated his legal career to the defense of human rights and has a long and distinguished record of advocacy throughout the Americas. As a result of his involvement in representing political prisoners, the Argentinean military dictatorship arrested him and subjected him to torture and administrative detention for more than a year. During this time, Amnesty International adopted him as a "Prisoner of Conscience." After his expulsion from his country in 1977, Mr. Méndez moved to the United States. For 15 years, he worked with Human Rights Watch, concentrating his efforts on human rights issues in the western hemisphere and, between 1994 and 1996, as General Counsel. From 1996 to 1999, Mr. Méndez was the Executive Director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in Costa Rica, and between October 1999 and May 2004 he was Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. Between 2000 and 2003 he was a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States, and served as its President in 2002. He has taught International Human Rights Law at Georgetown Law School and at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and he teaches regularly at the Oxford Masters Program in International Human Rights Law in the United Kingdom. He is the recipient of several human rights awards: the Rafael Lemkin Award for contributions to the prevention of genocide by the Auschwitz Institute on Peace and Reconciliation (2010); the Goler T. Butcher Medal from the American Society of International Law (2010); Doctorates Honoris Causa from the University of Quebec in Montreal (2006), the Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina (2012) and the National University of Mar del Plata, Argentina (2015); the inaugural "Monsignor Oscar A. Romero Award for Leadership in Service to Human Rights," by the University of Dayton (2000); and the "Jeanne and Joseph Sullivan Award" of the Heartland Alliance (2003). Mr. Méndez is a member of the bar of Mar del Plata and Buenos Aires, Argentina, and the District of Columbia, U.S., having earned a J.D. from Stella Maris University in Argentina and a certificate from the American University Washington College of Law.

#### Jasmin Mesic, Prosecutor, Una Sana Canton, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Jasmin Mesic has served as Cantonal Prosecutor in the Cantonal's Prosecutor Office of Una-Sana Canton in Bihac, Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2006. Since 2007, he has worked on war crime cases that are processed before the Cantonal court in Bihac. Since September 2012, Mr. Mesic has served as Chief of the War Crimes Department at the Cantonal Prosecutor's Office of Una-Sana Canton. In addition to conducting investigations and representing indictments before the court in war crimes cases, he has led exhumations of remains and bodies of the victims of the Bosnian War for a number of years, in the region of Bosanska Krajina. He supervises the work of the Identification centre KIP "Krajina" in Sanski Most, where the remains of 680 victims are currently located. In 2015, Mr. Mesic began consulting for UN Women in Kosovo on processing war crimes with elements of sexual violence. In this capacity, he participates in the education of judges, prosecutors, police investigators in Kosovo. Since 2014, he has worked with the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina on the education of judges and prosecutors in cases of war crimes with elements of sexual violence. Mr. Mesic is a frequent participant in local and international conferences related to the question of processing war crimes, and works on various projects related to war crimes victims. He will appear in the upcoming documentary film The Prosecutors, directed by Leslie Thomas. He is a graduate of the law faculty of the University of Sarajevo.

### **Diane Orentlicher,** *Professor, WCL and former Deputy for War Crimes Issues in the U.S. Department of State; former Faculty Director, WCRO*

Diane Orentlicher, Professor of International Law at American University, has been described by the *Washington Diplomat* as "one of the world's leading authorities on human rights law and war crimes tribunals." She has lectured and published widely on issues of transitional justice, international criminal law and other areas of public international law, and has testified before the United States Senate and House on a range of issues relating to both domestic human rights laws and U.S. foreign policy. Professor Orentlicher has served in various public positions, including as the Deputy for War Crimes Issues in the U.S. Department of State (2009-2011); United Nations Independent Expert on Combating Impunity (on appointment by the UN Secretary-General) and Special Advisor to the High Commissioner on National Minorities of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (on secondment from the U.S. Department of State).

#### Sandra Orlović, Executive Director, Humanitarian Law Center

Prior to being appointed Executive Director of the HLC, Sandra Orlović spent five years managing a team of researchers and analysts on the *Kosovo Memory Book* Project. During the same period, she was the Deputy to the then Executive Director, Nataša Kandić. She joined the HLC team in 2005. In the beginning, she worked as a researcher into human rights violations and as a monitor of war crimes trials and the trial in the case of the murder of the Prime Minister of Serbia, Zoran Đinđić. In the period 2006-2007, she coordinated the program of support for victims of serious violations of human rights committed during the 1990s in realizing their right to reparation. She graduated in International Law at the Belgrade Faculty of Law. During 2012, she completed the *Historical Dialogue and Responsibility* program at Columbia University in

New York. The Schwarzkopf Foundation from Berlin awarded her with the title of Young European of the Year in 2009.

### **Claudia Paz y Paz,** former Attorney General, Guatemala; Distinguished Scholar in Residence, Georgetown University Law Center; Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security

Claudia Paz y Paz served as Guatemala's first woman Attorney General from 2010 to 2014. During her tenure, she pursued cases against perpetrators of massive human right's abuses, and has worked tirelessly throughout her career as a legal scholar and judge to ensure access to justice for women and marginalized groups. She is currently a Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the Georgetown University Law Center and the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security.

# **Stephen Rapp,** former Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice, US Department of State; former Chief Prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone

Stephen J. Rapp is the Sonia and Harry Blumenthal Distinguished Fellow for the Prevention of Genocide at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's Simon-Skodt Center beginning in October 2015. As part of the fellowship, he is in residence at the Hague Institute for Global Justice for six months beginning in February 2016. Rapp served as Ambassador-at-Large heading the Office of Global Criminal Justice in the US State Department from September 2009 to August 2015. In that position he coordinated US government support to international criminal tribunals, including the International Criminal Court, as well as to hybrid and national courts responsible for prosecuting persons charged with genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. During his tenure, he traveled on more than 1,200 days to meet with the victims and survivors of mass atrocities and to engage with other governments, international institutions, and non-governmental organizations to assist in the development of judicial processes, investigative commissions, and documentation projects to further accountability across the globe. From January 2007 to September 2009, Rapp was the Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) responsible for the prosecution of former Liberian President Charles Taylor and others bearing the greatest responsibility for serious violations during the Sierra Leone civil war. During his tenure at the SCSL his office achieved the first convictions for the international crimes of Recruitment of Child Soldiers, Sexual Slavery, Forced Marriage, Acts of Terrorism in a Civil War, and Attacks on Peacekeepers. From 2001 to 2007, Rapp served as Senior Trial Attorney and Chief of Prosecutions at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, personally heading the trial team that achieved convictions of the principals of RTLM radio and Kangura newspaper - the first in history for leaders of the mass media for the crime of direct and public incitement to commit genocide. Rapp was the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa from 1993 to 2001, where his office won historic convictions under the firearms provision of the Violence Against Women Act and the serious violent offender provision of the 1994 Crime Act. Prior to his tenure as U.S. Attorney, he worked as an attorney in private practice and served as Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency and as an elected member of the Iowa Legislature. He received his BA degree from Harvard College in 1971. He attended Columbia and Drake Law Schools and received his JD degree from Drake in 1974.

#### Amanda Rawls, Director, Africa Division, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative

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# **Patricia Whalen,** former International Judge, War Crimes Section, State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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