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UPCOMING EVENTS

UN DPI Workshop
New York
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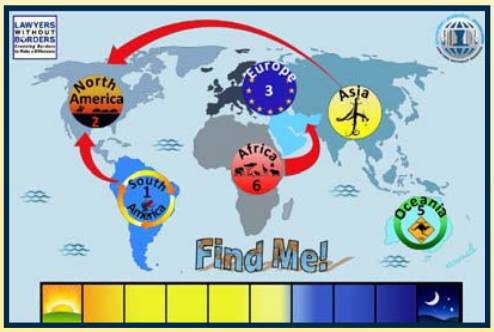
LWOB at the United Nations:
Raising Awareness of Human Trafficking

LWOB continued its tradition of conducting workshops at the Commission on the Status of Women during the 58th session this March. It was LWOB's 10th program at CSW. This year's workshop was conducted in close collaboration with one of our key partners, the Gibson Dunn law firm. Gibson Dunn was involved throughout the creation and reflection process. For the new game that was showcased during the workshop, Gibson Dunn wrote two hundred questions related to human trafficking. Six lawyers from Gibson Dunn's Washington D.C., Los Angeles, and New York offices, including senior partner Debra Wong Yang, introduced the Human Trafficking multiplayers game, which is called "Find Me."



The objective of "Find Me" is to collect clues to identify the three cards that were chosen at random at the start of the game, each representing a victim's origin, his or her destination, and the crime into which the victim has been trafficked. As seen in the image above, the game is played on a map-like board. The purpose of the map is to emphasize the international nature of human trafficking, as well as the ease with which exploited individuals can be moved from place to place. The game aims to raise public awareness of human trafficking's "Three Ps": how best to prevent human trafficking, protect victims, and prosecute human traffickers.

"Find Me" is an educational game that can be used to assess, reinforce, and improve one's understanding of key human trafficking principles. The game also demonstrates human trafficking indicators, common scenarios, and trafficking patterns, while highlighting different types of exploitative crimes associated with human trafficking.

The collaborative presentation by LWOB and Gibson Dunn was well received. The audience appreciated Debra Wong Yang's introductory speech to the game that placed the game into context. While the Gibson Dunn lawyers were explaining the questions and answers related to the game, the LWOB staff members ensured that the technology and audience participation aspects went smoothly.

Each participant was given an LWOB bag containing a sample of the game. One participant in particular contacted us a month later to tell us that she played the game with her students and they enjoyed it very much. Many other participants shared that they wanted to know more about LWOB. The participants praised LWOB's unconventional teaching tool designed to raise awareness of an issue that is often invisible.

Namibia Observer

Victoria Safran

Victoria Safran is an Assistant Attorney General at the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York, where she has served since 2004. She specializes in public advocacy and has prosecuted cases involving deceptive business practices and fraud in consumer, internet, securities, mortgage, and charities transactions. She is a graduate of the Duke University School of Law.

Victoria is one of the volunteers LWOB sent to observe the Caprivi Treason Trial, a twelve-year trial that started in 2003 in Namibia. It now ranks as one of the longest trials in the world and the largest trial in the history of Namibia. 132 people were arrested and tried.
Victoria expressed her enthusiasm to had been present for the last part of the trial. Victoria recalls the opportunity as "fascinating and very much the learning experience I had hoped it to be."

Global Corporate Challenge

Lawyers without Borders is proud to be taking part in the 2014 Global Corporate Challenge, a workplace health and wellbeing program aimed at changing the behavior and improving the health of employees around the world. The program was recommended to us by a colleague at Linklaters. LWOB was split into two teams, competing against each other to see which can walk more steps as measured by pedometers. The first stage of the challenge ended on June 21st with the Front Office team's victory. However, the Back Office team showcased a dramatic turnover as the second stage began and continues to be in the lead. Halfway through the challenge, the organization as a whole has already walked more than 3000 miles. "Recognizing that the habits from our sedentary lifestyle can only be counterbalanced by the activeness that GCC promotes, I really appreciate and enjoy being part of the challenge," says Sophia, a member of the Back Office team and one of the top four walkers of the organization. Indeed, LWOB has witnessed some significant boosts in fitness and team spirit among the staff members in a short amount of time and continues to participate with enthusiasm.

TyMetrix Donation

Lawyers Without Borders owes a special debt of gratitude to Tymetrix, a legal management software company and a Wolters Kluwer business. Tymetrix has created significant change in recent years with its award winning products that provide an integrated platform of e-billing, matter management, document management, financial reporting, budgeting and forecasting, and operational performance analysis. It was founded in 1994 in Hartford, CT, by dedicated lawyers and software designers and gained national recognition in 2002 for its innovative information solutions in legal analytics. Over the years, Tymetrix has received an immense amount of data anonymously from over 17,000 law firms and vendors, as well as 286,000 timekeepers, amounting to over 398 million hours of legal services and 105 million activities captured. With this data it has been able to generate data that supported LWOB cost-share calculation and valuation of lawyer volunteer time. These analyses are required for many of our federal grants. The reports, which often run into the thousands of dollars, were made available to LWOB for its analysis pro bono.

IntraLinks Donation

Lawyers Without Borders would like to thank a new donation from IntraLinks, a global technology provider of inter-enterprise content management and collaboration solutions. Founded in 1996, IntraLinks is known as a pioneer in software-as-a-service (SaaS) computing. Today, its services have gathered over 2.7 million users from more than 90,000 organizations, among which are over 99% of the Global Fortune 1000. Its users come from a range of different industries, from financial services to life sciences, technology, and manufacturing. Although not part of the major industries using IntraLinks, LWOB took notice of IntraLinks' pioneering success in facilitating strategic and collaborative business across industries. LWOB found IntraLinks to be especially beneficial in the projects with our law firm partners, which requires efficient methods for the exchange, control, and management of information within our global network of partners. IntraLinks is offering LWOB free and ultra-secure cloud-based working portals to manage such issues, and LWOB is excited to improve our inter-organizational projects with the donation.

Where Are They Now?

***Lawrence Tooth*, County Clerk of the Circuit Court in Illinois**

"I was an intern during my senior year at Trinity College. After college I taught English in Germany as a Fulbright Teaching Assistant and then worked at a non-profit that promoted German-American relations in Berlin. After I returned to the US, I attended Chicago-Kent College of Law. I graduated near the top of my class in 2013, passed the Illinois bar and began clerking in the Chancery Division at the Circuit Court of Cook County. Interning at LWOB definitely impacted my career path. Following my teaching stint, I transitioned easily into the international relations field because of LWOB's emphasis on international understanding. Being an intern confirmed my desire to go to law school and as I plan my post -clerkship career path, the interests I developed at LWOB are never far from my mind."

***Erin Margentino*, Private practicing attorney in Connecticut**

"After working at LWOB I attended New York Law School, thanks in large part to the encouragement I received from Christina to pursue my J.D. I am currently residing in North Haven, CT, with my family and working as a transactional attorney in Waterbury, CT. Lawyers Without Borders and the innovative and important work they do all over the world exposed me to the transferable skills lawyers possess and the great work that can be achieved when different sectors collaborate. It would be wonderful to come full circle one day and participate in an LWOB-sponsored project – the same kind I use to plan."

Katherine Wade
MBA at Oxford Saïd Business School

"I am currently doing an MBA at Oxford Saïd Business School and looking into career opportunities for making social impact through business.
The best lessons from LWOB: big problems can have simple solutions, hard work is more valuable than most skills/resources. I owe Christina and LWOB so much. She gave me a lot of opportunities and responsibilities and let me rise to the challenge. I learned how powerful it can be to simply take initiative and come up with my own ideas instead of just waiting for someone to tell me what to do - really important principles for me now in business school and as I look into a career change because, even if these are new fields for me, I can participate and engage with confidence and even create a role for myself if one doesn't exist already."

Luvean Myers
Working for Accenture

"I'm living in Washington D.C. working for Accenture. My current client is the Department of State and I help optimize their supply chain to ensure that embassies and posts receive the goods, vehicles, and assets needed to maintain mission-critical operations.
Working at LWOB taught me how to problem-solve under pressure. Whether it was figuring out how to get money wired to Ethiopia, how to finish an SF form by submission time or how to get the Liberian Judicial delegation around the U.S., learning how to focus on the end goal and be detail-oriented under pressure was an invaluable skill to learn."

***Carla Tavares*, LWOB's First Ever Intern**

"At LWOB, I conducted hands-on projects and I had really great experiences. I analyzed and reviewed how people were held and treated after they were detained in prisons. It was a difficult job because I was not welcome by the prisoners, but it taught me how to act with different types of people and to adapt my behavior to various types of situations. Conducting these interviews and observing the living conditions provided me with very interesting work, especially because I was investigating something that had not been done before. I really appreciated having the opportunity to 'get my hands dirty.' There were challenges, but for me, the challenges were more an opportunity. I'm definitely proud to have been a part of this organization and I'm proud of Christina's work because I know how hard it is."

Namibia Observer

Stacey Kelly

Stacey Kelly is a lawyer originally from Australia. She was admitted to the Australian bar in 2003 and passed the NY Bar in 2012. She has extensive experience in litigation, corporate, and financial areas of law and has worked in-house, for government institutions, and at law firms in Sydney, London, and New York. She completed a combined Bachelor of Laws and Science (majoring in Economic Geography) and has always been interested in, and an advocate for, justice and the interplay of legal, social, economic, and environmental impacts on international development. She has undertaken many volunteer and pro bono projects throughout her career.

Stacey also served as a volunteer observer at the Caprivi Treason Trial in the last phase of the trial. She is grateful for the experience and says that she "really enjoyed going to Namibia with LWOB and would be keen to remain connected to the organization."

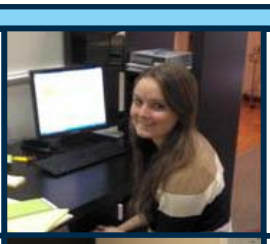
New Fellows and Interns

Camille Kritzman is our new fellow for the LesMitin project. She is a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a Bachelors degree in Latin American Studies and Psychology and a minor in Human Rights. She is fluent in Spanish and has traveled extensively in South America, in particular to Peru and Argentina. She also has experience volunteering with both Amnesty International and WITNESS, a human rights organization that uses video and social media to bring attention to human rights situations globally. She is especially passionate about immigration rights and economic rights.

Sophia Williams is our new fellow for the GHRIIN project. She is a graduate of Tulane University School of Law, where she was the editor in chief of the Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law. While in law school, she spent a summer studying International Human Rights and International Criminal Law in Amsterdam. She completed her undergraduate degree in Political Sciences and History at Vassar. Sophia also worked as a law clerk for the United States Attorney's Office in Washington, D.C. and the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office in New Orleans and interned for the Stimson Center.

Ben Haldeman is a volunteer at the New Haven office. He is a first year law student at UConn. He has been teaching English and History for seven years in private high schools and currently coaches at Loomis Chaffee. He majored in Religion as an undergraduate. Ben has been very involved in pro bono work these past years, volunteering with a human rights NGO in Guatemala and helping with refugee work at UConn Law. He is very interested in human and civil rights law, as well as environmental law, and has proven to have excellent research and writing skills.

Sofia Knutsson graduated from Yale University in May, where she majored in Political Science. She was an intern for the Spring term in the LWOB New Haven office.

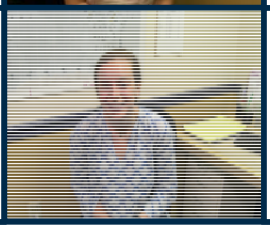


Rebecca Zittell double majors in Political Science and Global Studies and minors in Business at Lehigh University. She is back as a summer intern in New York after working as an administrative assistant last summer.

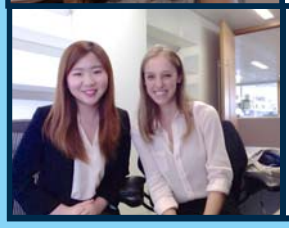
Claire Yi is a senior at Wellesley College majoring in Peace and Justice Studies with a concentration in Human Rights and International Law. She is a summer intern at the New Haven office.

Emily Roberts is a senior at University of Iowa majoring in International Studies with emphasis in African Studies and Human Rights. She is a New Haven office summer intern.

Anne Easton is a 2L student at New York Law School and a graduate of the University of Southern California in Philosophy, Politics & Law. She is a summer intern hosted by McDermott, Will & Emery in New York City.



Kathryn Kaelin is a senior at Yale University majoring in English with a concentration in Creative Writing. She is a New Haven office summer intern.



Juli HyeRyeong Cho (left) and **Sophie Gould** (right) are our summer Bulldog interns from Yale University. **Juli** is a senior majoring in Political Science and **Sophie** is also a senior majoring in European History. The two interns are supporting LWOB work in London in offices provided by McDermott, Will & Emery.

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