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AFRICA (SUB-SAHARAN)

Defence for Children International–Sierra Leone (DCI-SL)

Location: Freetown, Sierra Leone

Duration: 10 weeks (summer)

Description: DCI-SL is a local, grassroots non-governmental organization that was founded in 1998 during the Sierra Leonean civil war, at a time when the rights of many children were gravely violated. DCI-SL is the Sierra Leonean chapter of the worldwide movement of Defence for Children International (defenceforchildren.org) and also the representative of ECPAT International in Sierra Leone. The main thrust of DCI-SL's program is to ensure justice for children, particularly by providing direct socio-legal assistance to children in conflict and in contact with the law, which includes legal education, aid and representation, psychosocial counselling, mediation, and family tracing and reunification. Moreover, through effective advocacy initiatives and strategic partnerships, DCI-SL actively contributes to the strengthening of the overall child protection and welfare system in Sierra Leone. In addition, while child justice is a top priority, DCI-SL also implements project on education in rural junior secondary schools, which aims at increasing learning outcomes of students, a sub-regional program on child trafficking and children on the move in the Mano River Union, and the Girls Advocacy Alliance program that focuses on ending gender-based violence and empowering girls and young women to enhance their economic inclusion. The main language of work is English, and knowledge of French will be an added value. See dcisierraleone.org.

Human Rights Network for Journalists–Uganda (HRNJ-Uganda)

Location: Kampala, Uganda

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: HRNJ-Uganda was established in 2005 by a group of human rights-minded journalists amidst a deteriorating context of violations targeting the media. Its mission is to enhance the promotion, protection and respect of human rights through defending and building capacities of journalists to effectively exercise their constitutional rights and fundamental freedoms for collective campaigning through the media. HRNJ's Legal Defense and Support Program offers free legal services to journalists at risk and undertakes different forms of legal defense through internal and external legal teams, primarily to protect journalists from harassment, unlawful arrest and detention, and intimidation. See hrnjuganda.org.

Legal Assistance Centre (LAC)

Location: Windhoek, Namibia

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: Established in 1988, LAC is a public interest human rights law firm that engages in litigation, the provision of legal information and advice, education and training, research, and law reform and advocacy. Its core issue areas are Land, Environment, and Development (LEAD); Gender Equality; HIV/AIDS; and constitutionally-protected human rights such as education, health, citizenship, and the right not to be ill-treated, and immigrants' rights. Recent placements have been with the LEAD and Gender Research and Advocacy projects. LEAD project staff addresses the need of the rural by advising and advocating for communities on inheritance, conservancies, illegal fencing, environmental issues, and issues affecting particularly disadvantaged groups such as the Himba and the San. Gender Research and Advocacy project staff promotes gender equality and the empowerment of women through legal research, law reform and related advocacy on issues such as rape, domestic violence, sexual harassment in the workplace, inheritance, marriage, divorce, and maintenance. See lac.org.na.

Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC)

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa

Duration: 10 weeks, 12 weeks preferred (summer or fall)

Description: SALC was established in 2005 to promote human rights and the rule of law primarily through litigation support and training in southern Africa, including Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. SALC has seven programmatic areas: disability rights, LGBT/sex worker rights, health rights, international criminal justice, freedom of expression, regional advocacy, and sexual and reproductive rights. Language skills in Portuguese or French are highly desired, but not a prerequisite for this placement. See southernafricalitigationcentre.org.

AMERICAS

Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)

Location: New York, NY

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: CESR is an international non-governmental organization working to advance human rights as a tool for promoting social justice and human dignity.

Established in 1993, CESR was the first international human rights organization to focus specifically on economic, social and cultural rights, such as the rights to housing, education, and access to health care. It has made a significant impact in promoting recognition and understanding of these rights and seeking remedies for specific violations in different contexts, working in the Americas, Africa, Europe, and Asia.

CESR carries out rigorous analysis of socio-economic policy trends affecting human rights, from austerity measures to development policy, using interdisciplinary methods spanning the fields of law, economics and social sciences. Fellows will contribute substantively to the Center's work in one or more of program areas: human rights in economic policy, rights claiming and accountability, and human rights in sustainable development. They will carry out research that analyzes trends in global policy and exposes deprivations of economic and social rights in the context of specific countries and regions, including countries undergoing austerity policies or political transition, deploying social science and statistical methods alongside traditional techniques of human rights reporting, such as legal analysis and narrative testimony. Fellows may also be involved in preparing policy briefs, reports, and advocacy materials to present to institutions at the national, regional and global levels. See cesr.org.

Fellow Qualifications: Ideal candidates will have knowledge of human rights and how it relates to development, social and economic policy; experience in legal analysis and research involving quantitative and qualitative information; and strong English-language writing and communication skills. Spanish, Arabic, French, or other language skills desirable but not required.

Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS)

Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Duration: 10 weeks, 12 weeks preferred (summer)

Description: CELS' mission is to promote the effective exercise of human rights, justice and social inclusion at a national and international level. Throughout its history, CELS has adapted its vision and mandate to distinct political realities and societal needs. In the 1980s, after the return to civilian rule, CELS promoted an agenda of truth and justice. Starting in the 1990s, while preserving its flagship work on transitional justice, CELS expanded its agenda to address violations under democratic regimes, the intersection between those violations and social inequality, and the structural causes behind them. Topics have included police violence and security policies; economic, social and cultural rights; judicial reform; prisons and criminal justice; migrants' rights; mental health; freedom of expression; and, more recently, decent habitat, labour outsourcing and women's rights.

Over the last 39 years, CELS has remained a relevant and effective organization by establishing new strategic partnerships at national and international levels and diversifying alliances. We do not speak for others, but aim to strategically channel demands and open spaces for partners to put their own rights issues on the agenda. We are comfortable exerting leadership while maintaining a steadfast horizontal, collaborative spirit, and, indeed, are often called upon to do so. CELS' expertise, credibility and leverage have made it a highly regarded institution by those who suffer human rights violations (migrants, indigenous peoples, peasants, etc.) as well as by those who bear the responsibility for remedying them (e.g. public officials, legislators and members of the judiciary).

Rooted in its own home context with local constituencies, partners and on-the-ground knowledge of human rights challenges, CELS has consolidated itself as a national human rights organization with a regional perspective and a global voice – capable of concrete changes that advance social justice and reduce impunity and inequality in Argentina, Latin America and beyond. See cels.org.ar/web/en.

Fellow Qualifications: Strong Spanish proficiency is required. Strong communication skills in both written and oral formats in Spanish is desired.

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

Location: Washington, DC

Duration: 10 weeks (summer)

Description: The IACHR is one of two bodies in the inter-American system for the promotion and protection of human rights. The other is the Inter-American Court of Human Rights located in San José, Costa Rica. The IACHR is an autonomous organ of the Organization of American States; its mandate is in the OAS Charter and the American Convention on Human Rights. The IACHR has seven members who act independently of any particular government. To carry out its mandate, the Commission inter alia: receives, analyzes and investigates individual petitions which allege human rights violations; observes the general human rights situation in member States and publishes reports as it considers appropriate; carries out visits to countries to engage in more in-depth analysis of the general situation and/or to investigate a specific situation; requests States to adopt specific "precautionary measures" to avoid serious and irreparable harm to human rights in urgent cases; requests that the Court order "provisional measures" in urgent cases; submits cases to the Inter-American Court and appears before the Court in the litigation of cases. Students interested in this internship must be able to work in at least two of the four official languages of the OAS (English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French). Although Spanish is not required, some level of Spanish proficiency is strongly recommended, as most working meetings are conducted in Spanish. For more information, see cidh.oas.org.

International Center for Transitional Justice—Colombia (ICTJ-Colombia)

Location: Bogotá, Colombia

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: ICTJ assists countries pursuing accountability for past mass atrocity or human rights abuse through the development of integrated, comprehensive, and localized approaches to transitional justice comprising five key elements: prosecuting perpetrators, documenting and acknowledging violations through non-judicial means such as truth commissions, reforming abusive institutions, providing reparations to victims, and facilitating reconciliation processes. ICTJ has worked in Colombia since 2003. ICTJ will continue its work to assist Colombia to implement the recent and historic peace agreement and other transitional justice policies in ways that guarantee victims' rights and contribute to building a just society. See ictj.org.

Reprieve-US

Location: New York, NY or Washington, D.C.

Duration: 12 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: Reprieve US focuses on cases that help reshape US policy debate in line with international human rights. Their clients are on death row, in Guantánamo Bay, in secret detention or they are the civilian victims of unlawful drone killing. Reprieve US is a recently founded, upstart office with a small staff of four that works in partnership with the 25 lawyers and investigators working out of Reprieve UK, an international human rights organization based in London founded in 1999 by British human rights lawyer, Clive Stafford Smith. Both Reprieve offices pursue strategic initiatives to end extreme human rights abuses by making it legally, financially and practically difficult for governments to carry out these abuses, through a combination of investigation, litigation, and press and public scrutiny. For the past two decades, Reprieve has used a fellowship model to support and work with human rights defenders and their organizations in some of the most challenging and varied jurisdictions in the world – from Indonesia to Pakistan, Yemen, Malawi and the American Deep South. ILHR Fellows would work in one of Reprieve's three focus areas: death penalty, secret prisons, or assassinations. In relation to eligibility Reprieve is looking for fellows who are committed to the organization's mission with strong research and drafting skills. See reprieve.org.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees – Protection and Solutions Unit – Washington, DC

Location: Washington, DC

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: The Protection and Solutions Unit is based in UNHCR's regional office in Washington D.C. The unit works on protection activities on behalf of asylum seekers, refugees, and stateless persons in the U.S., with the help of government officials, attorneys, and non-governmental organizations. The unit serves as a resource to policymakers in drafting and implementing refugee protection measures, monitors U.S. compliance with international standards of refugee protection, and assists asylum-seekers and their representatives in presenting claims in the U.S. The unit works to ensure that asylum-seekers can access U.S. territory, file a claim, and receive due process during the asylum procedure. The unit advocates for resettlement and participates in resettlement processing, while also engaging in local integration for both refugees and asylum-seekers. See unhcr.org.

ASIA-PACIFIC

Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)

Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: Established in 1993, BLAST's primary mission is to make the legal system accessible to the poor and marginalized. It is one of the leading legal services organizations in Bangladesh, and the only one that provides access to legal aid across the spectrum, from the frontlines of the formal justice system to the apex court. It prioritizes support to women, men and children living in poverty or facing disadvantage or discrimination. BLAST provides legal aid, advice and representation across a range of areas, including civil, criminal, family, labor and land law, as well as on constitutional rights and remedies, providing access to judicial remedies alongside alternative dispute resolution wherever appropriate. It is extensively involved with public interest litigation and advocacy work, and conducts investigations into human rights infringements. See blast.org.bd.

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), Office of the Co-Prosecutors, Location: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Duration: 12 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: In 2001 the Cambodian National Assembly created the ECCC to try serious crimes committed during the Khmer Rouge regime 1975-1979. Cambodia invited international participation due to the weakness of the Cambodian legal system and the international nature of the crimes. An agreement with the UN was reached in 2003; in

2006 the national and international judicial officials of the ECCC were sworn in; and in 2007, they unanimously adopted the Internal Rules of the court. The first charges were filed in July 2007. The Office of the Co-Prosecutors (OCP) is an independent office within the ECCC. Its role is to prosecute senior leaders of the Khmer Rouge and others most responsible for the crimes committed during the period of Democratic Kampuchea. It conducts preliminary investigations, prosecutes cases throughout the investigative, pre-trial, trial and appellate stages, processes victim complaints, and participates in judicial investigations. The OCP is co-headed by a Cambodian and an international Co-Prosecutor. See eccc.gov.kh.

International Organization for Migration (IOM): Migrant Assistance Unit

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Duration: 12 weeks (summer)

Description: As the United Nation's Migration Agency, IOM has been at the forefront of responding to migration crises in Asia and the Pacific for decades. In 2015, IOM worked to identify and provide humanitarian and other forms of assistance to thousands of enslaved fishermen in the Maluku Islands in eastern Indonesia. IOM was also among the first to respond with emergency humanitarian assistance to thousands of migrants from Bangladesh and Myanmar who were left stranded on unseaworthy ships by smugglers in the Bay of Bengal. In 2016, IOM helped large numbers of vulnerable Afghan migrants returning from Europe and neighboring countries with individualized reintegration assistance and support to build the resilience of fragile local communities. IOM's regional Migrant Assistance Unit oversees the Organization's portfolio of work to address migrants in need, including survivors of human trafficking, unaccompanied migrant children, and migrants in detention in Asia and the Pacific. IOM projects help protect tens of thousands of migrants, prevent their exploitation, and build the institutional and human capacities of many governments, civil society organizations and, increasingly, private companies. See iom.int.

International Women's Rights Action Watch-Asia Pacific (IWRAP-AP)

Location: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: IWRAP-AP is an international women's human rights organization. Since 1993 it has worked to contribute to the progressive interpretation and realization of the human rights of women through the lens of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and other international human rights treaties. It continues to work on improving understanding of CEDAW as an instrument that adds concrete significance to the concepts of substantive equality, non-discrimination, and the relevance of treaty law to improving national level action plans geared towards social justice, women's equality and empowerment of marginalized groups. It also continues to promote the domestic implementation of

international human rights standards by building the capacity of women and human rights advocates to claim and realize women's human rights. IWRAP Asia Pacific is the main NGO tasked by the CEDAW Committee and the OHCHR to coordinate NGOs seeking to engage with the Committee during the review process. Applicants should submit two samples of written work focused on international human rights law or issues related to women's rights. Accepted fellows are invited to accompany IWRAP-AP on mission when a delegation goes to Geneva for the From Global to Local Programme which assists NGOs during the CEDAW review. See iwraw-ap.org.

Human Rights Law Network (HRLN)

Location: New Delhi, India

Duration: 10 weeks (summer)

Description: HRLN is a collective of lawyers and social activists dedicated to the use of the legal system to advance human rights in India and the sub-continent. It collaborates with human rights groups and grass-roots development and social movements to enforce the rights of poor marginalized people and to challenge oppression, exploitation and discrimination against any group or individual on the grounds of caste, gender, disability, age, religion, language, ethnic group, sexual orientation, and health, economic or social status. Among its activities, HRLN provides pro bono legal services, conducts public interest litigation, engages in advocacy, conducts legal awareness programs and investigates violations. See hrln.org.

South Asia Centre for Legal Studies (SACLS)

Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: SACLS was founded in 2013 with the specific goal of pursuing remedies – truth, justice and reparations – for victims of grave violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law in Sri Lanka. It is the first local civil society initiative dedicated to this purpose. It began working on these issues at a time when the space and opportunity to advance transitional justice issues was extremely limited, but it did so because it believed that Sri Lanka must at some point come to terms with the legacy of its brutal past. Among its activities are policy advocacy, taking a leading role in the civil society efforts to press for a truth commission and reform of laws related to prosecution of human rights violators and the protection of victims and witnesses. In addition, it has undertaken documentation, reporting and advocacy to international organizations including the UN Human Rights Council and its mandated OHCHR Investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL), the report of which was issued in September 2015 (A/HRC/30/CRP.2). In recognition of the importance of public support for concrete efforts towards truth and justice, it has also undertaken public advocacy including a [Tamil-language film about transitional justice](#). While young, SACLS is well-

placed to contribute to shaping the growing desire for transitional justice in Sri Lanka. See sacls.org.

Zhicheng Public Interest Lawyers (ZPIL)

Location: Beijing, China

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: ZPIL is an umbrella organization that encompasses several subsidiary legal aid and research centers, including the Beijing Migrant Worker's Legal Aid and Research Center, the Beijing Children's Legal Aid and Research Center, and the Beijing Rural Areas Rule of Law Research Center. Each branch of ZPIL operates independently, dealing with issues specifically related to its unique mission statement, and in five distinct capacities: providing direct legal services to clients; conducting evidence-based research on legal issues relevant in China; providing legislative recommendations to the Chinese government; promoting *pro bono* work within China's professional legal community; and building relations within its community, including through holding classes and workshops to educate the public on their legal rights. Some level of proficiency in Mandarin Chinese is needed for this internship. See zhichenglaw.weebly.com.

EUROPE

European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR)

Location: Berlin, Germany

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: Founded in 2007, the ECCHR is an independent, non-profit legal and educational organization dedicated to protecting civil and human rights throughout Europe. It aims to protect and enforce the rights guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as other declarations of human rights and national constitutions, by juridical means. ECCHR engages in innovative strategic litigation, using European, international, and national law to enforce human rights and to hold state and non-state actors accountable for egregious abuses, with a focus on cases with the greatest likelihood of setting precedents and advancing policies that strengthen the legal framework for global human rights accountability. It actively litigates cases, but also researches, investigates, and helps to coordinate the development strategies of legal advocacy around cases. Successful candidates will have some background in international human rights law. Additional languages are a plus, but German proficiency is not at all a condition. If interested in the Business and Human Rights department, knowledge of soft law mechanisms and the Guiding Principles are important as well. See ecchr.de.

Reprieve-UK

Location: London, United Kingdom

Duration: 12 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: Reprieve is an international human rights organization based in London that works with partner organizations in the USA and around the world. Founded in 1999 by British human rights lawyer, Clive Stafford Smith, Reprieve provides free legal and investigative support to some of the world's most vulnerable people: those who face execution, detention in secret prisons, or state-sanctioned assassinations. We pursue strategic initiatives to end extreme human rights abuses by making it legally, financially and practically difficult for governments to carry out these abuses, through a combination of investigation, litigation, and press and public scrutiny. For the past two decades, Reprieve has used a fellowship model to support and work with human rights defenders and their organizations in some of the most challenging and varied jurisdictions in the world – from Indonesia to Pakistan, Yemen, Malawi and the American Deep South. Reprieve's fellowship program gives fellows the opportunity to be directly involved in ground-breaking human rights work. ILHR Fellows would work in one of Reprieve's three focus areas: death penalty, secret prisons, or assassinations. In relation to eligibility Reprieve is looking for fellows who are committed to the organization's mission with strong research and drafting skills. See reprieve.org.uk.

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Al-Haq

Location: Ramallah, Palestine

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: Al-Haq is an independent Palestinian human rights organization founded in 1979 to protect and promote human rights and the rule of law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). It documents violations of the individual and collective rights of Palestinians in the OPT, irrespective of the identity of the perpetrator, and seeks to end such breaches by way of advocacy before national and international mechanisms and by holding violators accountable. Al-Haq also cooperates with Palestinian civil society organizations and governmental institutions in order to ensure that international human rights standards are reflected in Palestinian law and policies. It is the West Bank affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists. While not a prerequisite, knowledge of Arabic will enhance the experience. See alhaq.org.

Fellow Qualifications: Students with an interest in the field of business and human rights are encouraged to apply.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees

Location: Amman, Jordan and/or Beirut, Lebanon

Duration: 12 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: UNHCR was established in 1950 by the UN General Assembly. It is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. Today, UNHCR is one of the world's principal humanitarian agencies, its staff of nearly 9,300 personnel helping nearly 43 million people in 123 countries. Work at the UNCHR Jordan Field Office focuses on Syrian refugees. Work at the UNCHR Lebanon Field Office focuses on Syrian refugees. Arabic speaking proficiency is strongly preferred, but is not a requirement for application. See unhcr.org.

ADDITIONAL UN PLACEMENTS

UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)–Justice and Corrections Service (JCS)

Location: New York, United States

Duration: 10 weeks, 12 weeks preferred (summer or fall)

Description: Justice and corrections experts are deployed the world over in UN peacekeeping operations and special political missions to restore and stabilize justice and corrections systems affected by conflict. JCS supports these experts in the field in a wide variety of ways. These include: planning justice and corrections aspects of peacekeeping operations; advising and assisting justice and corrections field personnel as they work to re-establish the criminal justice chain in cooperation with national and UN police; developing guidance and training materials; delivering training programs; and strengthening partnerships and program delivery with other rule of law actors. The justice component of JCS's work includes: assisting national authorities in the restoration of criminal justice systems to hold perpetrators of crimes to account; laying the foundations for longer-term institutional reform; assisting in the development of national justice strategies; and establishing linkages between informal and customary justice systems and the formal justice system. The corrections component of JCS's work includes: assisting national authorities to improve prison-related legislation, policies and protocols; supporting national prison authorities on operational and security protocols; delivering training; and improving compliance with international standards on the treatment of prisoners. Students interested in this placement should have grounding in international criminal law as well as strong analysis and English drafting skills. See un.org/en/peacekeeping/issues/ruleoflaw.

UN International Law Commission (ILC)

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Duration: early May through mid-August

Number of placements: 7 (3-LLMS, 4-JDS)

Description: The International Law Commission is the legal codification arm of the United Nations. It meets every summer in Geneva to consider proposals for treaties, declarations of principles and other codifications or elaborations of norms previously only the subject of customary international law. Examples of the issues debated by the Commission in the past include the establishment of a permanent international criminal court, and the formulation of the law on state responsibility. Current topics are: protection of persons in the event of disasters; immunity of state officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction; subsequent agreements and subsequent practice in relation to the interpretation of treaties; most-favored-nation clause; provisional application of treaties; identification of customary international law; protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts; protection of the atmosphere; crimes against humanity; and *Jus Cogens*. Members of the Commission are prominent experts in public international law and are elected by the UN General Assembly in their individual capacities. Each student fellow is assigned to work with a particular Commission member. This internship is cerebral and scholarly, not action packed -- students typically undertake work assigned by Commission members, attend ILC meetings, conduct research, and assist in the preparation of major papers. The Commission session begins in early May, so students must travel to Geneva as soon as possible after exams and return in mid-August. See un.org/law/ilc.

UN International Residual Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals

Location: The Hague, Netherlands and/or possibly Arusha, Tanzania

Duration: 12 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: The International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (Mechanism) is mandated to perform a number of essential functions previously carried out by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). In carrying out its multiple functions – as listed below – the Mechanism maintains the legacies of these two pioneering ad hoc international criminal courts and strives to reflect best practices in the field of international criminal justice.

The United Nations Security Council created the Mechanism on 22 December 2010 as a “small, temporary and efficient structure”. The Mechanism started operating on 1 July 2012 in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, and on 1 July 2013 in The Hague, the Netherlands. The Arusha branch has inherited functions from the ICTR, and the Hague branch will continue to inherit functions from the ICTY until that Tribunal’s closure.

During the initial years of the Mechanism's existence, it operated in parallel with the ICTR and the ICTY, and it will continue to operate after the Tribunals' closure. The ICTR closed on 31 December 2015 with the ICTY following on 31 December 2017. The ILHR placement will be in the ICTY branch, located in The Hague, and/or with the ICTR branch in Arusha. See unmict.org.

UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL)

Location: The Hague, Netherlands

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: Created in 2006 by the UN Security Council and through a subsequent agreement between the UN and the government of Lebanon, the STL became a functioning tribunal in 2009. Its primary mandate is to prosecute persons responsible for the attack of February 14, 2005 resulting in the death of former Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri. The STL Statute calls for the application of the Lebanese Criminal Code in its work, but standards of justice, including principles of due process, are to be based on international standards of criminal justice as applied in other international tribunals. It has four organs: Chambers, Office of the Prosecutor, Defence Office and Registry. The STL has three official languages (English, French and Arabic) and two working languages (English and French). Applicants should have excellent legal drafting skills. See stl-tsl.org.

UN Team of Experts on the Rule of Law and Sexual Violence in Conflict

Location: New York, NY

Duration: 10 weeks (summer or fall)

Description: The United Nations Team of Experts on the Rule of Law and Sexual Violence in Conflict (the "Team") was created by [Security Council resolution 1888](#) (2009) to assist national authorities in strengthening the rule of law, with the aim of ensuring criminal accountability for perpetrators of conflict-related sexual violence. This resolution recognized that conflict-related sexual violence is a threat to peace and security, and that Member States affected by conflict need assistance to address impunity in order to prevent and deter future violations. The Team is the *only* dedicated Security Council mandated entity to provide this type of support on a global basis. It is based at UN Headquarters in New York and deploys regularly to the field in some of the world's most challenging contexts. The Team has a unique "co-lead" structure that includes members from several United Nations entities to enable the United Nations to deliver as one in assisting Member States to address sexual violence in conflict. The Team is led by a Team Leader who reports to the SRSG-SVC, and currently comprises experts from the [Department of Peacekeeping Operations](#) (DPKO), the [Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights](#) (OHCHR) and the [United Nations Development Programme](#) (UNDP), who each report to both the

Team Leader and their respective entities. Team members have expertise in a variety of areas including international criminal law; human rights; policing and law enforcement; rule of law reform; reparations; transitional justice; and gender equality and non-discrimination.