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Meet Our 2012-2013 Women's Law Fellows

We are pleased to welcome our fourteen Women's Law Fellows: seven Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa (LAWA) Fellows and seven US Law Fellows. Our LAWA Fellows pursue a Master of Law (LL.M.) degree at Georgetown with an emphasis on human rights and gender law, while our US Fellows work on gender equality issues at prominent organizations in Washington, DC. All of our Fellows participate together in bi-weekly seminars, trainings, and other events that foster professional development as lawyers committed to promoting gender equality and social justice.



Elizabeth Ogwal Akullo

Elizabeth comes to the LAWA Program from Lira District in Northern Uganda. She spent the last four years serving as a Judicial Magistrate on the

Mbale High Court Circuit in Eastern Uganda. Prior to this appointment, Elizabeth practiced law as an Advocate of the Courts of Judicature in Uganda and as a Human Rights Consultant. During her time as a Judicial Officer, Elizabeth successfully disposed of over 1,500 cases through formal and informal methods of dispute resolution. Elizabeth has also worked

as a community volunteer and human rights consultant, fighting corruption and seeking policy change on poverty, widow inheritance, succession rights, education, domestic violence, land ownership, exploitation of children and women, and human trafficking. Elizabeth firmly believes that knowledge is wealth, and has worked throughout her life to provide education to those unable to afford it, boys and girls alike. Elizabeth received her Bachelor of Laws degree from Makerere University in Kampala and holds additional degrees in Public Administration and Management, Law and Justice, and Legal Practice. She also holds a number of certificates related to management and human rights.



Christine Alai

Christine, who comes to the program from Nairobi, Kenya, has devoted her career to human rights. She served most recently as Program Associate and Interim Head of

Office at the International Center for Transitional Justice. There, Christine designed and implemented programs pursuing truth, accountability, and reparations for historical human rights violations in Kenya, including a project aimed at understanding the reparations priorities of victims of past sexual and gender-based violence. Christine has continued to

engage in advocacy initiatives to ensure that these victims' reparative needs are given significant consideration in ongoing transitional justice processes, including the Kenya Truth, Justice, and Reconciliation Commission's truth-seeking process. She has also served as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and a Trustee of the East African Centre for Human Rights (EACHRights). Christine has published several articles about human rights and transitional justice. Christine holds a Bachelor of Laws degree with Honors from the University of Nairobi, Kenya, where she received the Hamilton, Harrison and Mathews Award for Best Final Year Law Student. Christine received a diploma in Legal Studies from the Kenya School of Law and is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.



Jen Caballero

Jennifer is working at The Women's Collective and at the American Bar Association's HIV/AIDS Project, promoting the rights of women and girls living with HIV/AIDS. Her

fellowship is supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation. Jennifer received her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and graduated with high honors in Anthropology. While at U.C. Berkeley, Jennifer began to focus on initiatives that advanced women's health and provided support to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. After her junior year, she volunteered with the Foundation for Sustainable Development and spent a summer promoting access to women's health services in Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua. Prior to law school and while working as a litigation paralegal, Jennifer volunteered with San Francisco Women Against Rape and provided crisis counseling services to sexual assault survivors in the San Francisco Bay Area. Jennifer obtained her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where she was a recipient of the Domestic Violence Clinic Outstanding Advo-

cate Award and the Patrice A. Lyons Endowed Scholarship. In her second year, Jennifer was selected as an advocate with the Human Rights Fact-Finding Mission, through which she advanced the rights of immigrants with mental disabilities by conducting extensive research and policy reform advocacy on Capitol Hill. In her third year, Jennifer was accepted into the Domestic Violence Clinic, where she provided direct representation to petitioners for Civil Protection Orders in DC Superior Court, and advocated for her clients' interests with regard to child custody and affordable housing.



Hilda Stuart Dadu

Hilda comes to LAWVA from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where she spent the last five years at the Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA). Hilda began working at TAWLA as

a legal aid volunteer, providing legal assistance to indigent women and children. Most recently, she served as Project Coordinator and Head of Good Governance and Accountability. In 2010, Hilda was selected to join the one year Fredeskorpset Exchange Program at the Federation of International Women Lawyers Kenya (FIDA Kenya) which exchanges lawyers between Tanzania and Kenya to create networks among women lawyers, sharing advocacy strategies, and spreading awareness about women's rights issues. After this exchange program, Hilda was Project Coordinator at TAWLA, where she incorporated the skills she learned into her projects, including a project aimed at advancing sexual and reproductive health rights and a project to enhance the constitutional review process to increase protection of women's rights. Hilda holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Dar es Salaam, where she received the Certificate of Best Student for Excellent Performance in Civil Procedure.



Danielle Pelfrey Duryea

Danielle is the Clinical Teaching Fellow in the Domestic Violence Clinic at Georgetown University Law Center. As a litigation associate in the Government

Enforcement practice group at Ropes & Gray LLP, Danielle was founding co-lead for the firm's award-winning pro bono medical-legal partnerships, which provide free housing, immigration, education, public benefits, and family law representation to patients of Boston's Dorchester House community health clinic and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She currently serves on the National Advisory Council to the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership.

While earning her J.D. at Georgetown (2007), Danielle was a student in the Domestic Violence Clinic, served as Editor-in-Chief of the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy, and worked full-time in the Domestic Violence and International Women's Human Rights Clinics. Before law school, Danielle was an academic editor and Ph.D. student in the Department of English at the University of Virginia, where she taught undergraduate literature and composition courses. Her scholarly interests included feminist, postcolonial, and psychoanalytic theories and practices. In addition, she has worked in the public relations industry as a strategist and writer serving corporate and not-for-profit clients. She also holds an M.A. in English and Women's Studies from UVA and a B.A. from Yale.



Sonia Haerizadeh

Sonia is working at the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS and at the American Bar Association's AIDS Coordination Project, promoting the rights of women living with HIV/AIDS. Her fellowship is supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation. Sonia received a B.S. in Nutritional Science with minors in Global Health and Near Eastern Studies from Cornell University. While at Cornell, Sonia interned in the Economic Empowerment Department at Sanctuary for Families, a New York City agency serving survivors of domestic violence and trafficking. She also worked at a clinic for malnourished women and children in Santa Barbara, Costa Rica and studied the intersection of religion, reproductive health and HIV/AIDS in the Middle East. In May, Sonia received her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law. At Northeastern, Sonia was a Human Rights Fellow at Oxfam America, where she worked on the Access to Medicine Campaign, the GROW campaign (focused on the right to food), and with the Arms Trade Legal Response Team. She also was a legal intern at the Global Justice Center, an organization seeking to advance the rights of women through human rights law, and at Casa Myrna Vazquez, a domestic violence agency in Boston. Sonia was a teaching assistant for Northeastern's Domestic Violence Clinic, as well as a research assistant for Professor Aziza Ahmed (a former WLPPFP fellow) and for the Due Diligence Project, where she wrote country reports on the status on violence against women in Algeria and Tunisia. She also volunteered in the emergency room at Boston Medical Center as an advocate for patients who disclosed violence in their lives.



Shari Inniss-Grant

Shari will work to advance reproductive rights at the National Women's Law Center, which is generously funding her fellowship. Shari grew up in St. Thomas, Barbados and later moved to Washington, DC to study English Literature at Howard University where she graduated with departmental honors as well as Phi Beta Kappa. Her time at Howard afforded her the opportunity to publish "Whispers," a poetic narrative; to join the Shakespeare and Company Writer's Workshop in Paris; and to explore puppetry as a vehicle for social advocacy at Columbia University.

During her time at Yale Law School, Shari organized a panel for the Rebellious Lawyering Conference that explored the politics of intersectionality, worked with the LGBT Litigation Project, and organized events for the BLSA Political Action Committee. She also explored the intricacies of international systems and legislation, human rights violations, and foreign legal systems through summer fellowships at Amnesty International in Bangkok, Thailand and the Death Penalty Project in London. Shari served as a director for the 17th Annual Reblaw Conference, as well as the Temporary Restraining Order Project, a domestic violence initiative. During the summer of 2011, she completed an internship at the Senegalese Human Rights Commission in Dakar which afforded her the chance to observe the interaction between international mandates and local politics, help record political dissent against corrupt governmental actions and investigate the conditions of women, children and the labor class. Shari also participated in the Lowenstein Human Right Clinic, where she worked with the American Civil Liberties Union to investigate the trafficking of Third Country Nationals (TCNs) on American bases by US government contractors. She also interned at New Haven Legal Assistance, where she helped her client receive legal relief through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).



Nadhifa Mahmoud Juma

Nadhifa is from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Prior to joining the Fellowship Program, Nadhifa served as a Volunteer Legal Advocate and Communications Liaison at Asylum Access Tanzania – Refugee Solutions, providing legal services and training to refugees. There, she assisted women who have experienced sexual and gender-based violence and worked on violence against children issues. She has published multiple articles related to asylum issues. Nadhifa holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree from Bharat University in India. She also holds a Diploma of Cyber law from Government Law College in India and a Diploma in Human Rights from New Law College in India.

Mooya Lynn Nyaundi



Mooya comes to the LAWVA Program from Harare, Zimbabwe, where she was a senior associate at Scanlen and Holderness Legal Practitioners, widely regarded as one of the premier law firms in the country. Although Scanlen is primarily engaged in commercial and corporate law, Mooya litigated numerous cases in family law and labor law. It was during her time at Scanlen that Mooya became greatly interested in family law, with a more focused interest in the rights of women which were adversely affected by the gender biased laws of her country. She has spent the past year in the United States, working to further her education and pursue a career dedicated to fighting for the rights of women and children. She plans to return to Zimbabwe in order to start an organization solely dedicated to representing underprivileged women involved in matrimonial matters. Mooya received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zimbabwe.



Beverline Anyango Ongaro

Joining the LAWA program from Nairobi, Kenya, Beverline served most recently as program officer in the democracy and governance platform of

Act Change Transform! (ACT!), an organization aimed at implementing constitutional, electoral, judicial, and land reform in Kenya. Beverline is actively committed to promoting gender equality and has worked with Men for the Equality of Men and Women, a Kenyan organization that believes Kenyan masculinity must be restructured before democracy can be realized. She also belongs to the Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya and the Kenyan Section of International Commission of Jurists, organizations advocating for gender equality and respect for rule of law and democracy. Beverline has written articles in Kenyan national newspapers, the Nation and the Standard on the issues of gender and governance. She received a diploma from Kenya School of Law and earned her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nairobi in Kenya.



Amy Senier

Amy Senier is the Clinical Teaching Fellow in the International Women's Human Rights Clinic at Georgetown University Law Center. Amy comes to the clinic

after four years of practice in the International and Litigation Departments of Foley Hoag, LLP, where she represented sovereign states in disputes arising from ethnic cleansing, transboundary environmental harm, and maritime delimitation. As an associate, Amy also represented victims of domestic violence in obtaining abuse prevention orders from Boston municipal courts and individuals seeking asylum and relief from removal from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Amy was also a member of the legal team that mounted the first successful district court and appellate challenges to the constitutionality of Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act.

In 2012, Amy was honored for her pro bono work by both the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice as well as the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation ("PAIR") Project. Prior to joining Foley Hoag, Amy interned and consulted for a number of individuals and entities including: the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the Honorable Norman Stahl of the US First Circuit Court of Appeals, the Legal Resources Center (Johannesburg), the Brennan Center for Justice (contributing to the defense of an alleged "enemy combatant"), and Physicians for Human Rights (contributing to Epidemic of Inequality: Women's Rights and HIV/AIDS in Botswana & Swaziland (2007)). Her publications on international human rights and international criminal law have appeared in *Protecting Humanity: Essays in International Law and Policy in Honour of Judge Navanethem Pillay* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2010), *International Legal Materials*, *ASIL Insights*, *PRAXIS: The Fletcher Journal of Human Security*, *Al-Nahklah*, and *Swords and Ploughshares*. Amy received her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law and her M.A.L.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Prior to law school, Amy served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Namibia.



Cherer Aklilu Shaffo

Cherer comes to the LAWA program from Jimma, Ethiopia, where she has spent the last four years as a law professor at Jimma University and last year as the only female professor in

the Law School. She has taught courses on a number of gender and human rights issues and has supervised student clinical and research work in Domestic Violence Law and Family Law. Cherer has also developed curriculum and produced training modules. Outside of her

teaching, Cherer has been active as a community advocate for gender equality and female empowerment. Cherer designed a project to be implemented under the Women and Child Rights Division of the Legal Aid Center, to raise community awareness about Human Trafficking. Chere also served as Gender Focal Person for the College of Social Science and Law and Director for International Relations and Alumni Affairs of the University. Cherer received her Bachelor of Laws degree from Bahir Dar University in Ethiopia and has a Masters in the Arts (MA) in Gender Studies from Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.



Katie Wallat

Katie is working to advance the rights of low-income women at the National Women's Law Center, with the generous support of the Rita Charnatz Davidson Foundation. Katie

graduated with a BS in Biological Sciences from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Following a year teaching English in France, Katie served as an AmeriCorps*VISTA member at Turning the Page, a nonprofit dedicated to encouraging literacy and parental involvement in some of the poorest-performing public schools in Washington, DC. She deferred law school to spend another year with Turning the Page encouraging parental advocacy and expanding family programs. Katie earned her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2012, focusing her education on poverty and women's issues. While in law school, Katie spent a summer working to combat gender-based violence at the Society for Democratic Initiatives in Freetown, Sierra Leone. At Georgetown's Harrison Institute for Housing and Community Development Clinic, Katie represented a low-income elderly residents association in subsidized housing. Katie also interned at the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, where she represented homeless individuals and those at risk of becoming homeless, connecting them with much-needed legal help and resources.



Beccah Watson

Beccah Watson will focus on workplace fairness at the National Partnership for Women & Families. Her fellowship is supported by a grant from the Rita Charmsatz Davidson

Foundation. After graduating from Harvard University, Beccah focused on a range of issues affecting women and low-income people. At Legal Momentum, she worked with victims of domestic violence experiencing workplace or housing discrimination. She has also worked as a journalist covering politics and women's issues, and she directed a government oversight committee in the New York State Senate where she helped draft legislation strengthening employment protections for victims of domestic violence.

While attending Brooklyn Law School, Beccah served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Law & Policy, and published a note in 2011, "Defending Paid Sick Leave in New York City." She also worked on a range of women's rights and workplace rights issues while in law school, including an internship at Lambda Legal, where she advocated on behalf of transgender women experiencing police harassment. Beccah also successfully represented a Honduran lesbian asylum seeker in Immigration Court through Brooklyn Law School's Safe Harbor Project. She was an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellow, and a Peggy Browning Workers' Rights Fellow. Beccah served on the Executive Board of Outlaws, the law school's LGBT student group.

Seminars & Events

Supreme Court Visit



The highlight towards the end of each Fellowship year is our tea with Justice Ginsburg. We are honored to have Justice Ginsburg as a long-time supporter, and even more honored that she takes the time every year to sit down and chat with the WLPPFP Fellows. Knowing that it was the eve of the Supreme Court's decision in the Affordable Care Act case made our time with her that much more precious. As a result of her demanding work on the case, she was slightly delayed and we had the treat of chatting with her law clerks about their work. Once she arrived, and we got over being awestruck, we dove in with our questions on women's rights, her most memorable cases, and the demands of a high-level career. As 2011-2012 LAWA Fellow Vera Ngassa observed, "She had a particular way of pausing in mid-sentence and bowing her head. Whenever she did this, at least fifteen other heads bowed – we were hanging on her every word."

Farewell / Welcome Dinner



On July 24th the WLPPFP wished a fond farewell to the 2011-2012 Fellows, and welcomed in the new class. The event was hosted by WLPPFP Founding Board Member Wendy Williams, and featured a presentation of Completion Certificates to the outgoing Fellows.

LAWA Country Introductions

The first seminars of the Fellowship year featured Country Introductions from our LAWA Fellows. We learned about the status of women and girls, as well as the challenges facing women's rights defenders in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

Placement Organization Introductions

We also introduced four of our US placement organizations to the Fellows: the Women's Collective, the ABA AIDS Coordinating Committee, and the National Women's Law Center's Health and Reproductive Rights and Family Economic Security groups. The supervisors described the founding of their organizations, their accomplishments and their current projects. The seminar was a terrific opportunity for our LAWAs to learn more about our US NGOs, and ask insightful questions about US policies affecting women and their families.



Annual Welcome Luncheon

The October 2 WLPPFP Annual Luncheon to welcome new fellows was an inspirational and fun event. After a little mingling, the program's new Executive Director and my dear friend, Jill Morrison, warmly welcomed us all and shared how she had already taken the fellows ziplining, among other exciting adventures. What a wonderful year they will have!

Next Professor and alumna Deborah Epstein shared with us how the program is an opportunity not only to fulfill professional dreams but also to make lifelong friends and to learn about how theory and practice interrelate. I found myself nodding along with her wholeheartedly.

After a tasty lunch and an opportunity to meet the alumnae and fellows sitting at our tables, the three founding mothers of the program (as Jill described them) – Wendy Williams, Marcia Greenberger and Judy Lichtman – took turns introducing our amazing US and LAWA fellows. As always, hearing the list of the fellows' accomplishments made alumnae sitting in the audience wonder how we ever got into the program. From HIV/AIDS to marriage equality to domestic violence, these women have already been at the forefront of tackling some of our nation's and world's most challenging problems.

We were especially honored to be joined at the luncheon by Judge David Davidson, husband of the late Judge Rita Charmatz Davidson, for whom one of the WLPPFP fellowships is named, as well as Gerald Burg, the supporter of the Harriet B. Burg Fellowship.

Finally, Professor Jane Aiken, Associate Dean of Clinical Education and Public Interest and Community Service Programs, closed the event with many words of praise for the program - in short, we rock.

I am so glad these luncheons have resumed. I left feeling humbled and more hopeful about our world, but mostly grateful to be part of such a wonderful group of women.

By Neena Chaudhry, US 1997-1998



A High Flying Day for the Fellows

By Executive Director Jill Morrison

The Fellows and I, along with our Dean's Fellow Erin Hammers, spent the day at Terrapin Adventures, a "ropes course" in lovely Savage, Maryland. I know there were some serious doubts about my plans when I had everyone sign a document titled "Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement" which made them promise not to sue in the event of loss of life or limb.

The day commenced with a "getting to know you exercise" facilitated by our guide, Rob, where we had to talk about ourselves for what seemed like an incredibly lengthy amount of time. Fortunately we are a pretty chatty bunch and the time flew by. In the process we learned much about one another's lives outside of school and work.

Then the real fun began! For those of you who are unfamiliar with ropes courses, they are a series of physical puzzles that require precise teamwork to solve. In completing each challenge, individuals within a group learn their communication styles and reveal group dynamics. I can say with complete lack of bias that our group totally rocked it. Of the three exercises we did, our facilitator said he had never see a group in his many years of experi-



ence solve the problems using our approaches. I am not surprised at all that we had a unique way of addressing our various challenges. After all -- we are women's rights attorneys, and are thus required to be creative in tackling whatever is thrown at us.

After lunch, our day culminated with everyone taking a turn at the zip line. The Fellows made me go first; they said they wanted to make sure the rope would hold. I loved seeing a few Fellows who had an obvious fear of heights challenge themselves in ways small and large. We also discovered that there are a few fellows that were probably birds in their past life! By all accounts, our Fall Fellowship Retreat was a success.

Lisa Small Tribute

WLPPFP is sad to report the passing of Lisa Small, a treasured alumna of our program. Lisa was a Harriet B. Burg Fellow, and spent her fellowship year working to protect the legal interests of disabled women at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. She remained committed to public interest work, and especially to helping people with disabilities. In spite of her own disabilities, she worked as an attorney for disability and fair housing issues, and provided pro bono legal assistance to indigent clients by helping them obtain health-care and get recusal from their medical bills. She also remained committed to WLPPFP throughout her life, serving on the organization's advisory board and remaining close to several friends she made during her time as Fellow, including Amy Spencer and Christine E. Webber. Lisa will be dearly missed.

New Faces at the WLPPFP

A warm welcome to Amber Robinson, who joined the WLPPFP this Fall as a Program Assistant. Amber is in her third year at Georgetown Law and spent part of the past summer in Lima, Peru working for a law firm specializing in international arbitration. We are also fortunate to have the assistance of Georgetown Law Dean's Fellow Erin Hammers. Erin graduated from Georgetown Law in 2012, and previously received her Master in Public Health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.

Alumnae Spotlight

We celebrate the continued achievements of our outstanding alumnae, who strive throughout their careers to improve the lives of women and families. Our alums constitute a powerful network of experienced and committed lawyers across the United States and the world, serving as founders and directors of non-profit organizations, judges and justices, parliamentarians, professors and deans of law schools, public interest attorneys, and in many other influential roles. Below are a few examples of recent achievements:

Belquis Ahmadi (LAWA 2002-2003) is now the Deputy of Party at Regional Afghanistan Municipalities Program for Urban Population in Regional Command East. She began working with the project in November 2010 as a Gender Advisor for the municipality level. Belquis acknowledges that working on gender issues in Afghanistan, especially at the local level, is challenging. She often travels to the provinces, some which are not very safe. She enjoys her job and the challenging projects she often works on but she does miss being able to walk outside and shop on her own without fear of suicide bomber attacks.

Patience Akenji (LAWA 2007-2008) is now working as a private human rights consultant, and recently completed a consultancy on small arms and light weapons related to gender and domestic violence in Africa with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Caroline Ajie (LAWA 2009-2010) recently presented her paper, "Women and Islam: Overcoming the Challenges of Senator Yerima's Child Marriage in Nigeria" at the Annual Conference of the International Bar Association in Dublin, Ireland.

Anna Carpenter's (US 2011-2012) article, "Women and HIV/AIDS: Toward a Jurisprudence of Social and Economic Rights," was published by the International Models Project on Women's Rights (IMPOWR).

Sherry Cassidy (US 1983-1984) continues to serve on the Boards of two non-profit organizations: Tanzania Health and Education Mission; and Overcoming Barriers, Inc.

Beatrice Duncan (LAWA 1993-1994) is currently responsible for supporting staff to mainstream human rights into programming for children, and is the main contact for minority and indigenous issues in her role as a Human Rights Specialist with UNICEF.

Rebecca Epstein (US 1996-1997) is now Executive Director of Georgetown Law's Center on Poverty & Inequality.

Holly Fechner (US 1991-1992) serves as Vice Chair of the Institute for Women's Policy Research. She will be teaching a labor and employment policy class as an Adjunct Visiting Lecturer at the Harvard Kennedy School in Spring 2013.

Catherine Foster (US 1992-1993) is now the Executive Director of the Peninsula College Fund at the Sobrato Center for Nonprofits at Redwood Shores.

Moza Jadeed (LAWA 2008-2009) was appointed as a Director in Kenya's National Drought Management Authority in March 2012. She is very excited about her appointment and she endeavors to ensure that the mechanisms adopted are gender-sensitive. She was also appointed to be a Board Governor of Makupa Boys Secondary School. Both are three-year Ministerial appointments.

Jane Kamangu (LAWA 2008-2009) is currently teaching law at Jomo Kenyatta University with a focus on Gender and the Law, International Trade and Investment Law, Family Law, Law of Succession and Children and the Law. She is also consulting for the World Bank on implementation of Kenya Constitution 2010 and the progress made in regard to women.

Jamesina King (LAWA 2001-2002) has been reappointed to serve as one of the Commissioners of the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone for another five-year term.

Hope Lewis (US 1986-1987) received the 2012 Mayre Rasmussen Award for Mentoring Women in Law from the ABA Section on International Law. She continues to contribute regularly to the legal blog IntLawGrrls.com at <http://www.intlawgrrls.com/search/label/HL>. Hope is also a member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law and of the Board of Governors of the Society of American Law Teachers. Additionally, Hope co-authored a major Report on "Forgotten Sisters: A Report on Violence Against Women with Disabilities" (available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2133332). In October 2012, she moderated a UN side event on "Preventing Violence against Women and Girls with Disabilities" at which the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women spoke. Her words to her fellow alums: "Warmest good wishes to all. Keep up the great work!"

Gladys Mbuyah Luku (LAWA 2010-2011) is now the Head of Chambers at the Libra Law Office. She is also pleased to announce that she has been selected by Interrights to attend a litigation survey on women's rights in Kenya this October.

Laurie Mikva (US 1984-1985) was nominated President Obama to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

Aparna Polavarapu (US 2010-2011) is now Assistant Professor of Law at University of South Carolina School of Law.

Ntibidi Rampete (LAWA 2001-2002) became the Director of Gender at the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in South Africa in March 2012. The Department was created in response to CEDAW and seeks to develop programs and research related to women's rights and empowerment.

Jennifer Schingle (US 2008-2009) is currently working as an attorney advisor at the Department of Veterans Affairs and at the American Federation of Government Employees. She was also recently elected Treasurer of her local union! In the Summer of 2011, Jennifer worked as an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center teaching Rule of Law Promotion in China. Then, in the Spring of 2011, she assisted in teaching a George Washington University Law seminar on the International Human Rights of Women. In early 2010, Jennifer's law review article was published in William and Mary's Journal of Women and the Law, which can be accessed online at <http://scholarship.law.wm.edu/wmjowl/vol16/iss1/6/>.

Jacqueline Scott (US 1994-1995) is now an Adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center (Harrison Institute for Public Law), University of Maryland College Park School of Public Health, Department of Health Services Administration, and at Nyack College, Washington DC Campus.

Makda Tessema (LAWA 2010-2011) has returned to Addis Ababa and started working as the Program Director for the YWCA of Ethiopia.



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