This year we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The Advocates for Human Rights.

The Advocates was established in 1983 on the premise, as Margaret Mead famously stated, that a small group of individuals can change the world. The Advocates has thrived because of our common belief that we all, regardless of occupation, age, sex, race, nationality or religion, can have a hand in changing the world. In 1983, Sam Heins brought together a small group of individuals who envisioned a world where human rights and human dignity are enjoyed by all, equally, without discrimination. While we are motivated and challenged by the work that remains to fulfill that vision, in our anniversary year we celebrate the many great successes achieved by small groups of individuals working with The Advocates.

In the following pages, you will see many examples of these successes. Since the early 1980s, we have worked with over 1000 volunteer attorneys to provide free legal representation to people fleeing persecution and torture, giving lawyers a chance to engage in human rights advocacy first-hand. Last year, The Advocates served over 400 asylum and related cases, provided consultations in 500 additional cases at legal advice clinics throughout the Twin Cities, and coordinated efforts to ensure that immigration detainees in the Upper Midwest had access to counsel.

The Advocates has emerged as a strong voice in the struggle for immigration policies that reflect human rights principles, providing national leadership in the area of immigration detention and emerging as a leading resource for factual information on immigration issues through our Energy of a Nation website.

Through The Advocates’ leadership on women’s human rights issues, countries in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union have changed their laws to protect women from violence. Advocates in countries around the world, including those in the U.S., have access to the best training materials and technical assistance resources to hold their governments accountable for protecting women’s human rights through our Stop Violence Against Women website.

The Advocates for Human Rights has been a leader in human rights education. The Advocates reaches people around the world, from training police in Peru and Nepal to providing assistance with human rights education to the Interdistrict Downtown School in Minneapolis through our Rights Sites Project. Our new curriculum on human rights and transitional justice was just selected to be included in a new compendium on best practices in human rights to be published by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and UNESCO.

The Advocates has also been working on an historic project with Liberia’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). In June 2008, we will host the TRC for the first ever public hearings of a truth commission outside the country of conflict. The U.S. public hearings will present the experience of Liberians in the Diaspora. Witnesses will testify about the human rights abuses in Liberia that forced them to flee, their experiences in flight and in refugee camps, and their experiences of resettlement in the U.S. The U.S. hearings will also provide an important opportunity for Liberians in the Diaspora to present their experiences and recommendations directly to the TRC, which is mandated to make binding recommendations to the government of Liberia.

Throughout our first quarter-century, The Advocates has developed deep substantive expertise while remaining responsive to the ever-changing needs for human rights advocacy in our world. We have remained true to our founding principle that ordinary people can truly be advocates for human rights. Our ability to respond to the need is measured by the generosity of our community. Thank you so much for your support. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Robin Phillips
Executive Director,
The Advocates for Human Rights

Aviva Breen
President of the Board,
The Advocates for Human Rights
The mission of The Advocates for Human Rights is to implement international human rights standards to promote civil society and reinforce the rule of law. By involving volunteers in research, education, and advocacy, we build broad constituencies in the United States and select global communities. The Advocates holds Special Consultative Status with the United Nations and is known for its outstanding work in advancing a broader vision of positive, cooperative global engagement through the promotion of human rights.

Since its inception, the organization has successfully diversified its work, cultivated an impressive support and volunteer base, built strategic alliances, and sustained innovative programming. Each year, hundreds of volunteers—including teachers, lawyers, artists, students, doctors, marketing and technology experts, translators, and others—generously share their time and energy. With the help of thousands of volunteers, The Advocates has produced 70 reports documenting human rights practices in 23 countries.

Refugee and Immigrant Rights
The Advocates works for the protection of the rights of refugees and immigrants in the United States. The Advocates offers free legal services to asylum seekers, immigration detainees, and immigrants in the Upper Midwest. The Advocates provides free legal representation, consultations, and services in over 1,000 cases annually with the help of hundreds of trained volunteers. Volunteers, supported by expert staff, work with victims of human rights abuses as attorneys, mentors, medical and psychological experts, and interpreters.

Women’s Human Rights
The Advocates applies international human rights standards to advocate for women’s rights in the United States and around the world. The Advocates works with local organizations to document human rights abuses against women, including domestic violence, rape, employment discrimination, sexual harassment in the workplace, and trafficking in women and girls for commercial sexual exploitation. The Advocates also provides training on legal reform related to violence against women and consultation on new laws to legal professionals and women’s organizations in the United States and overseas. The Stop Violence Against Women website, www.stopvaw.org, is an online forum for information, advocacy, and change.

International Justice
The Advocates seeks to promote human rights through national and international justice processes and works to develop practical and sustainable strategies to assist post-conflict countries in moving toward peace and accountability. The Advocates collaborated with the Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission to develop a new model for involving refugee populations in transitional justice.

Human Rights Education
The Advocates has a long history of human rights education. The Advocates develops and distributes curricular resources, publications, and reports; conducts presentations, lecture and film series, conferences, CLE and CEU sessions, and public forums; and provides numerous resources through the internet. The Advocates educates on topics such as immigration, post-9/11 human rights violations, asylum, the death penalty, child labor, women’s human rights, and transitional justice.

Special Projects
Death Penalty Project: The Advocates’ Death Penalty Project provides education on death penalty issues and advocacy against the reintroduction of capital punishment in Minnesota.

Human Rights Monitoring Project: Using traditional human rights monitoring methods to address cutting-edge human rights issues, The Advocates undertakes select human rights monitoring projects that are significant to local and international communities.

Nepal School Project: To combat child labor, The Advocates collaborates with community leaders in the village of Sankhu, Nepal to educate 225 of the region’s poorest students at the Sankhu-Palubari Community School. The school celebrated its first graduation in 2008.
The Advocates for Human Rights celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year. Founded in 1983, the organization began with a group of Minnesota lawyers who recognized the community’s unique spirit of social justice as an opportunity to promote and protect human rights worldwide.

The Advocates was established as the Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee. The Committee was formed to educate its members, lawyers, and the public about human rights issues; to promote, support, and encourage the efforts of lawyers worldwide in establishing legal systems that protect human rights; and to contribute legal expertise in international human rights standards. The group organized and trained local professionals and advocates to use their skills and experience to defend human rights in Minnesota and around the world.

One of the organization’s first projects to receive international recognition was the preparation and publication of The Manual on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions, known as the “Minnesota Protocol.” This document, adopted by the United Nations, details proper forensic procedures when conducting investigations and autopsies in cases of politically-motivated homicide. It remains one of the most significant human rights advocacy initiatives by a non-governmental organization and continues to be used throughout the world to document human rights abuses.


Today, The Advocates continues to elevate the profile of human rights issues worldwide. Over the past 25 years, The Advocates’ groundbreaking work—in countries such as Liberia, Bulgaria, the Republic of Georgia, Albania, Mexico, Uzbekistan, Poland, Nepal, Moldova, Uganda, Peru, Sierra Leone, and the U.S.—has placed it at the forefront of the international human rights movement.

The following pages reflect the history and accomplishments of The Advocates over the past 25 years. Through the vision of the founding members, the generosity of our supporters, and the energy and commitment of the staff, board, and volunteers, The Advocates for Human Rights continues to broaden the impact of its work in Minnesota and around the world.

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The Advocates’ Beginnings

**IT WAS SAM’S IDEA.**

In the summer of 1983, Sam Heins read a letter to alumni from Dean Robert Stein of the University of Minnesota Law School. In describing the activities of the law school faculty, Dean Stein noted that Professor David Weissbrodt was spending a year in London working as a lawyer for Amnesty International. That got Sam thinking whether Minnesota lawyers could get involved in international human rights issues. He called Professor Weissbrodt, and the two talked about Sam’s idea. Just a week prior to their talk, the leader of the Philippine opposition, Benigno Aquino, returning from exile, had been assassinated as he got off his plane in Manila. They spoke of their skepticism about President Ferdinand Marcos’ promise to hold an inquiry into the assassination. After their conversation, Sam organized a lunch with interested lawyers at the Alumni Club located in the IDS Center. Sam explained his vision of an organization that, unlike the staff-driven human rights groups in New York and Washington, would involve volunteer lawyers in human rights work. A series of breakfast meetings followed at Sam’s office. We drafted an annual budget, and in October 1983, we incorporated our effort as the Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee. Sam was the organization’s founder and first president. In 1986, he exemplified his vision for the organization by traveling to Bucharest, Romania to serve as an international trial observer at a political trial.

**AND BARB TOOK IT FROM THERE.**

In the fall of 1985, Barb Frey, who had been present at those first meetings and who had prepared that first budget, became our first paid Executive Director. She replaced Victoria Johnson, who had graciously served as a volunteer for the first two years. Barb had been trained as a community organizer. Indeed, after law school and before starting practice, she worked as a community organizer in Chile. Barb organized educational programs (on everything from asylum training and election monitoring to human rights issues in China, Haiti and Czechoslovakia); hired an assistant who helped her produce monthly newsletters (liberally sprinkled with Bill Cameron’s photos); sent missions to foreign countries (even giving a newly-wed couple a task for their honeymoon in Argentina); applied for and received grants from national foundations (thank you, Ford Foundation); organized the annual dinners (the acoustics being perpetually problematic); hired recent law grads to serve as our legal fellows (the august title being a large part of their compensation); conducted fact-finding projects (taking oral histories of our local Cambodian population left many of us numbed by the horrors of the Khmer Rouge); organized and sent travel seminars to the Philippines, Israel, and Central America (a Nicaraguan mayor wanted to make George Latimer the Minister of Volcanoes); and arranged for the review of the autopsies of six Jesuit priests assassinated in El Salvador (using the “Minnesota Protocol”).

— Jim Dorsey, Founding Member of The Advocates for Human Rights
The Advocates presents the 2008 Don and Arvonne Fraser Human Rights Awards

In honor of the 25th Anniversary, The Advocates has named its human rights award after Don and Arvonne Fraser, in recognition of their pioneering work in the field of human rights. We are honored to present the first Don and Arvonne Fraser Human Rights Award in 2008 to Barbara A. Frey and Samuel D. Heins.

The Advocates is honoring Ms. Frey for her significant contributions to the organization and her many achievements in the field of human rights. In addition to her role in founding The Advocates for Human Rights, Ms. Frey was the first full-time Executive Director of the organization. She served in that capacity for 13 years. Ms. Frey is currently the Director of the Human Rights Program in the Global Studies Department at the University of Minnesota. She teaches undergraduates, graduate students, and law students at the University and is the Director of Graduate Studies for the Graduate Minor in Human Rights. Ms. Frey has also worked to promote human rights through the United Nations. She served from 2000 - 2003 as an alternate member of the U.N. Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, a body of independent experts who advise the United Nations on human rights policy. From 2002 - 2006, Frey served as Special Rapporteur to the Sub-Commission on the issue of preventing human rights abuses committed with small arms and light weapons.

The Advocates honors Mr. Heins for his invaluable role in founding the organization and his work to sustain The Advocates in its early years. Mr. Heins has been instrumental in expanding the vibrant human rights community in Minnesota, playing a fundamental role in both The Advocates for Human Rights and The Center for Victims of Torture. Twenty-five years ago, he brought together several lawyers to establish The Advocates, which was then known as the Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee. Mr. Heins saw an opportunity for the legal community, which was less globally connected at the time, to take part in essential human rights work locally, nationally, and internationally. Mr. Heins served as the first Chairperson of the organization, and since then has served as Chairperson of both The Advocates for Human Rights and The Center for Victims of Torture. Mr. Heins is currently an equity member and governor of the local firm Heins Mills & Olson, P.L.C. He has also served as a visiting professor at the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota.
The Advocates for Human Rights has selected Padilla Speer Beardsley, David Kistle, and Faith Einerson as recipients of the 2008 Special Recognition Award for their extraordinary pro bono support in guiding the organization through its recent name change. The firm provided professional advice throughout the entire process by assisting in the initial determination of a name change, facilitating the selection of a new name, and developing marketing materials and guidelines. David Kistle, with the assistance of Faith Einerson, also introduced design concepts and color schemes for the organizational logo and proposed invaluable branding strategies.

The new name, The Advocates for Human Rights, better reflects the spirit and scope of the organization’s work. The newly conceived name and look coincide with The Advocates for Human Rights’ 25th Anniversary year, making 2008 a special time for imagining the organization’s promising future, as well as celebrating its powerful history of human rights advocacy. The tireless efforts of Padilla Speer Beardsley, David Kistle, and Faith Einerson in marketing a successful name change will have a lasting impact on the organization and the many people touched by The Advocates’ work.

Keynote Speaker

Ishmael Beah came to the United States when he was seventeen and graduated from Oberlin College in 2004. He is a member of Human Rights Watch Children’s Division Advisory Committee and has spoken before the United Nations on several occasions. He currently lives in New York City.

Beah is the author of the international best seller, A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier. In his book, Beah tells the riveting and difficult story of his youth. At the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels in his home country of Sierra Leone and then wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. He was picked up by the government army and was made into a child soldier. At heart a gentle boy, Beah found that he was capable of truly terrible acts.

After three years, he and three other young soldiers were released by their commander to UNICEF workers. Sent to a rehabilitation center, he struggled to regain his humanity and to connect with a world of civilians, many of whom viewed him with fear and suspicion. On a global scale, it is a story of significant consequence; on an individual level, it is a moving story of redemption.

2006 Kao Ly Ilean Her, Esq., Executive Director of Minnesota Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans and Lupe R. Serrano, Director of Casa de Esperanza.

2005 The American Refugee Committee, a global organization working for the survival, health and well-being of millions of refugees and displaced people every year, and The Center for Victims of Torture, the first organization of its kind in the United States and a group dedicated to understanding and healing the wounds of government-sponsored torture of individuals, families, and their communities.

2004 Honorable Walter F. Mondale, Former Vice President of the United States. An advocate for public service and leadership on human rights issues and an icon of Minnesota’s progressive traditions.

2003 Professor David Weissbrodt, Director of the University’s Human Rights Center and Professor of International Human Rights Law at the University of Minnesota and Paul and Sheila Wellstone, in memoriam, tireless promoters of human rights whose leadership in the Senate on human rights issues is unparalleled.

2002 William F. Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty International U.S.A. and Susanna Vardanyan, Executive Director of the Women’s Rights Center in Yerevan, Armenia.

2001 Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, Past President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and John Anthony Kaiser, MHM (1932-2000) for his Human Rights Activism in Kenya.

2000 U.S. Representative Bruce Vento, for his commitment to human rights throughout his career; Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association of Rochester, Minnesota, for their services to Southeastern Minnesota’s immigrant and refugee community.

1999 Baltasar Garzón Real, the Spanish Magistrate whose leadership initiated the case against ex-Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet; and Wilma Mankiller, Chief of the Cherokee Nation, whose life and work are dedicated to Native American and women’s issues.
1998 Arvonne Fraser and Loretta Frederick in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the area of women’s human rights; The Women’s Center and Reflexions for their work to prevent violence against women in Albania.

1997 Sulo Sherestha-Shah, President of RUGMARK-Nepal and owner of a rug factory that provides innovative programs to support children; and the Broad Meadows Middle School of Quincy, Massachusetts that demonstrated the power of youth activism by raising over $100,000 to build a school in honor of Iqbal Masih.

1996 Justice Richard Goldstone, Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. His integrity and vision made the tribunal an effective instrument of justice.

1995 M. Nazie Eftekhari, Jose Lamas, W. George Meredith, Viet Ngo and Rocky Ralebipi, highlighting outstanding contributions of immigrants.

1994 James P. Grant, Executive Director of UNICEF, and the National Street Children’s Movement, Brazil, for their work protecting our world’s children.

1993 Jadranka Cigelj and Dr. Shana Swiss, for their work preventing rape in wartime.

1992 Radio Enriquilo, Fernando Solanas, and Laura Waterman Wittstock, for their work promoting and protecting freedom of expression.

1991 Yuri Afanas’ev, on behalf of the democracy movement in the Soviet Union.

1990 Dith Pran, Pan Marann Sova Niev, and Sos Duong, in memory of the victims of genocide in Cambodia.

1989 Maria Socorro Diokno, Free Legal Assistance Group of the Philippines.

1988 Dr. Inge Genefke, International Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims, Copenhagen.

1987 Organizations of families of the detained and disappeared in Argentina, Guatemala and South Africa.

1986 U.S. Representative Bill Frenzel, for his work on behalf of Soviet Jews.

1985 Mayor Don Fraser, for his international human rights work.
Amy Albus
Amy Albus has offered ongoing professional support since 2005 for the Stop Violence Against Women website—reviewing and updating content, monitoring and posting news related to women’s human rights, helping with the National VAW Monitor Program, and drafting a new section on forced marriage.

James Keuning
James Keuning designed and launched a new database for the Refugee and Immigrant Program to better manage and catalogue client information, as well as organize statistics for funders about the services provided to clients. His contribution has helped manage client data and has improved the overall efficiency of the program.

Mourad Ammi
Mourad Ammi, a professional interpreter in French and Arabic, assists asylum seekers in obtaining legal services. He gives his time tirelessly to assist volunteer attorneys and their asylum clients as they prepare for interviews and hearings, and generously helps with document translation.

Matthew Ralph
Matthew Ralph, an associate at Dorsey & Whitney, LLP has been a volunteer attorney for numerous asylum clients. Most notably, he was counsel in Hassan v. Gonzalez, a favorable 8th Circuit decision pertaining to women who have experienced female genital mutilation (FGM).

Lily Troia
Lily Troia has provided creative expertise and passionate commitment for many of our projects, including the planning and coordination of International Women’s Day, writing and editing for the Stop Violence Against Women website, and doing background research for The Advocates’ Sex Trafficking Needs Assessment.

Kim Hunter
Kim Hunter, an immigration attorney in St. Paul, frequently serves as a consulting attorney for many of The Advocates’ volunteer attorneys. Ms. Hunter has been a resource on affirmative, defensive, and appeal cases.
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi Trafficking Report Team

This past year, seven attorneys from Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, LLC volunteered over one hundred hours on the state-wide Sex Trafficking Needs Assessment being conducted for the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs. Julia Dayton Klein, Laura Nelson (a former staff attorney in the Women’s Program), Heather McElroy, Stacey Slaughter, Maggie Lockner, Jennifer Ciresi, and Amy Slusser (from left to right) participated in trainings and team meetings, conducted dozens of interviews, and revised portions of the report. Their insight and assistance proved invaluable in the successful completion of this project.

Past Volunteer Awards Recipients

Individuals

Elena Achaval
Cliff Anderson
Sandra Babcock
Maria Baldini-Potermin
Tara Barenok
Scott and Rochelle Barsuhn
Colleen Beebe
Shelly Bertrand
Johanna Bond
Aviva Breen
Jean-Robert Cole
Laura J. Danielson
Stephanie Davies
Mary Ellingen
Karen Ellingson
Keith M. Ellison
Nancy Eltzwiler
Sandy Falkman
Linda Foreman
Arvonne Fraser
Loretta Frederick

Dylan Gerstein
John Getsinger
Mimi Girma
Cecilia Goetz
Alan Goldfarb
Kathleen Graham
Rose Grengs
John Grzybek
Lesley Guyton
Bruce Hanley
Dianne Heins
Ilean Her
Barbara Holmes
Mary Hunt
Mara Hvistendahl
Saori Shida
Jeff Keyes & Kevin Magnuson
Anna-Marie Johnson
Marie-Flore Johnson
Rachel Johnson
Jan Karon
Julia Kashaeva
Marlene Kayser
E.J. Kelley
Sherry Kempf
Jane Keple
Hon. Mary Louise Klas
Diane Knust
Duane Krohnke
Eben Laurie
Mark Lee
Brad Lehrman
Polly Maier
John and Kristine Mandler
James Martineau
Yolanda Maya
Laura Melnick
Anthony Mendoza
Kathleen Moccio
Selahadin
Mohamed
Marianne Murphy
Zarzana
Thang Nguyen
Dwight Oglesby
Doug Olson
Nadifa Osman
Lorrie Oswald
Connie Overhue
David Parker
Penny Parker
Nancy Peterson
Robin Phillips
Wayne Popham
Cheryl Robertson
Helen Rubenstein
Emily Sandall
Dr. Irfan Sandozi
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Katrin Scholz-Barth
Lynd Schultz
Kathy Seipp
Karla Stone
Cheryl Thomas
Peter Thompson
Phyllis Towne
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John Troyer
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Pamela Waggoner
Abigail Wertz
David and Mary Woodward
Tzy Lee Ya

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Pro Bono Asylum Team
Doherty Rumble & Butler Refugee Rights Team
Faegre & Benson
Pro Bono Asylum Team
Steve Pincus, Charles Loyd and Tom Fabel
Volunteer Technology Team

Pangea World Theater
Ramsey International Fine Arts Center
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi Asylum Appeals Team
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi
University of Minnesota Law School Immigration Clinic
Volunteer Technology Team
1983-2008 The Advocates for Human Rights

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

of Human Rights Advocacy
Advocacy

• Established the Political Asylum Project to assist individuals seeking asylum based on politically motivated human rights violations.

• Established the Inquest Procedures Project to work with forensic pathologists to prepare guidelines for dealing with cases of alleged political killings.

• Launched the Indigenous Peoples’ Project and prepared a brief for submission to the United Nations advocating an international obligation of all members to bargain in good faith with their indigenous populations. Assisted the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in drafting a resolution respecting participation by indigenous peoples in the work of the United Nations.

• Launched the Right to Leave and Return Project and assisted in a study for the United Nations on the right to leave and return to one’s country.

• Established the Amicus Briefs Project to prepare briefs on U.S. cases involving international human rights, norms, or issues. Submitted amicus briefs in the Ninth Circuit on the issue of Sison v. Marcos and to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

• Launched the first Human Rights Awards Dinner, where Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser was honored for his achievement in the area of international human rights. Hosted this event annually, acknowledging the contributions of individuals in the field and celebrating the milestones of the organization.

• Established the North Korea Project to develop a methodology for human rights fact-finding in a closed country.

• Proposed and helped establish the Minnesota Center for the Treatment of Victims of Torture.

• Appeared as amicus curiae in the case of Gaspersohn v. Harnet County Board of Education in the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

• Initiated a project to encourage the United States to provide funds to the U.N. Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

• Supported a proposed Minneapolis city ordinance on divestment in South Africa.

• Issued a 33-page report on Autopsy Standards and disseminated it to the United Nations, other international organizations, and NGOs.

• Launched the Habeas Corpus Project to search for the disappeared in Guatemala.

• Produced a documentary about Alicia de Garcia and the Committee of Mothers of the Disappeared in El Salvador.

• Launched the Campaign for Disappeared Children in Argentina.

• Assisted in securing the release of

Former Board member Bill Cameron on study tour to Central America, led by the Augsburg Center for Global Concern and Mayor Don Fraser in the late 1980s

Louis and Nadia Smith at the 2nd Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner
Ioan Ruta (Romania), Yegor Volkav (USSR) and Alain Recourt (Haiti) from imprisonment.

- Launched a campaign for Mariel Cubans in Minnesota and Louisiana who were indefinitely detained after completing criminal sentences.

**Education**

- Hosted a discussion on the Supreme Court’s opinion in *INS v. Stevic* and Congress’ actions concerning the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration litigation.

- Launched the International Human Rights Treaties Project to promote the ratification of human rights treaties and subsequently promoted the ratification of various international human rights treaties by the U.S. Senate.

- Invited Jovito Salonga, President of the principal opposition party in the Philippines, and hosted a presentation on Philippine politics, the Philippine elections, and the status of the campaign for human rights in the Philippines. Hosted a travel seminar to the Philippines.

- Hosted presentations by: Kim Dae Jung, the principal South Korean opposition leader and a noted human rights advocate; Wladyslaw Sila-Nowicki, a prominent Polish human rights lawyer and legal advisor to Solidarity; and Tatiana Yankelvich, the stepdaughter of Soviet dissident and Nobel Laureate Andrei Sakharov. Also hosted “Political Developments and Human Rights Issues in Thailand” by Sutham Saengpratoom and Ke Xiao Ming, a law faculty member at Fudan University in Shanghai, China.

- Held a seminar concerning the World Court and *Nicaragua v. United States*, and hosted travel seminars to El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

- Presented a program on the impact of the Holocaust on international human rights law.

- Started the annual asylum training seminar to train lawyers on the basics of asylum law and procedure. Held training annually to recruit and educate attorneys.

- Wrote a monthly feature column in the St. Paul Pioneer Press & Dispatch requesting letters on behalf of political prisoners.

- Held seminars on the use of medical testimony in asylum cases, international human rights, and remedies for Southeast Asian refugees.

- Co-sponsored a seminar, “Victims of Torture: Recognition and Treatment,” with the Center for Victims of Torture.

- Presented on human rights issues at William Mitchell College of Law, and presented on ways to get involved to the Minnesota Bar community.

**Board Member Wood Foster speaking at the 4th Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner**
Research

- Established the Human Rights Violations Project to investigate and oppose violations in countries such as Albania, Argentina, North Korea, Pakistan, Poland, South Africa, Soviet Union, Taiwan, Yugoslavia, and various Central American countries.

- Launched the Geneva Conventions Project and conducted research regarding the application of the Geneva Convention to military aid for El Salvador and Afghanistan.

- Sent a delegation to El Salvador to work with the Committee of the Mothers of the Disappeared.

- Conducted research and submitted material to the U.N. on human rights violations in Albania, particularly as it relates to Greek-Albanians.

- Investigated human rights violations in Chile.

- Established the Foreign Election Project to sponsor the creation of a bi-partisan group to monitor elections in foreign countries.

- Established the Independence of the Legal Profession Project to study the protection of lawyers, judges, and jurors internationally. Developed and submitted a statement to the U.N. Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities regarding the problems of protecting the independence of jurors.

- Established the Trial Observation Project to send observers to trials of human rights interest in such countries as Namibia. Sent a delegation to South Africa to observe a treason trial and to observe trials regarding the country’s system of legal segregation under apartheid.

- Sent a delegation to Uruguay to observe the national election and monitored and publicized the fairness of the 1985 election process in Liberia.

- Sent delegations to the International Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims in Copenhagen, Denmark.

- Sent delegations to Harlingen, Texas to examine the status of Central American refugees.

- Sent a delegation to visit human rights organizations, lawyers, and judges in El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Honduras.

- Investigated the case of Judge Carlos Cerda in Chile, who had been unjustly suspended from his judicial duties for opposing a higher court order to stop his investigation into the “disappearance” of ten individuals.

- Observed the trial of Ioan Constantina Ruta in Bucharest, Romania.

- Sent a delegation to Guatemala to investigate the status of habeas corpus cases.

- Sent a delegation to South Korea and Japan to interview knowledgeable sources concerning human rights in North Korea.

- Sent a delegation to Tunisia to investigate the alleged suppression of the activities of the Tunisian League of Human Rights.

The Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo, 1987

Former Board member Richard Ihrig with children on trip to Central America
Advocacy

- Testified before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington, D.C. on the Committee’s use of habeas corpus petitions in search of Guatemala’s disappeared persons.

- Testified before the Congressional Human Rights Caucus on legal issues concerning disappearances in Romania, Sri Lanka, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, and Guatemala.

- Launched a campaign on behalf of the 18 opposition groups and human rights organizations banned by the government of South Africa.

- Launched a campaign on behalf of attorneys arrested in Paraguay for planning a rally to observe the 40th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

- Submitted an amicus brief to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and drafted an amicus brief to the Board of Immigration Appeals concerning the denial of asylum for a Salvadoran client.

- Sent a representative to a forum of international human rights lawyers in Manila in support of Filipino attorneys threatened for their work in the Free Legal Assistance Group.

- Participated in a colloquium in Argentina to consider the need for an International Convention against the Forced Disappearance of Persons.

- Sent a representative to the 44th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to monitor the adoption of general principles regarding death investigations.

- Established a Corporate Focus Group, including lawyers from the general counsel’s offices of various local businesses, to increase involvement of business leaders in human rights issues.

- Joined a campaign to secure international protection for Cambodians in Thai refugee camps and repatriation of Cambodians after the projected withdrawal of Vietnamese forces. Provided written testimony to the U.S. House Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and International Law on the use of humanitarian parole for family reunification of Cambodians.

- Reviewed the autopsies performed on the six Jesuits assassinated in El Salvador.

- Secured the establishment of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s International Bar Relations Committee to develop relationships between the MSBA and Bar Associations of foreign countries.


- Testified before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee,
advocating U.S. ratification of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the U.N. in 1984.

- Led a delegation to train public officials of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.

- The Supreme Court granted a certiori in *Sullivan v. Louisiana*, a death sentence case handled by a volunteer of Minnesota Advocates.

- In the Fifth Circuit, death row inmate Alvin Scott Loyd, represented by a Minnesota Advocates volunteer, won *habeas corpus* relief and a right to a rehearing on his death sentence.

- Provided legal assistance to 281 clients with their asylum and humanitarian parole cases.

- Called on Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. to link their participation in NAFTA with a new commitment to enforce international human rights law.

### Education

- Helped plan an international conference in Warsaw, Poland on the implementation of the U.N. Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

- Sponsored a forum to address the international legal implications of the Palestinian-Israeli struggle over the West Bank.


- Initiated a luncheon speaker series on South Africa entitled, “Perspectives on Apartheid.”

- Sponsored a study tour to the Philippines led by Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser and met with President Corazon Aquino and the Secretaries of Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Justice.

- Held trainings for human rights investigators in Mexico.

- Sponsored a travel seminar to Israel and the Occupied Territories.

- Held a seminar for the training of asylum volunteers (officials of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees traveled from Geneva, Switzerland and Washington, D.C. to participate), co-sponsored an international seminar “Identity, Filiation, and Restitution: 25 Years of Struggle by the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo.”

- Co-sponsored video screenings of “Echoes of Discontent” exemplifying the interrelationship between art and human rights.

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*Former Board member Bill Cameron with Board member Jim Dorsey*
Established the Human Rights Education Project to teach tolerance and understanding and to raise awareness of world problems and solutions.

Gave instruction on free speech issues to Czech law students in Prague.

Research

Sent delegation to Haiti to document human rights abuses against children. Testified about children’s rights in Haiti before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Investigated the work of the Australia Royal Commission on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander deaths in custody and presented the result to U.N. Working Group.

Sent a delegation to the Philippines to observe lawyers representing individuals accused of political crimes.

Researched the use of habeas corpus in human rights cases in Argentina.

Investigated human rights conditions of the Sikh minority in India.

Interviewed exiled Albanians in Greece, Yugoslavia, and Italy.

Investigated the judiciary’s use of habeas corpus for disappearances and other human rights abuses in Guatemala.

Sent delegations to the Philippines to interview former foreign workers in Saudi Arabia.

Traveled to Mexico to investigate border violations of human rights; investigate and assess human rights and the justice system; and investigated the murder of journalist and political activist Dr. Victor Manuel Orpeza Contreas in Mexico. Sent delegations to Mexico to investigate human rights conditions in Chiapas.

Investigated the human rights conditions at the INS Krome Detention Center in Miami, Florida.

Conducted a mission to Cairo and London to obtain firsthand information from Arab human rights groups and former residents of Saudi Arabia.

Visited Albania to investigate the effectiveness of legal reforms.

Investigated indigenous rights in Guatemala.

Submitted country reports on the status of women in Romania, Nicaragua, and Peru to the U.N. Committee on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Sent a representative as Legal Officer to the African Commission on Human Rights in Gambia.

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Investigated indigenous rights in Guatemala.

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Advocacy

- Launched a campaign to respond to human rights violations in Haiti after the violent military coup in September 1991.

- Brought international attention to escalating human rights violations in Kosovo and drafted the “Minnesota Plan” to prevent massive human rights violations in Kosovo. Traveled to Kosovo to test recommendations for conflict prevention.

- Sent delegations to the U.N. World Conference on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland.

- Assisted Tibetans resettling in Minnesota.

- Sent delegation to Macedonia to research and document domestic violence. Sent a joint delegation to Macedonia and worked for the constitutional and legislative protection of ethnic minorities.

- Campaigned on behalf of death row inmate Gary Graham, resulting in three stays of his execution date.

- Provided legal assistance to 2,304 refugees and asylum seekers.

- Established the B.I.A.S. (Building Immigrant Awareness and Support) Project to combat anti-immigrant sentiment in Minnesota.

- Established the Conflict Prevention Project and sent delegations to Kosovo and Macedonia to investigate conflict prevention efforts.

- Worked with women’s rights groups in Romania to increase public education on the issue of domestic violence and on the international standards that exist to prevent it.

- Filed amicus briefs on an espionage case in Albania, a religious freedom case in Pakistan, the International Legal Standards in California’s Proposition 187 litigation, and in response to the request of the government of Mexico for an advisory opinion related to a death row inmate who was a Mexican national.

- Launched the Harry A. Blackmun Project, a three-pronged initiative to educate about death penalty issues.

- Represented death row inmate Donald Gunsby, who was granted a new trial by the Supreme Court of Florida.

- Co-sponsored the first Inter-Balkan Workshop on Domestic Violence in Tirana, Albania.

- Launched the Child Survival Project.

- Launched the Campaign Against Forced Child Labor.

- Hosted a conference in Sofia, Bulgaria, for women from 12 countries on legal strategies to combat domestic violence in conjunction with two Albanian human rights groups, and held workshops on domestic violence in Bulgaria.
Responded to approximately 1,305 requests for information on immigration issues, country documentation, and referrals.

**Education**

- Hosted “The Refugee and Immigrant Experience,” a conference for Minnesota high school students on causes and conditions of refugee flight and survival, human rights, and immigration issues.

- Co-sponsored the conference “The American Community: Melting Pot or Boiling Point.”

- Trained educators and community leaders in Worthington on immigration.

- Developed a coalition of Fargo/Moorhead residents to address immigration and diversity issues.


- Spoke at an international conference in Mexico focusing on human rights, as well as sociological, historical, and anthropological concerns in rural Mexico.

- Sent 20 representatives to attend the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing and co-sponsored two local seminars on women’s human rights to educate about the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

- Produced “In the Spirit of Peace,” a program for children, on Radio AAHS (AM1280).

- Published *Energy of a Nation* - a high school-level video and curriculum guide and an elementary-level curriculum guide on immigration.

- Created an organizational video: *Connected by the Human Spirit*.

- Conducted a round table on domestic violence in Eastern Europe.

- Hosted first annual Human Rights Fair for Twin Cities students.

- Launched the First Annual International Women’s Day Celebration. Continued annual event throughout the years.

- Co-sponsored a Death Penalty Conference in Minneapolis.

- Co-sponsored, with 7 Hmong agencies, an informational meeting on changes in immigration and welfare laws.

- Presented to local immigrant groups on recent changes in immigration law.

- Facilitated a strategy session for directors of local Mutual Assistance Associations to develop a platform of action in response to changes in welfare law.

- Commemorated Human Rights Day with the first annual event on December 10, 1997.

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*Don Fraser and Richard Goldstone at the 13th Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner*

*Former Board member, Paula Richey*
• Distributed over 39,000 copies of Many Faces of Immigration, a newspaper supplement featuring immigrants and refugees in southwest Minnesota.

• Sponsored a study seminar to El Salvador.

• Launched the annual Refugee and Immigrant Program Celebration of Community and Diversity.

• Co-sponsored “One Tree, Many Roots: A Nation of Stories,” an essay contest on refugee and immigrant issues for middle school students in Minnesota.

• Hosted an informational meeting on immigration law for local Sudanese immigrants and refugees.

• Co-sponsored “Immigration Law for Employers,” a seminar for Minnesota employers on legal requirements for hiring immigrants.

• Educated hundreds of Minnesota students on child labor and on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Research

• Sent a delegation to Mexico to conduct field research on the Mexican judiciary.

• Collected and analyzed information supporting the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

• Sent a delegation to Mexico shortly after the uprising in Chiapas to investigate the arbitrary executions and torture committed by the Mexican military, military bombings of civilian communities, disappearances of civilians, and lack of access to certain indigenous communities. Also conducted human rights investigations in Oaxaca, Mexico.

• Sent trial observers to political trials in Egypt and Malawi. Observed legal proceedings against five members of the Greek minority party in Albania, known as Omonia, who were charged with espionage.

• Investigated the massacre of 17 civilians in the Mexican State of Guerrero.

• Investigated human rights violations against women in Haiti.

• Investigated domestic violence as a human rights violation in Bulgaria and Romania. Conducted preliminary research and documentation of employment discrimination and sexual harassment in Bulgaria.

• Sent a delegation to Nepal to investigate and document domestic violence as a human rights abuse.

• Conducted research on child survival, health and human rights issues in Mexico, Uganda, and the United States.
Advocacy

- Launched the Stop Violence Against Women website (www.stopvaw.org) to provide information, advocacy tools, technical assistance and an on-line forum for networking for advocates to address violence against women in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

- Launched the Campaign Against Forced Labor in Nepal.

- Established the Battered Immigrant, Refugee and Undocumented Women and Children Project.

- Petitioned the British House of Lords and Home Secretary to allow the extradition of General Augusto Pinochet to Spain to face charges of crimes against humanity.

- Met with U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and National Security Council Chairman Sandy Berger to recommend actions in Kosovo and China.

- Provided a training for police officers, volunteers, and activists in Nepal who work with victims of violence.

- Conducted a series of seminars on women’s human rights with human rights activists in three cities in Bulgaria.

- Participated in a coalition of human rights groups to place human rights concerns in China on the agenda of the U.S./China summit meetings.

- Assisted with Congressional enactment of The Torture Victims Relief Act.

- Distributed membership actions on Kosovo, Afghanistan, Burma, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Nepal, Mexico, China, Tunisia, DRC (Congo), Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Turkey, and Sierra Leone.

- Attended Diplomatic Conference in Rome on the International Criminal Court and worked for creation of the Court.

- Arranged representation of death row inmates in California, Texas and Florida. Volunteer attorneys Steve Pincus and Chuck Lloyd won the release of Albert Burrell from death row at the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

- Assisted with the case of Hetherwick Ntaba, an opposition political leader in Malawi, resulting in the charges against him being dropped.

- Attended meeting of the ambassadors and trade ministers of the countries of the Southern African Development Community.


- Provided legal representation to asylum seekers and launched the Minnesota Asylum Network with the Center for Victims of Torture and Physicians for Human Rights to provide free medical and psychological evaluations to asylum seekers.

2001 Lindquist & Vennum
Death Penalty Team

Harold Stassen at the 15th Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner
• Presented the B.I.A.S. Project to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, as part of the U.N. session on racism as a human rights issue.


• Sponsored a workshop at the Makerere University School of Law in Uganda on children’s and women’s rights, child survival strategies, social development, and poverty reduction.

• Launched the One School at a Time Project with a school for children in a rural village of Nepal to provide children with their human right to education and to prevent child labor.

• Launched the Human Rights Education for Community Change Project, an initiative to help schools in Greater Minnesota adapt to the changing demographics of their communities.

• Provided legal services to an increasing number of East African asylum seekers and torture victims fleeing persecution. Successfully blocked the federal government’s attempts to deport Somali immigrants back to war-torn Somalia.

• Participated in the Forgotten Refugees Campaign, a national effort carried out by community-based agencies to restore justice to the U.S. asylum system.

• Founded the Minnesota Detention Project in 2001 to provide immigration detainees with legal advice in advance of immigration hearings, in collaboration with Centro Legal, the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, and William Mitchell College of Law.

• Launched the Children’s Asylum Project with Faegre and Benson, LLP to represent the growing population of children seeking asylum and special juvenile immigrant status.

• Launched the Rights Sites Project with a network of schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul to promote human rights education in the classroom.

• Convened a community forum to discuss the human rights abuses in Gujarat, India.

• Joined with the Minnesota AIDS Project to screen its clients’ asylum cases and provide immigration consultations.

**Education**

• Created the curriculum, Good Things Happen When Students Take Action.

• Worked with local partners in Mexico to hold regional workshops there on child health and child survival as human rights issues.

• Gave multiple presentations on immigration throughout the Midwest, including Worthington, Winona, Mankato, Northfield, Fargo, and Sioux Falls.

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1998 Volunteer Award Recipients
Laura Danielson and her daughter, Mara Hvistendahl

Delina Fico, Sonila Qirjaku, Valdet Sala, Arvonne Fraser, Loretta Frederick, Radhika Coomaraswamy, and Cheryl Thomas at the 14th Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner
• Celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by hosting town hall forums at Minneapolis and St. Paul City Halls and participating in symposia hosted by the University of Minnesota.

• Led workshops at “Stand Together for Human Rights,” a Midwest celebration of the Universal Declaration held at Northwestern University Law School.

• Provided information on recent immigration-related legislative changes to immigrant and refugee populations, as well as an estimated 1,500 educators, social workers, and school district staff development coordinators.

• Provided testimony to the Minnesota State Legislature on immigration issues.

• Presented on women’s human rights at the Amnesty International Annual General Meeting and the Minnesota State Bar Association’s annual convention.

• Made several presentations on child survival and economic, social, and cultural rights to law and medical students, public health workers, and human rights advocates. Created classroom activities, trained teachers, and wrote curriculum drafts aimed at presenting information about a child’s right to survival and development.

• Sponsored a human rights education fair for local and national participants in the Amnesty International Annual General Meeting.

• Recruited and trained new volunteer attorneys to provide legal services to asylum seekers.

• Provided technical training and assistance to NGOs, community advocates, and government officials in Uganda to promote the child’s right to survive.

• Provided training on women’s human rights for advocates, volunteers, and the National Police Academy in Kathmandu, Nepal.

• Trained Hennepin County employees on immigrant and refugee issues.

• Brought together more than 150 individuals from over 75 organizations in three regional meetings on human rights and immigration issues in Minnesota for The Human Rights Education for Community Change Project.

• Worked with the Human Rights Resource Center to produce and distribute 30,000 copies of U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child.

• Sponsored a symposium featuring the former Secretary of State, Madeleine K. Albright.

• Joined with the defense bar in Minnesota after 9/11 to organize and train volunteer lawyers to provide legal assistance to foreign nationals in FBI interviews and co-sponsored a legal forum on issues facing the Arab, Muslim, and Somali communities since 9/11.
• Launched the Women’s Human Rights Speaker Series, a monthly forum on issues facing women around the world.

• Co-sponsored a regional conference on race issues and accommodating diversity through building inclusive communities, with an attendance of several hundred people from five states.

• Launched a human rights teacher workshop series.

• Trained lawyers and law students on the Inter-American System of Human Rights in Ayacucho, Peru.

• Co-sponsored an “Art & Activism” training to explore human rights issues through various art media.

• Sent a delegation to the Women’s Human Rights Conference in Mexico.

Research

• Investigated domestic violence in Nepal and Macedonia.

• Launched the Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in Poland Project at the invitation of the Women’s Rights Center in Warsaw, Poland.

• Conducted research and documented trafficking in women and domestic violence as human rights violations, and the legal system’s response to these issues in Armenia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

• Collaborated with Georgetown University’s Law School to publish two reports on human rights abuses against women in Poland.

• Presented a report on domestic violence in Armenia in the capital of Yerevan.

• Sent a team of 10 attorneys to monitor, and ultimately contribute to, the TRC process in Peru.
Advocacy

- Presented statements on Minnesota Advocates’ work in transitional justice in Peru and Sierra Leone to the 55th Session of the U.N. Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

- Challenged U.S. deportation practices to Somalia in legal challenges before the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court in cases, including Keyse Jama v. INS, in which volunteer lawyers argued against the deportation of client Keyse Jama to Somalia.

- Provided free legal representation and advice to over 1,000 asylum seekers, refugees and immigrants each year. Recruited and trained panels of volunteer interpreters who handled over hundreds of interpreting and translating assignments for asylum clients.

- Worked to defeat the reintroduction of capital punishment in Minnesota, including coordinating witnesses to testify against the death penalty in the Minnesota Legislature.


- Testified at a Congressional briefing on deaths in immigration custody.

- Participated in a national coalition responding to the U.S. reports on compliance with the Covenant Against Torture (CAT) and co-authored the immigration-related sections of the coalition’s shadow report.

- Authored the NGO shadow report section on the rights of non-citizens and briefed the U.N. Human Rights Committee about U.S. violations of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) concerning asylum seekers and other non-citizens.

- Served as Chair of the Detention Watch Network, the only national coalition in the United States that works for the rights of immigrant detainees.

- Submitted amicus briefs in three asylum cases before the U.S. Courts of Appeals or Board of Immigration Appeals.

- Obtained a reversal of conviction in the U.S. Supreme Court for Martin Draughon, who was on death row in Texas, through pro bono attorneys working with The Advocates.

- Provided expert testimony and comments on proposed legislation and regulations related to refugee and immigrant issues to federal agencies, the U.S. Congress, and the Minnesota Legislature.

- Educated the public about the human rights implications of proposed legislation for refugee and immigrant communities via forums, trainings sessions, and panel discussions.

- Co-sponsored the Rally to Stop Genocide, organized by the Save Darfur Initiative as part of the “Million Voices for Darfur” campaign.

- Testified at the MN Legislature about a bill to divest interests in Sudan.

- Served on the national steering committee of ProBono.Net’s Immigration Advocacy Network to develop a national online resource for immigration legal advocates.

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Guest of Honor Mary Robinson at the 20th Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner

Stephanie Odegard of RugMark speaking at Children’s Rights Speaker Series event
• Provided immigration legal advice at the Park Avenue Foundation/Volunteer Lawyers Network Walk-In Legal Advice Clinic, the Minnesota AIDS Project, the Center for Victims of Torture, the Center for Families, and the St. Paul Public Schools LEAP Academy.

• Served as co-chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association’s Human Rights Committee.

• Led a fact-finding mission to the Republic of Georgia to conduct research on domestic violence and child abuse, as commissioned by a consortium of United Nations’ agencies.

• Coordinated legal services at the Bloomington Immigration Court for individuals detained as a result of the raids at Swift plants in December 2006 and acted as liaison with legal service providers in the state of Georgia.

• Coordinated the Minnesota Detention Project to provide free legal services to immigration detainees at their first court appearances.

• Collaborated with Minnesota Council of Churches, Hennepin County Office of Multicultural Services, and the Minnesota Department of Health on a joint project that connects new asylees with available services and support.

• Launched the Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission Diaspora Project to include Liberians who fled the conflict in the TRC process; trained more than 600 volunteers in the United States and United Kingdom to take statements from Liberians in 8 cities.

• Hosted the annual Human Rights Awards Dinner, acknowledging work of human rights advocates in the field and celebrating accomplishments of The Advocates’ staff, Board, and volunteers.

Education

• Trained women from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union on how to use and manage the StopVAW website as National Violence Against Women (NVAW) Monitors.

• Launched a monthly National Security Speakers Series and a Death Penalty Brown Bag Lunch Series co-sponsored with Dorsey & Whitney LLP, covering topics including reinstatement efforts in Wisconsin, the role of the media in explaining capital cases, the federal death penalty, and the European view on the death penalty during the current state of war.

• Provided annual human rights education workshops for teachers in collaboration with local organizations; implemented human rights curricula in eight partner schools in the Twin Cities area, and administered on-site professional development trainings for educators in metro area school districts.

• Sponsored a community forum “Speaking Truth to Justice: The Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission.”

• Partnered with touring Broadway play The Exonerated to educate Minnesotans about the death penalty.

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Robin Phillips, Manpreet Dhanjal, Hyder Khan, and Irfan Sandozi, participating in the UN Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Geneva in 2003

2004 Human Rights Lecture Speaker Judge Michael Davis
• Annually hosted the Immigration and Asylum Conference and the Human Rights Law and Policy Conference.

• Expanded training on immigration and asylum issues and working effectively with asylum seekers, including training for service providers, faith communities, colleges, universities, law schools, government agencies and national associations.

• Served as adjunct faculty of the University of Minnesota Law School Immigration Clinic.

• Established a speaker’s bureau of immigration lawyers who speak to classroom, community, and legal gatherings about immigration issues and immigration law.

• Collaborated with Intermedia Arts to create the Moving Lives Speaker Bureau, made up of immigrant artists who address human rights issues through various art media.

• Hosted ten legal professionals from the Republic of Georgia for a two-week training on domestic violence legal reform. The Georgians, all lawyers, drafted laws on domestic violence in the former Soviet republic.

• Traveled to Sofia, Bulgaria, to conduct training for a new court monitoring program to be launched in three cities in Bulgaria. Collaborated with the Open Society Institute and WATCH, the Minneapolis-based court-monitoring organization, to train people to follow cases of family and sexual violence and to provide feedback to local justice systems.

• Worked with the American Embassy in Bulgaria to train over 100 police and judges on implementing the country’s new domestic violence law and organized three conferences in Sofia and Varna on the new law.

• Conducted training in London for Amnesty International’s European staff on documenting domestic violence as a human rights abuse.

• Launched the Torture Destroys Us All campaign to catalyze and inform a discussion on the use of torture during wartime.

• Launched the Energy of a Nation website – www.energyofanation.org – a website dedicated to providing accurate and up-to-date information about immigration in the U.S. and Minnesota, pending immigration-related legislation, reports, resources, community events, and curriculum.

• Provided information to the Minnesota Court Interpreter Program, which led to the adoption of new rules for complaint procedures and sanctions for improper interpreter conduct.

• Presented on international human rights and current global issues of concern, such as immigration, to students and faculty at colleges and universities, including Hamline, Macalester, St. Thomas, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Wisconsin.

• Collaborated with Pangea World Theater on a dramatic production, Journey to Safety, based on the findings of the battered refugee and immigrant women project report. Trained police, judges, social service workers, and community groups on the criminal justice system’s response
to battered refugee and immigrant women throughout Minnesota.

- Created a training video of *Journey to Safety* and corresponding facilitator’s guide, and distributed them at a national conference of criminal justice professionals.

- Hosted a Women’s Human Rights Film Series with The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library to present and discuss important films documenting women’s human rights issues throughout the world.

- Presented the Human Rights and Justice Film Series in partnership with the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library and The Innocence Project of Minnesota.

- Co-sponsored the Immigration Speaker Series with Fredrikson & Byron, PA., exploring issues such as protecting due process in Nigeria and providing asylum legal services in the United States.

- Initiated the Children’s Human Rights Speaker Series at Faegre & Benson LLP, covering topics such as the girl child, infant mortality, and child soldiers.

- Co-presented with Briggs and Morgan, PA. the Women’s Human Rights Speaker Series, covering topics including progress in legal reform on violence against women in Central Asia and the Caucasus, women’s rights in Islam, and human trafficking.

- Educated the public about immigrants’ contributions at the “Immigration Fuels Our Nation” booth at the 2006 Minnesota State Fair, where volunteers and staff distributed thousands of buttons and hundreds of fact sheets.


- Partnered with Fredrikson & Byron, PA. to present the Human Rights Lecture Series, covering topics ranging from the intersection of human rights and national security to housing and health care as human rights.

**Research**

- Led two teams of volunteers to take statements from Liberians in Buduburam Refugee Settlement in Ghana.

- Launched the Battered Refugee & Immigrant Women Documentation Project with a team of ten local attorneys engaged in a major fact-finding and reporting effort to document barriers faced by battered refugee and immigrant women in Minnesota.

- Developed a program for training volunteers to conduct human rights monitoring.

- Conducted fact-finding in Sierra Leone on the transitional justice process, including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Special Court for Sierra Leone. Staff and volunteers also traveled to The Hague to interview individuals at the International Criminal Court for the
Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Court about the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

- Launched the Post-9/11 Project to assess the government’s response to acts of terrorism and the resultant impact on Minnesota’s immigrant communities.

- Trained volunteer attorneys to conduct fact-finding interviews among the Oromo people in the local community with the goal of raising awareness and providing information for advocacy efforts to improve the human rights situation in Ethiopia.

- Traveled to Tajikistan at the invitation of organizations in Dushanbe to document domestic violence as a human rights violation. Held meeting and interviews with a visiting delegation of government officials from Tajikistan, including a Supreme Court Justice and Deputy Director of Internal Affairs.


- Returned to Peru to monitor the Government’s implementation of the TRC’s recommendations.

Education Program Director Colleen Beebe interviewing Congresswoman Nune in Lima, Peru in 2004


2006 Human Rights Award Recipient Hauwa Ibrahim with Board member Skip Humphrey
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Deputy Director Jennifer Prestholdt taking statements in Buduburam

Sandra Babcock, Rubin ‘Hurricane’ Carter, and Sylvia and Sam Kaplan at a Death Penalty Project house party

Ann Theisen, Kiranjeet Sangha, Valarie Kaur, and Sabrina Sikka at 2007 “Voices From Silence” Human Rights Day Conference

Peace Bridge in Freetown, Sierra Leone, 2004

Board members Dipankar Mukherjee and Irfan Sandozi

Kathryn Quaintance, Marna Anderson, and Cheryl Thomas in Sofia, Bulgaria
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Min Chong, Emily Good, and Ingrid Haugland and 24th Annual Human Rights Awards Dinner.

Ahmed Sirleaf, TRC Commissioner. Oumu Sylla, Amina Costello, and Jim O’Neal.

Gabrielle Mead, Emily Willits, Laura Young, Prof. Henrietta Mensah Bonsu, Jennifer Prestholdt, and Mark Kalla in Liberia, 2008.

Eric Janus, Carolyn Chalmers, Laura Provinzino, and Robin Phillips.
Advocacy

- Held annual Human Rights Awards Dinner, featuring keynote speaker Jerome J. Verdier Sr. and honoring Priscilla Hayner and Sofia Macher for their important work in transitional justice. Also recognized Selahadin Mohammed and Emily Sandall with in memoriam volunteer awards for their commitment and service to human rights work.

- Co-presented the Regional Conference on Domestic Violence Legal Reform with the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation in February. Participants from 28 countries met in Sofia to share ideas, tactics, strategies, and effective mechanisms for change.

- Co-authored immigration-related sections and contributed to education-related sections of the NGO shadow report to the U.N. on U.S. compliance with the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD).

- Expanded the Liberia TRC Project to Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Providence, Washington, DC and London and trained volunteers in each city. Also trained additional volunteers in the United Kingdom to accommodate the demand for statement takers from Liberians in Manchester, Sheffield, and other areas in the north of England.

- Provided full legal representation in over 400 new and ongoing asylum and related cases. Represented individuals from countries including Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, The Gambia, Guinea, Honduras, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Nepal, Rwanda, Somalia, Tibet, Togo, Uzbekistan, and Yemen.

- Co-presented the 13th annual International Women’s Day celebration on March 15th, 2008 at the University of Minnesota. Plenary sessions included keynote speaker Robin Morgan and a panel discussion on indigenous issues and the new UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights.

- Participated in a panel at a Congressional briefing on the growing problem of deaths in immigration detention. The panel discussion was attended by over 150 people.

- Responded to a dramatic increase in need for legal advice to immigration detainees after Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) tripled enforcement officers. Staff coordinated with the immigration court to train a pro bono panel to help meet the demand for services.

- Led a delegation to Washington, DC to advocate for permanent resident status for Liberians in May. Coordinated meetings with key legislators and allies, including the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service (LIIRS). Also joined with allies HIAS and LIIRS in drafting a national sign-on letter urging the White House to extend Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) to Liberians and conducted a wide variety of other outreach, education, and advocacy activities pursuing a permanent status option for Liberians.

- Prepared comments with the help of volunteers at Faegre & Benson LLP on proposed Justice Department regulations that give the Attorney General the authority to decide whether states are providing adequate...
representation for capital defendants and to approve “fast-track” procedures in death penalty cases.

- Served as chair of Detention Watch Network and participated in the national effort to address issues of immigration and detention. Shared experiences of clients with working group on alternatives to detention, as Minnesota is a test site for the Intensive Supervised Appearance Program (ISAP), an electronic monitoring program for immigration applicants.

- Added a new country page on Afghanistan to the StopVAW website, as well as a new section on Global Gender Issues to address topics such as forced and early marriage, FGM, honor killings, dowry-related violence, rape as a weapon of war, female infanticide, and enforced sterilization.

- Traveled to Newark, NJ to participate with Liberian Commissioner Massa Washington in a town hall meeting; conducted a group community discussion or “palava hut” discussion at the first annual national Mandingo Association Convention in Milwaukee, WI; joined Commissioners Washington and Syllah at a Town Hall meeting with the Liberian community in Chicago; led a workshop on the TRC in Staten Island, NY; and joined a meeting with the Liberian community in the metro Washington, DC area.

- Provided brief legal services to an average of 500 people at a free legal clinic held at Park Avenue Methodist Church through the Walk-in Legal Project.

- Created and distributed widely the Immigration Toolkit for Policy Makers, a fact sheet and talking point series designed to educate Minnesota lawmakers as they considered immigration-related proposals. Worked with advocacy volunteers Rose Grengs and Kathy Moccio throughout the 2008 Legislative session.

**Education**

- Gave over 150 presentations on human rights topics, reaching nearly 5,000 individuals. Presentations included a brown bag lunch topic on education as a human right, training for teachers from the Middle East on how to teach human rights in schools, and lectures for students from Latin American countries.

- Traveled to Fez, Morocco to present at a workshop entitled "Promoting a Law on Violence Against Women in Morocco." Participants included representatives from women’s advocacy groups around the country who are providing direct services to victims of violence and working to lay the groundwork for a new domestic violence law in Morocco.

- Traveled to Guayaquil, Ecuador at the invitation of the Latin American Network of Christian Lawyers to present a workshop on the provision of pro bono legal services at its annual regional conference.

- Held one of its most successful Asylum Conferences in June, 2007 at Fredrikson & Byron, PA. Also, partnered with the Minnesota/Dakotas chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association to present the May, 2008 Immigration and Asylum Conference, with over 200 attendees.
• Held the 2007 Human Rights Law and Policy Conference in June, 2007, with 100 participants in attendance. This year’s theme was “Children Left Behind: A Child’s Rights to Education in the U.S.” and addressed education as a human right and disparities in the U.S. education system.

• Participated in Minnesota Human Rights Week (Sept. 30-Oct. 6), featuring Speak Truth to Power and the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial who joined Minnesota-based human rights organizations in raising awareness and support. An all-star cast performed Speak Truth to Power at the Children’s Theatre Company on October 1.

• Sent a team to Tbilisi, Georgia in October, 2007. Trainers presented three two-day trainings to a total of 70 police officers, prosecutors, and civil and criminal court judges on best practices for implementation of the new Georgian domestic violence law.

• Engaged the public with the “UDHR: U Do Have Rights” campaign at The Advocates’ Minnesota State Fair booth. The campaign celebrated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the rights to food, housing, education, and health. Staff distributed fact sheets, buttons, quizzes, take action sheets, and other resources on each of the issues.

• Presented Journey to Safety to nearly 500 criminal justice professionals at a national conference, where attendees received copies of the Journey to Safety: The Battered Immigrant Woman’s Experience Video and Facilitator’s Guide, the training package created by The Advocates with Pangea World Theater and the Battered Women’s Justice Project.

• Presented to attorneys from more than twenty-five states, Canada and Nigeria, at the national ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference on The Advocates’ practice of working with pro bono attorneys in the human rights field.

• Spoke to educators and students at the 2007 National Forum on the Human Right to Housing in Chicago.

• Participated in a panel discussion following a reading of Tap the Leopard, a play exploring the Liberian experience. It was hosted by the Minneapolis Urban League and Jewish Community Action, panelists included Rep. Keith Ellison, Minnesota Council of Black Minnesotans Chair Roger Banks, Kerper Dwanyen of the Organization of Liberians in Minnesota, and was moderated by Cheryl Morgan Spencer of the Minneapolis Urban League and Peter Rachleff of Macalester College.

• Hosted a Human Rights Day CLE in December that addressed the history of nativism and its impact in the U.S., academic discrimination and bias in schools, understanding Islam, legal remedies for discrimination, hate crimes and their impact, and working with the media. An estimated 350 people attended the evening film showing of Valarie Kaur’s documentary film Divided We Fall on post-9/11 America.

• Hosted a briefing by Padre Uvi, a leading social justice advocate from Oaxaca, Mexico, during his visit to Minnesota with Witness for Peace. Padre Uvi formally thanked The Advocates, crediting the publication...
of his name in a report by The Advocates with saving his life.

- Presented *Journey to Safety* to officers and supervisors in the Bloomington office of Citizenship and Immigration Services; Minnesota Judicial Branch State Judges Conference and the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women in Lexington, KY; Ramsey County Attorneys, St. Paul City Attorneys, Ramsey County Public Defenders, and Ramsey County Court staff; and at the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus.

- Presented the basics of immigration law at the 2007 Training Institute “Advocating Across Borders: Serving Immigrant and Refugee Survivors of Domestic Violence.”

- Gave presentations on domestic violence and trafficking issues at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute, Carlson School of Management, and the CLA of the University of Minnesota.

- Held a Human Rights Fact Fair in Faribault, MN in collaboration with the Faribault Welcome Center as part of its Anti-Bias Initiative. The Advocates, the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, and other non-profits distributed information on immigration, women’s rights, and other human rights topics to the 50-100 attendees.

- Educated students on the issues of immigrants and refugees at Champlin Park High School, Higher Education Center at Get Ready Program, AmeriCorps office, and Hamline University School of Education. Staff also made 11 B.I.A.S. project presentations at universities (University of MN, University of WI and the University of St. Thomas) and high schools (Southwest and Prior Lake High School), as well as at U.S. Bank in Wayzata.

- Guest lectured in immigration classes at William Mitchell College of Law, the University of Minnesota Law School, University of St. Thomas Law School and Hamline University School of Law.

- Provided information about Minnesota immigrants, the TRC process, and resources for asylees at the “Twin Cities Refugee Day” event.

- Distributed human rights toolkits at the U.S. Human Rights Network annual national conference in Chicago to attendees from around the country.

- Served as adjunct faculty for Immigration Clinic of the University of Minnesota Law School.

- Presented the Women’s Human Rights Film Series in partnership with The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library. Films covered issues such as honor killings, prostitution as a violation against women, trafficking, the systematic killing of women in Guatemala since 1999, and the challenges and successes of a female Afghani parliamentary candidate.

- Presented the Death Penalty Film Series with the Innocence Project of Minnesota, including *At the Death House Door*.

- Partnered with Fredrikson & Byron, PA. to present the Human Rights Lecture Series. Topics included the Western Shoshone’s claim against the U.S. under the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), the right to food and health care as a human right.

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*Attendees at Morocco Workshop on Violence Against Women Legal Reform*

*Emily Farell at National Education Conference 2007*

*Sarjit Bains, Sarah Herder, Vablinder Singh Mehta, Robin Phillips, Ann Theisen, and Colleen Beebe*

• Partnered with Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi P.A. for the Voices from Silence Post-9/11 Lecture Series, which included topics such as American civil liberties in times of war, an introduction to Islam for legal professionals, and problems of the “war on terror.”

• Partnered with Dorsey & Whitney LLP to present the Death Penalty Speaker Series. Lectures explored death penalty cases of individuals with mental illness and developmental disabilities.

• Partnered with Faegre & Benson, LLP to present the Children’s Human Rights Speaker Series, covering issues such as children in the immigration system, disparities in infant mortality and health, and a child’s right to education.

• Partnered with Briggs and Morgan, PA. to present the Women’s Human Rights Speaker Series, including presentations on the women’s movement in Pakistan, women and transitional justice, domestic violence in the U.S. military, and trafficking of American Indian women and girls.

Research

• Carried out a needs assessment on human sex trafficking in Minnesota commissioned by the Minnesota Trafficking Task Force in the Department of Public Safety. When released in September, 2008, the report will identify facilities and services currently available to trafficking victims in Minnesota, assess their effectiveness, and make recommendations on how the community might better coordinate and serve the needs of trafficking victims statewide.

• Traveled to Buduburam Refugee Settlement in Ghana twice to take statements and to assess the situation of the closing of the camp and repatriation of individuals back to Liberia. On the first trip, staff led 22 volunteer statement takers from Minneapolis, Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.

• Conducted a fact-finding trip to Bulgaria in July to monitor and assess implementation of the new domestic violence law.

• Traveled to Liberia in January and April to observe public hearings and to create a plan with the TRC for holding public hearings in the United States.

• Sent a delegation to conduct a site visit and fact-finding in Nepal in April 2008. The delegation participated in the first graduation of students from the Sankhu-Palubari Community School.

• Conducted background research with volunteers and preliminary analysis of database statements with the Pro Bono Management Team in preparation for drafting The Advocates’ report to the TRC.
Publications and Awards


- Published *Liberia Is Not Ready: A Report of Country Conditions in Liberia and Reasons the United States Should Not End Temporary Protected Status for Liberians* with Dorsey & Whitney LLP.


- Published *The Road to Peace: A Teaching Guide on Local and Global Transitional Justice*, a comprehensive teaching guide with innovative and compelling lesson plans introducing students to the concepts of transitional justice.

- Received recognition for curricular pieces *Energy of a Nation* and *The Road to Peace*. Both were selected to be included in a compendium on best practices in human rights published by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and UNESCO.
The Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association presented the 2006 Access to Justice Award to The Advocates, Centro Legal, and the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, in recognition of their commitment to promoting justice in the Latino community.

The Consortium of African Community Organizations presented the 2004 Consortium Humanitarian Award in Memory of Paul Wellstone to The Advocates in recognition of the organization's work with African immigrants.

The North American Convention for Togo presented an award to The Advocates in 2004 in recognition of the organization's services to the Togolese community.

The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild awarded the 2003 Daniel Levy Award for outstanding immigration services to The Advocates, Centro Legal, and the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota.


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Background: Father Romualdo Francisco Wilfrido Mayrén Peláez, more commonly known as Padre Uvi, visited The Advocates for Human Rights in April, 2008, while on a trip to the U.S. organized by Witness For Peace. Padre Uvi, a parish priest in Oaxaca City, Mexico, and the Coordinator for the Peace and Justice Commission in the Oaxaca Diocese, is a religious and social actor committed to promoting and defending human rights. At the opening of the meeting, Padre Uvi asked if this was the group of lawyers from Minnesota who had visited Oaxaca in the 1990s to report on human rights violations there. Upon confirmation, Padre Uvi told The Advocates that the inclusion of his name in the report, The Rule of Lawlessness in Mexico: Human Rights Violations in the State of Oaxaca, saved his life.

“The cover you gave me really helped me during that time. Without it, I would have been one more number of the dead and disappeared.”
-Padre Uvi
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