

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

FOR JUSTICE TO BE DONE

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If 2012-13 for Lawyers Without Borders Canada (LWBC) was marked by the conviction of former dictator of Guatemala José Efraín Ríos Montt for genocide, then the February 2014 judgment by the Court of Appeal in Port-au-Prince in the case of another former dictator, Jean-Claude Duvalier, is the highlight of 2013-14 for LWBC.

Concluding that the concept of "crimes against humanity" indeed exists in Haitian law and that such crimes do not lapse, the Court of Appeal demanded that the investigation be reopened and thus paved the way for Jean-Claude Duvalier and other senior officials of the repressive regime to stand trial for crimes against humanity. The task now is to defend the decision on appeal at the Cour de Cassation ("Court of Cassation"), the highest court in Haiti, while cooperating with the investigation of the new magistrate assigned to the case.

Although the road ahead is long and full of pitfalls, this is a historic victory, the main architects being the victims who filed the complaints. Most of these are grouped within the *Collective Against Impunity*, which is run by Haitian civil society organizations and defenders of human rights whose determination and courage are admirable.

LWBC was the principal partner of the *Collective Against Impunity*, which acts as the civil party to the proceedings in order to allow for the participation of the victims in the court case. The LWBC team in Quebec City and Port-au-Prince - staff, volunteers and partners - invested their heart and soul and have spent thousands of hours on this case since 2011.

Given that we must make choices as to which cases to highlight, we chose this emblematic case for you this year, but the period between July 1st, 2013 and June 30th, 2014 covered by this report was punctuated by several other successes.

Among the achievements highlighted in the following pages: in Mali, the report issued by LWBC on transitional justice served as an inspiration for discussions about redefining the mandate of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to help lead the country towards a path of peace and stability. In Guatemala, LWBC continued to train indigenous lawyers who are now able to defend the rights of their community. In Colombia, the start of the second phase of the International Criminal Court project enables the organization and its partners to contribute to the fight against impunity related to the most serious violations of human rights. In Jamaica, LWBC completed a first draft that led to the drafting of a guide to strategic litigation and strengthening local capacity to fight against police brutality and extrajudicial executions.

These achievements are all the more remarkable given that they have been completed in an adverse financial environment. Starting at the end of 2012-13, as announced in the last annual

report, a financial storm was expected by the termination of several substantial sources of funding simultaneously.

After strong growth from 2008 to 2010 and the achievement of a level of revenue between \$2.6M and \$3.1M per year from 2010 to 2013, the financial results for the year 2013-14 show a significant 75% reduction of LWBC's budget. LWBC handled the situation with rigour, submitting the organization and its staff in Quebec City and in the field to a fiscal 'tightening', while maintaining an exceptional level of efficiency in the implementation of its programs. The worst of the storm now seems to have passed, thanks to the development and diversification of new sources of funding that are beginning to bear fruit.

With its advanced expertise, its network of partners and its team of staff and volunteers at headquarters and in the field, LWBC is adapting to the changing context of international cooperation to continue to make access to justice a reality for those most vulnerable in the world.

Thanks once again to our financial and program partners, as well as to all those involved in or supporting the international solidarity mission of LWBC. This report is, in some way, an account of the changes to which you have contributed.

We hope to continue to count on your support and happy reading!

Miguel Baz
President

Pascal Paradis
Executive Director

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LWBC'S AREAS OF INTERVENTION

STRATEGIC LITIGATION

In pursuit of ex-dictators to fight against impunity at the highest level

During the past year, LWBC continued to devote a large part of its work in support of strategic litigation of emblematic cases by being involved in some of the most significant court cases across the globe. By strengthening the capacity of its partners to represent victims in cases against former dictators, LWBC actively contributes to justice and societal change by fighting against impunity for those most responsible for serious human rights violations.

José Efraín Ríos Montt

In the case of former Guatemalan dictator José Efraín Ríos Montt, accused of genocide, LWBC actively supported its Guatemalan partners in the preparation of a complaint filed with the Inter-American Human Rights Commission in Washington following the annulment by the Constitutional Court of Guatemala of the trial that led to a guilty verdict in May 2013. The complaint seeks to demonstrate Guatemala's responsibility for serious human rights abuses by its

army against the Mayan Ixil people in the 80s, but also the many irregularities of the judicial process that violated the victims' right to a fair trial.

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Jean-Claude Duvalier

On February 20th, 2014, in Port-au-Prince, the Court of Appeal rendered a landmark decision, finding that former dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier and other senior members of his regime can stand trial in Haiti for crimes against their people, which were deemed to be equivalent in international law to crimes against humanity and therefore not subject to a statute of limitations. Reversing the trial judge's decision dismissing the charges of human rights violations and sending Duvalier to trial only for economic crimes, the Court of Appeal said that serious indicators exist about the commission of crimes against humanity and ordered a new investigation ("instruction").

Given that the prosecution fully sided with the accused, the Court of Appeal upheld the arguments of the *Collective Against Impunity*, which represented the complainants as a civil party, and its main partner, LWBC. In response to two appeals filed by the accused to set aside this decision, two motions were prepared by the legal team of the *Collective Against Impunity*, in collaboration with LWBC, and filed with the Court of Cassation in April 2014.

Meanwhile, the new judge began his investigation in May 2014 and has already summoned the complainants and other witnesses. LWBC is actively participating in the preparation of appearances, as well as research and organization of evidence.

LWBC and the *Collective Against Impunity* before the Inter-American Commission

On March 28th, 2014, LWBC and the Collective participated in a thematic hearing before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights (IACHR) to inform it of the main obstacles faced by victims of the Duvalier regime in their quest for access to justice and to request that the Haitian State respect its international obligations. In a statement dated May 5th, 2014, the IACHR called upon Member States to give access to their official archives in order to facilitate the documentation of human rights violations committed under the repressive Haitian regime between 1971 and 1986 – a very positive sign for the fight against impunity.

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CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

INTERVENTIONS FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

LWBC supports local partners to ensure respect of the rights to life, liberty and security, freedom of thought and conscience, expression and opinion, assembly and association and other fundamental rights recognized in particular in international law.

A tool to respond to police brutality and extrajudicial executions in the Caribbean

LWBC is involved with the organization *Jamaicans for Justice* to strengthen the capacity of lawyers and human rights defenders involved in the fight against police brutality and extrajudicial executions - common practices in the Caribbean. The Strategic Litigation Guide resulting from this partnership - the first of its kind in the region - and related training provide concrete and practical information regarding the presentation of cases before various national and international bodies, provide guidelines on the process of case selection and introduce best practices particularly relevant in the Caribbean.

LWBC identifies mechanisms that create obstacle to justice in Colombia

To better understand the barriers restricting access to justice, LWBC conducted an analysis of cases argued by its partner lawyers in Colombia. The main barriers identified are unjustified delays, threats against witnesses, victims, their representatives and prosecutors, and the lack of independence and impartiality of the judiciary. This analysis is very useful for lawyers accompanied by LWBC as it allows them to focus on the legal mechanisms that allow for impunity.

Elections in Honduras: civil rights and politics on the firing line

In November 2013, the Executive Director of LWBC, along with several other international personalities, took part in a mission to Honduras organized by the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH). The objective was to observe the electoral process and to provide an update on the situation of human rights in the context of the November 24th general elections. In a statement released on November 25th - which forced the Honduran authorities to react publicly - and in a detailed report published in early 2014, the mission denounced the threats and attacks against defenders of human rights, as well as the serious impairment to the independence of prosecutors working on anti-corruption files.

Left: Lawyers and supporters of Jean-Claude Duvalier during the appeal hearings, Haiti.

Right: Monitoring mission to observe the human rights situation during the November 2013 elections in Honduras.

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RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL

ENSURING JUSTICE BY ENSURING LAWYERS AND JUDGES CAN WORK INDEPENDENTLY AND SAFELY

The free exercise of the legal profession and respect for the independence of the judiciary are essential to fair trials. In order for vulnerable people to have access to effective legal representation, LWBC continues to work on the implementation of international standards to ensure the protection of the safety and the role of lawyers, judges and other officers of the court.

Concerns for judicial independence in Guatemala

LWBC has spoken publicly about two issues of particular concern in Guatemala:

- The premature termination of the mandate of Attorney General Claudia Paz y Paz - whose term was marked by a dramatic decrease in the rate of impunity – following a decision of the Constitutional Court on February 5th, 2014.
- The unjustified "disciplinary" sanctions against Judge Yassmin Barrios, who presided over the court that sentenced former dictator José Efraín Ríos Montt to 80 years in prison for genocide and crimes against humanity.

Insecurity of lawyers and defenders of human rights in Colombia

In a climate of insecurity that persists for Colombian jurists, LWBC intervened through public statements, press releases, letters to public authorities and meetings with key partners, particularly in the following cases:

- Letter to the President of the Republic regarding an assault against Rommel Duran Castellanos, which has triggered lawsuits and procedures to provide safety measures to the attorney.
- Statement on the threats to the Inter-Church Justice and Peace Commission representing communities that are victims of forced displacement and illegal occupation of their lands.
- Statement on the death threats against attorney Leonardo Jaimes Marín, LWBC collaborator, which prompted the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Public Ministry of Colombia to follow up on this particular case.
- Report on the situation of lawyers in Southwest Colombia, developed with Lawyer Rights Watch Canada and presented to the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Deteriorating security conditions for defenders of human rights in Haiti

Social tensions and attacks on the legal profession are unfortunately on the rise in Haiti. LWBC urged the Haitian authorities to investigate or to ensure the safety of individuals in the following cases:

- Patrice Florvilus, attorney, defender of human rights and Director of the organization Defenders of the Oppressed (DOP), a partner of LWBC, had to urgently leave his country as a result of persistent threats and attacks related to his duties. LWBC supported Mr. Florvilus' move to Montreal.
- The arbitrary detention of the lawyer representing Mr. Florvilus as part of the complaint filed in relation to the death threats made against him.

- The assassination on February 8th, 2014 of Daniel Dorsainvil, General Coordinator of the Platform of Haitian Human Rights Organizations (PHHRO) - one of the LWBC's key partners in Haiti between 2006 and 2009 - and his wife.

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ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

ESCR FOR THE PROTECTION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS

Respect for economic, social and cultural rights of indigenous communities has for several years been at the heart of LWBC concerns. Despite the standards in place and the progress made, indigenous peoples are still stigmatized, as reflected in their dealings with the justice system. This year, LWBC worked particularly hard on the right to development and education of the indigenous people of Guatemala.

Aboriginal youth working to defend the rights of their community

With the implementation of an internship and mentorship program, four Aboriginal youths, including three women, gained professional experience within human rights firms. The students were able to develop working methodology to use strategic human rights litigation, a particularly unrecognized tool amongst Aboriginal youth. The interns, who said that without this opportunity they would probably have had to abandon their studies, are now determined to become lawyers in order to become advocates for their community.

Testimonials

"It's a wonderful experience from a professional and personal point of view, since I was able to familiarize myself with the Inter-American system of human rights and with strategic human rights litigation through my participation in two cases before the Inter-American Commission. I had the chance to meet more than a hundred survivors of the armed conflict in Rabinal and to learn more about the suffering of my community." (unofficial Spanish translation)

- Carlos Paz, Aboriginal intern at the People's Rabinal Law Firm (Bufete jurídico popular de Rabinal)

"My internship allowed me to learn and to analyze the complexities of human rights and indigenous rights. I had the opportunity to use strategic litigation as a tool to address the challenges faced by the Guatemalan justice system and to defend the rights of Aboriginal peoples. This experience is a tremendous contribution to my future as a professional in the legal field." (unofficial Spanish translation)

- Sandra Marina, intern at the Guatemalan Association of Mayan Lawyers and Notaries (Asociación de abogados y notarios mayas de Guatemala)

Left page: Claudia Paz y Paz, Attorney General of Guatemala until May 2014.

Left: An Aboriginal intern of LWBC in Guatemala, on a mission to locate victims to collect their testimony.

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LEGAL AID AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

LAWYERS ON THE GROUND TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

LWBC and its partner Defenders of the Oppressed (DOP) continued, for the past year, to offer legal aid and legal assistance in the greater metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince. The results demonstrate the importance of this on-the-ground multidisciplinary outreach, which was offered free of charge and which focused on the needs of the most vulnerable groups in Haiti.

Women's rights at the forefront

DOP interveners, supported by LWBC, represent women first and foremost, especially in cases of physical or sexual violence and in cases relating to alimony and child support, where legal victories have been achieved and support has been paid for women and their children.

In defense of minors and minorities

DOP lawyers, supported by LWBC, have obtained the release of persons that were unjustly detained, including a minor in prolonged pretrial detention and two members of the LGBTI community (lesbian / gay / bisexual / transgendered / intersex) arrested because of their sexual orientation under the false pretext of "gross indecency".

DOP stakeholders represented over 950 families (2,000 beneficiaries) in group actions, mainly to fight against arbitrary and illegal forced evictions in four displaced persons camps (the Mozayik Village, the Progressive People's Camp, the Village des pêcheurs and Lanmè Frape) and in cases of serious human rights violations like that of a girl killed in a suspicious fire at Camp Mosayik or those relating to assassination attempts of displaced persons from said Camp Mosayik, the culprits of which are now in prison.

Testimonials

"Were it not for the assistance provided by DOP, I would not have known what to do ... I now have child support for my daughter thanks to the assistance of a DOP attorney".

- A beneficiary

"The rights of sexual minorities have been significantly strengthened thanks to the considerable legal support of DOP (...) It is the first time in Haiti that the LGBTI community can sit down with an attorney who is an advocate for this community".

- A beneficiary

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

COMPLEMENTARY MECHANISMS TO NATIONAL COURTS

The integration of international standards and the application of the law of supranational courts such as the International Criminal Court (ICC) by jurists are central to the mission of LWBC. Likewise, an important part of LWBC's work aims to use transitional justice mechanisms with the objective of establishing or re-establishing the rule of law following major crises that led to serious human rights violations.

Reinforcement of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court's

In December 2013, LWBC, in conjunction with LWB in Brussels, started the second phase of the project to reinforce legal representation for victims of grave human rights violations constituting international crimes targeted by the International Criminal Court. LWBC has developed a working method with Colombian lawyers to bring before the national courts twelve cases of illegal execution, forced displacement or sexual violence. Significant results have already been achieved in two cases:

- In the case of the murder of labour unionist Luciano Enrique Romero, the lawyer supported by LWBC argued successfully for the facts to be considered "a systematic attack against civilians belonging to the union" and therefore a crime against humanity. The court ordered that the violence and persecution of Cesar Department unionists be the subject of a broad investigation.
- In the case of Fair Leonardo Porras Bernal, one of 17 young victims of forced disappearance and extrajudicial execution from the municipality of Soacha, identified by members of the Colombian armed forces as guerrillas killed in combat, the attorney supported by LWBC was able to convince the court that the facts constitute crimes against humanity because of the number of victims and the systematic criminal plan to have them killed.

Building peace through justice

Peace talks taking place between the guerrilla and the Colombian government have profoundly influenced the country's agenda. LWBC has thus actively participated in national discussions concerning transitional justice models to be considered for the successful transition from conflict to peace. LWBC, among others, participated as an observer at a hearing before the Constitutional Court on the *Legal Framework for Peace*, which provides the conditions in which illegal armed groups could surrender their weapons.

A report that gets things done in Mali

At the invitation of the Mali's Ministry of Justice, LWBC produced the report *From Crisis to Sustainable Peace - Justice and Human Rights in the Context of Transition in Mali*, which takes a practical look at transitional justice mechanisms that Mali can choose from following the conflict that shook the country and resulted in serious human rights violations. The report was

positively received by the Malian government, which took into consideration LWBC's recommendation to reinforce the mandate of the Commission for Truth and Reconciliation established by the government.

Left page - left photo: LWBC Legal aid services beneficiaries and interveners in Haiti.

Left page - right photo: LWBC is active among minors in the Port-au-Prince area.

Right: LWBC meeting with a group of Malian women.

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TRAINING

AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF ALL LWBC PROGRAMS

In order for justice stakeholders to benefit from best practices and therefore to strengthen their capacity to defend human rights, training is an essential component of all LWBC programs. Training programs designed and implemented in collaboration with local partners are adapted to the specific needs of the beneficiaries.

Colombia

- LWBC and Frontline Defenders offered workshops regarding the protection of confidential information that allowed organizations and partner attorneys to optimize their strategies for advocacy and their case management.

Guatemala

- 30 lawyers were trained with respect to the defence of indigenous rights. This training has allowed them to share their experiences and the opportunities for the defence of indigenous rights in the land and to natural resources.

Jamaica

- Two LWBC volunteers offered a training session on strategic litigation for emblematic human rights cases to more than 30 lawyers from 21 organizations of the civil society of Jamaica and the Caribbean.

Canada

- The training and the follow-up report of the volunteers deployed in Columbia and Guatemala took place within the scope of the International Youth Internship Program (IYIP).
- The training session “Changing Society Through Law” (*Changer la société par le droit*) was organised jointly with the International, Criminal and Humanitarian Law Clinic (*Clinique de droit international pénal et humanitaire*).

OVERVIEW OF LWBC PROGRAMS

EMPLOYABILITY, SOLIDARITY AND JUSTICE – INTERNATIONAL YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (IYIP) – GUATEMALA AND COLUMBIA

- Nine internships were completed by young Canadian graduates in Guatemala and in Columbia;
- Support to more than 25 cases and interventions at the national and international level, and 40 documents produced;
- Two jobs created for interns directly within the partner organizations.

Local Partners

- Human Rights Law Office – Bufete jurídico de derechos humanos (BDH)
- Center for legal action in human rights – Centro para la acción legal en derechos humanos (CALDH)
- Myrna Mack Foundation – Fundación Myrna Mack (FMM)
- Ombudsman – Procuraduría de derechos humanos de Guatemala (PDH)
- Community Legal Aid Association of Rabinal – Asociación Bufete jurídico popular de Rabinal – ABJPR
- Black Communities Process – Procesos comunidades negras (PCN)
- José Alvear Restrepo Lawyers Collective – Colectivo de abogados José Alvear Restrepo (CAJAR)
- National Indigenous Organization of Colombia – Organización nacional indígena de Colombia (ONIC)

Financial Partner

- Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFAIT)

ENHANCING STRATEGIC LITIGATION FOR RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN GUATEMALA

- Four practical internships in human rights completed by indigenous students in Guatemalan civil society organizations;
- Support to more than a dozen cases and interventions at the national and international level;

- 30 lawyers and legal professionals working with indigenous communities have strengthened their legal capacities with respect to indigenous rights.

Local Partners

- Guatemalan Association of Mayan Lawyers and Notaries – Asociación de abogados y notarios mayas de Guatemala (AANM)
- Community Legal Aid Association of Rabinal – Asociación Bufete jurídico popular de Rabinal – ABJPR
- Human Rights Law Office – Bufete jurídico de derechos humanos (BDH)

Financial Partner

Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Embassy of Norway in Guatemala

Left page: Johanne Brodeur, the President of the Barreau du Québec, François Boileau, the Commissioner of French Language Services in Ontario and Julius Grey, attorney, at the training session “Changing Society Through Law” (*Changer la société par le droit*)

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND FIGHT AGAINST IMPUNITY IN HAITI

- More than 2,150 vulnerable persons had access to local justice services in the greater Port-au-Prince area;
- 150 legal aid files taken in charge, where 40% of the beneficiaries are women;
- The awareness of 340 vulnerable persons was raised and the knowledge of their fundamental rights enhanced;
- Important decision of the Court of Appeal of Port-au-Prince opening the door to a trial against Jean-Claude Duvalier for crimes against humanity;
- More than 300 items of evidence were compiled and classified for the purposes of the proceedings against Jean-Claude Duvalier;
- Appeal of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights to encourage countries of the OAS to give access to their archives regarding the Duvalier regime.

Local Partners

- Defenders of the Oppressed (DOP)
- Collective Against Impunity

Financial Partners

- Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie – Québec International Development Program (PQDI) (*Access to Justice and Fight Against Impunity Program*)
- Knowledge and Freedom Foundation – Fondasyon konensans ak libète (FOKAL) – Open Society Foundation Haïti (Fight Against Impunity Program)

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE IN MALI

- Contributing to the development of a mandate for the Dialogue and Reconciliation Commission established by the Government of Mali by publishing a report on transitional justice.

STRENGTHENING THE ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT – PHASE II – COLUMBIA AND GUATEMALA

- Support to four Colombian lawyers, defenders of human rights, that represent victims in 12 cases (eight cases of extrajudicial executions, two cases of enforced displacement and two of sexual violence)
- Achievement by these lawyers of legal victories of great importance in two cases where systematic extrajudicial execution practices were recognized as crimes against humanity

Program implemented in association with LWBC in Brussels

Local Partners

- Corporación Humanas
- Comisión Intereclesial Justicia y Paz
- Political Prisoners Solidarity Committee – Fundación Comité de Solidaridad con Presos Políticos (FCSP)
- Equipo Jurídico Pueblos (EJP)
- Corporación Dignidad y Justicia
- Corporación Guasimí

Financial Partner

- European Union – European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

STRENGTHENING OF STRATEGIC LITIGATION IN THE CARIBBEAN

- Publication of a strategic litigation guide for emblematic cases of serious human rights violations, a first in the region;
- Building knowledge of 30 lawyers and defenders of human rights regarding strategic litigation.

Local Partner

- Jamaicans for Justice (JFJ)

Financial Partner

- European Union – European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

Over the past year, the LWBC team has participated as trainers or speakers at several public events, including:

LWBC Forum 2013

On October 5th, 2013, the LWBC Forum 2013 “Changing Society Through Law” (*Changer la société par le droit*), organized jointly with the International, Criminal and Humanitarian Law Clinic (*Clinique de droit international pénal et humanitaire – CDIPH*), was held at Laval University. More than 120 people attended this event, which included the annual general meeting, the presentation of the documentary “*En première ligne*” as well as training by several prominent speakers, including Edgar Pérez, senior counsel at the Human Rights Law Office of Guatemala, Johanne Brodeur, the President of the Barreau du Québec, litigation attorney M. Julius Grey, the French Language Services Commissioner of Ontario M. François Boileau and M. Philippe Larochelle, the defense lawyer in the *Mungwarere* case.

- Conference of the Attorney General of Guatemala in Ottawa on October 15th, 2013. On this occasion, Mme Paz y Paz participated in several meetings with Canadian authorities and the civil society;
- Association with the CDIPH for the organization of a series of lunch conferences regarding regional systems for the protection of human rights (European, Inter-American, and African), which took place on the 8th and 22nd of October as well as on the 5th of November 2013;
- Round table on October 29th, 2013 at the Museum of Civilization of Québec for the inauguration of the photographic exhibition *Caminos de compromiso*, which presents photographs and testimonies of Colombian human rights defenders supported by LWBC;

- Lunch conference with Haitian attorney and human rights defender M. Patrice Florvilus and viewing of the documentary “*En première ligne*”, both organized by McCarthy Tétrault and held on January 30th, 2014;
- Conference held on February 7th, 2014 during the study day on the theme “*État d’impunité ou État de droit en Haïti?*”, which took place at the Media School of the University of Québec in Montreal (UQAM);
- Conference held in March 2014 at the symposium of International Studies “*Analyse contemporaine des conflits en Afrique*”;
- Collaboration with the CDIPH at a dinner conference of the Honourable Roméo Dallaire held on March 21st, 2014 on the theme “Survive or thrive: the fate of humanity”;
- Presentation of the main results of the project “Employability, solidarity and justice” and discussions with the nine volunteers who participated in an evening talk held on January 17th, 2014, which was attended by more than 50 persons.

Right: Evening meeting organized in the context of International Internship Program for youth in January 2014, Québec.

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At the top: The LWBC team at the benefit concert of May 22, 2014 in Montreal.

Middle: Headquarter interns during a working session with the executive director of LWBC – summer 2014.

Bottom: Volunteers and interns accompanied by the project coordinator in Guatemala.

VOLUNTEERS

LWBC was founded on the principle of volunteer commitment, which today remains a cornerstone of the organization. Thank you to our volunteers!

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UNIVERSITY SUPPORT GROUPS

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University Network Coordinator (until April 2014)

Marie-Noël Collin

University Network Coordinator

Sophie Brown

President of the Laval University

Armand Djavidi

President of the University of Sherbrooke

Éléonore Gauthier

President of the University of Montreal

Martha Chertkow

President of McGill University

The four university groups of LWBC have distinguished themselves during 2013-2014. Many activities were organized to support the mission of LWBC, to contribute to the enhancement of its reputation in the academic community and to raise funds for the cause.

In recognition of their efforts and the innovation they have shown, two groups, *i.e.* the University of Sherbrooke and the McGill University, were awarded prizes and distinctions to emphasize their commitment.

CLINICS AND UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

The International, Criminal and Humanitarian Law Clinic (*Clinique de droit international pénal et humanitaire* – CDIPH) from the Faculty of Law of the Laval University is a key partner for LWBC. Among other things, the CDIPH has played an important role in the organization of the training session “Changing Society Through Law” (*Changer la société par le droit*). Over the past year, the CDIPH has also allowed the following students to contribute to the legal work performed in the context of the LWBC international cooperation programs:

Isabelle Boisvert-Chastenay
Roxanne Bossé-Morin
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Roxane Fortin Lecompte
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fiscal Year of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

The financial statements of LWBC are audited by Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton.

RESULTS	2014	2013
REVENUE		
Public contributions	-	4 254
Member contributions	68 542	79 214
Training activities	6 093	9 555
Fundraising events	150 397	131 690
Contributions from programs donors	450 019	2 415 084
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets	2 714	3 960
TOTAL REVENUE	\$677 765	\$2 643 757
EXPENSES		
Programs	408 718	2 275 609
Other projects and activities, administration and services	429 550	407 630
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$838 268	\$2 683 239
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(160 503)	(39 482)
Unrestricted net assets at beginning of period	333 826	373 308
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AT THE END OF PERIOD	\$173 323	\$333 826

SOURCES OF FUNDING			
• Fundraising events	150 397	22%	
• UE CPI 1 + 2 Columbia	118 220	17%	
• MRI PQDI Haiti	115 297	17%	
• Others	8 807	1%	
• FOKAL 1 + 2 Haiti	46 161	7%	
• Embassy of Norway - Guatemala	58 151	9%	
• ACDI PSIJ Guatemala and Columbia	112 190	17%	
• Members	68 542	10%	

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS			
• Other activities, administration and services	429 550	51%	
• Haiti FOKAL 1 + 2	39 821	5%	
• Haiti PQDI	102 945	12%	
• Columbia and Guatemala – PSJI	101 687	12%	
• Guatemala – Embassy of Norway	49 184	6%	
• Columbia – CPI 1 et CPI 2	115 071	14%	

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BENEFIT SHOW

The sixth edition of the LWBC's benefit show was held on May 22, 2014 at the L'Astral in Montreal, where more than 300 persons reunited, including several influential figures. Once again, the target was exceeded and more than \$141 000 were raised.

Presented in collaboration with the Barreau du Québec and held under the honorary chairmanship of the President of the Barreau du Québec Me Johanne Brodeur, the event was once again a success, mobilizing the legal community behind the cause of international solidarity, justice and human rights. The President of the Barreau du Québec herself performed,

accompanied by a choir created for the occasion. Several judges, lawyers and other members of the legal community also agreed to volunteer and go on stage. The result was a quality show that delighted those present.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE ARTISTS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Left: The choir of the Executive Committee of the Barreau du Québec interpreting “Baby You’ve Got What it Takes”, the Micheal Bubl  version.

Above: The outgoing President of the Barreau de Montr al Luc Deshaies in conversation with the executive director of the Barreau de Montr al Doris Larriv e at the cocktail preceding the show.