

# LAWYERS WITHOUT BORDERS

A hand holding a pen is positioned over a globe of the Earth. The continent of Africa is highlighted with a bright, glowing orange and yellow light, while the rest of the globe is in a dark, muted brown color. The background is a solid dark brown.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

LAWYERS CROSSING BORDERS  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

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# THE MISSION

**Protect the integrity of judicial process worldwide using pro bono resources, namely, volunteer service of lawyers and judges from around the world. This mission is fulfilled by advancing Rule of Law through programs that support transparency, capacity building and service to those who are marginalized or underserved.**

**LWOB aims for a neutral orientation in all of its work.**



# RESULTS

# 2010 Year

## LWOB's activities in first half of 2010 featured its community outreach on inheritance and succession rights for women and children and

**February**



Rwanda Minister of Gender and Family Promotion, Dr. Jeanne d' Arc Mujawamariya Hosted at LWOB US A Offices Hartford, CT USA

**May**



Corporate Board Magazine Legal recognition dinner, LWOB Charitable Recipient 2010 New York, NY USA

**March**



LWOB 5<sup>th</sup> annual UN CSW workshop: Launching Outreach "Record It"! New York, NY USA

**July**



Titia Holtz with the Chief Judge in Liberia. Digest Project Completion and Presentation to Liberia Monrovia, Liberia

**June**



Storm delivers keynote address "Awareness leads to decisive action" at All Attorney Meeting: Minneapolis, MN

# at a Glance

## **LWOB activities in the second half of 2010 featured work on gender based violence and human trafficking.**

**August**



Edward Turner participates in Colombia Caravana Program Bogotá, Colombia

**September**



LWOB Trial Observer Windhoek, Namibia

**October**



LWOB hosted side event: *Anti-Human Trafficking Training for Judges and Enforcement officers: Prosecution in Practice* United Nations Vienna, Austria

**December**



LWOB Founder Storm on UNIFEM Panel Violence Against Women London, UK

**November**



Edward Turner (LWOB CHAIR) at ABA International Meeting Paris, France



LWOB Support through Trial Advocacy Training (STATT) Monrovia, Liberia



# GLOBALLY ENGAGED

LWOB has held United Nations special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since June 2004 . It has been accredited to the United Nations Department of Public Information (UN DPI) and the Question of Palestine since 2003 and was accredited to OAS the Organization of American States in 2008. It has been an annual sponsor of workshops at the United Nations Committee on Status of Women (CSW) since 2006 and regularly engages in activities at the United Nations throughout the year.



Over 100 registrants attended LWOB's inheritance and succession workshop at the UN CSW Special Session at UN Headquarters in 2010 where they sampled and tested LWOB's board game: ***RECORD IT!***

# ENGAGED **GLOBALLY**

**Lawyers Without Borders participated in the Fifth Annual Conference of the parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and its Protocols. The conference took place between October 18-22, 2010 in Vienna, Austria.**

**The conference included an LWOB hosted event *Prosecution in Practice: Anti-Human Trafficking Training for Judges and Enforcement Officers* which showcased the LWOB training modules developed for training lawyers and judges.**



# TRIAL ADVOCACY SIGNATURE MODEL

## SIGNATURE PROGRAM MODEL Support Through Trial Advocacy Training

The traditional curriculum takes lawyers through rigorously paced trial skills exercises, from opening statements to direct and cross examination, and closing arguments.

Programs typically contain tailored panels and interactive exercises that feature application of local laws and evidentiary rules as well as applicability of international conventions or norms.



### Monrovia, Liberia

In November 2010 LWOB fielded a team of 20+ lawyers and judges to train over 60 lawyers and judges in Monrovia on the prosecution of a human trafficking case.

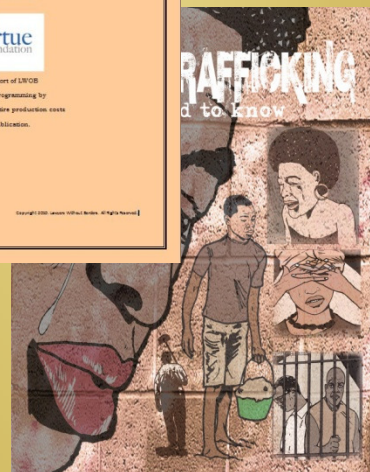
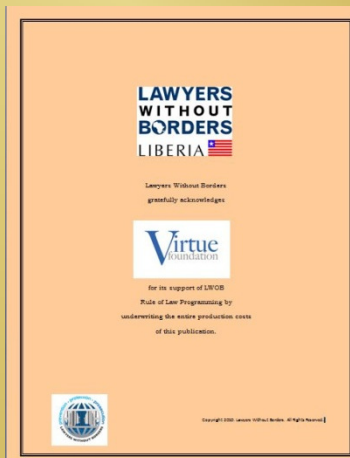


# ACCESS TO JUSTICE OUTREACH



While LWOB's community oriented work in 2009 focused on electoral rights and free and fair election themes, this year human trafficking was the dominant theme in the outreach materials created by the pro bono teams.

LWOB community outreach work is designed to complement and balance its capacity building work in the judicial sector. It relies on the belief that the full scale strengthening of the judiciary system only occurs when citizens have access to justice and receive the benefits and the protections that the proper application of the law affords.



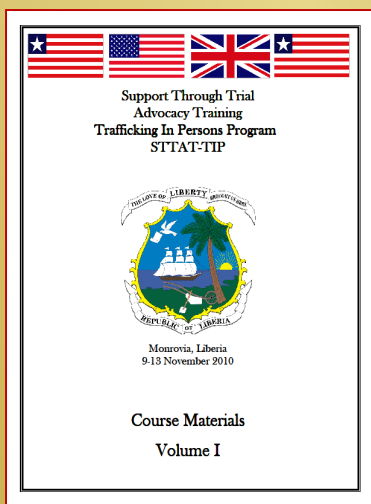
# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PUBLICATIONS

The Liberia Digest Project involved briefing and assigning over 30,000 key words to 4500 Liberia Supreme Court decisions. The project was developed in response to LWOB's assessment conducted in 2006 which identified the need for an index into the several thousand court decisions. With Thomson Reuters permission, the cases were indexed using the West Keyword® System. This will enable Liberian lawyers to access precedent in their research and identify encyclopedic resources on like topics.



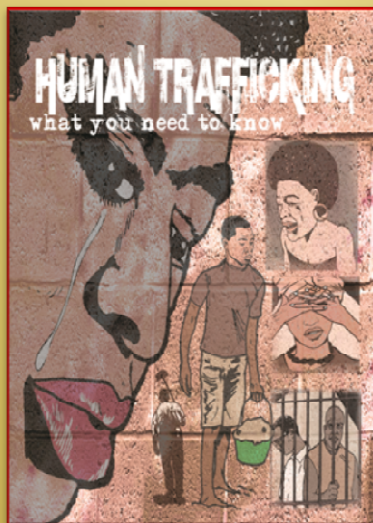
Presentation of Liberia Bench Briefs and Digest to Chief Justice Johnnie N. Lewis

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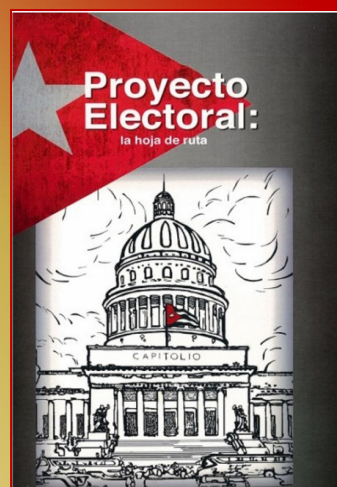


**Trial Advocacy Training  
Course Materials**

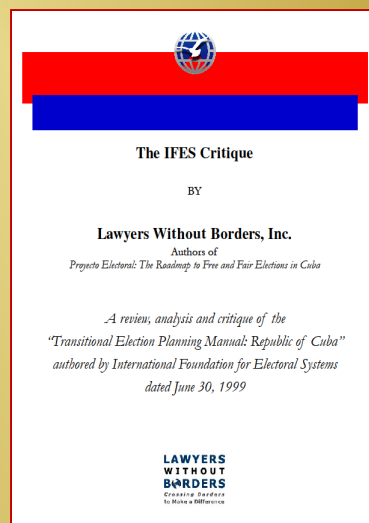
**Supporting  
lawyers,  
judges, legal  
systems and  
Rule of Law  
around the  
world.**



**Illustrated graphics designed  
to help lawyers  
explain complex legal concepts to  
victims in understandable terms.**



**LWOB authored  
Proyecto Electoral:  
The Roadmap To Free and Fair  
Elections in Cuba.**



**Electoral Analysis and Critique**

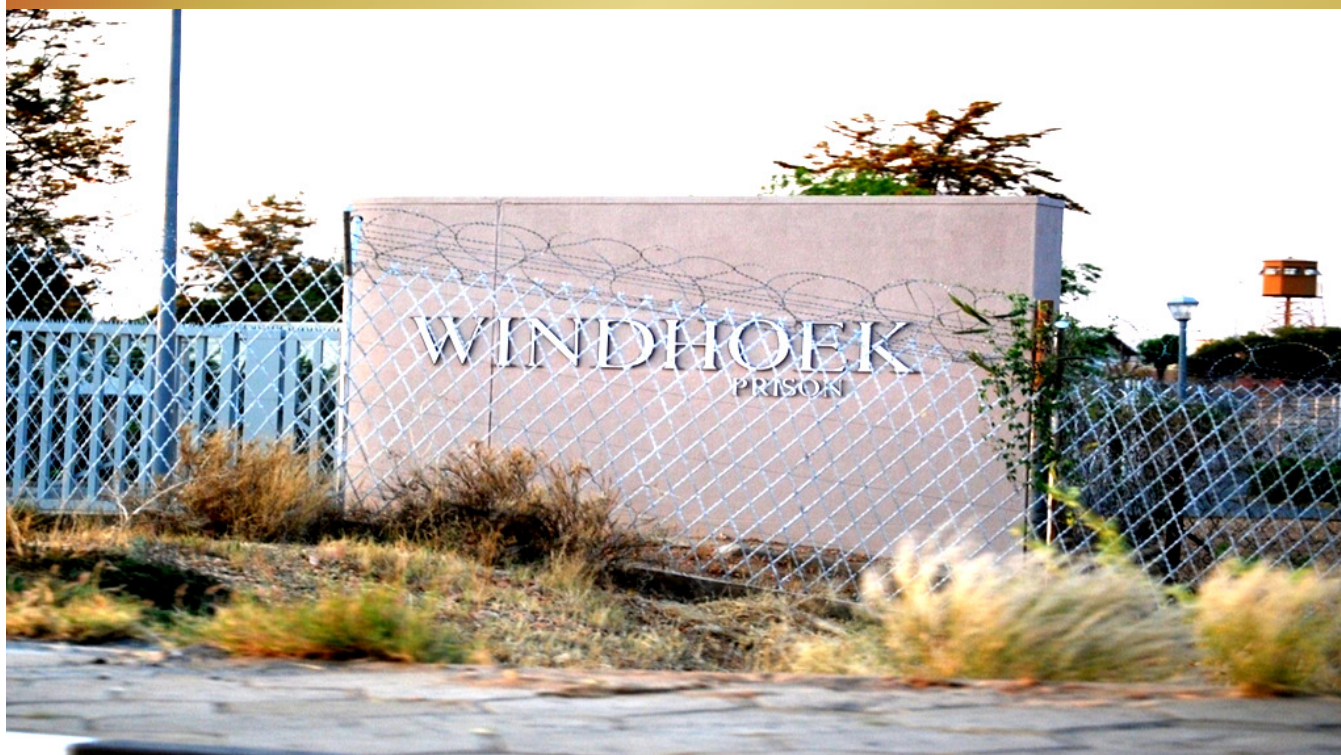
# TRIAL OBSERVATIONS NEUTRALS

**LWOB is a globally recognized and respected neutral observer of court trials.**

**As a neutral, LWOB is sometimes the only international observer permitted in the courtroom.**

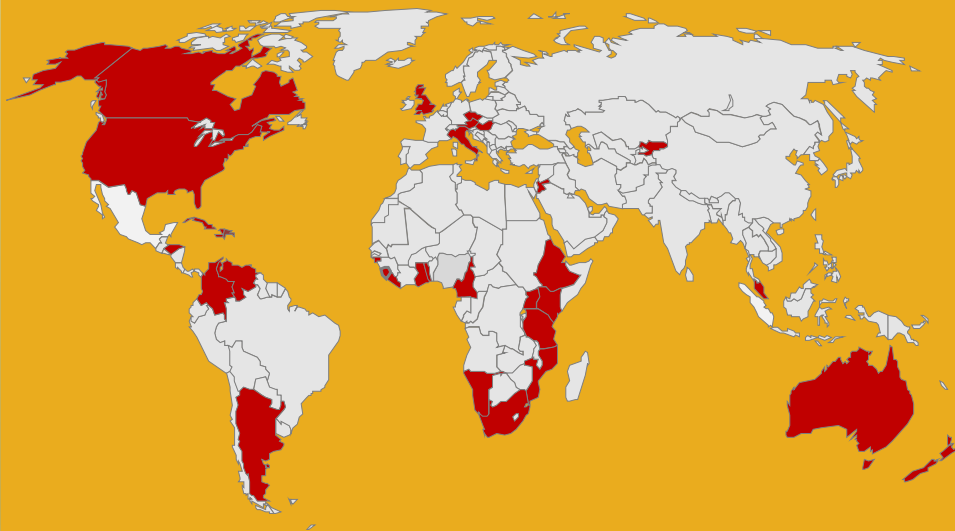
**LWOB's pledge to confidentiality often ensures the presence of at least one international observer in politically sensitive trials, detention facilities, regions under curfew or areas sealed off from the public.**

**Pictured below is the locale where a trial has been ongoing in Windhoek, Namibia for several years. LWOB has managed a corps of volunteers observing this trial since 2007.**



# CROSSING BORDERS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Where our lawyers come from, where they go and  
where the people are that we help.



**Albania – Argentina – Australia – Cameroon – Canada –  
Colombia – Costa Rica – Cuba – Ethiopia – Ghana – Kenya  
Kyrgyzstan – Liberia – Mozambique – Namibia – New Zealand  
Rwanda – Sierra Leone – Tanzania – Uganda – United Kingdom –  
United States - Venezuela – West Bank**

# THE POWER OF COLLABORATION



In 2010, lawyers serving pro bono were supported in LWOB managed programming made possible by those listed below:

**Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP**

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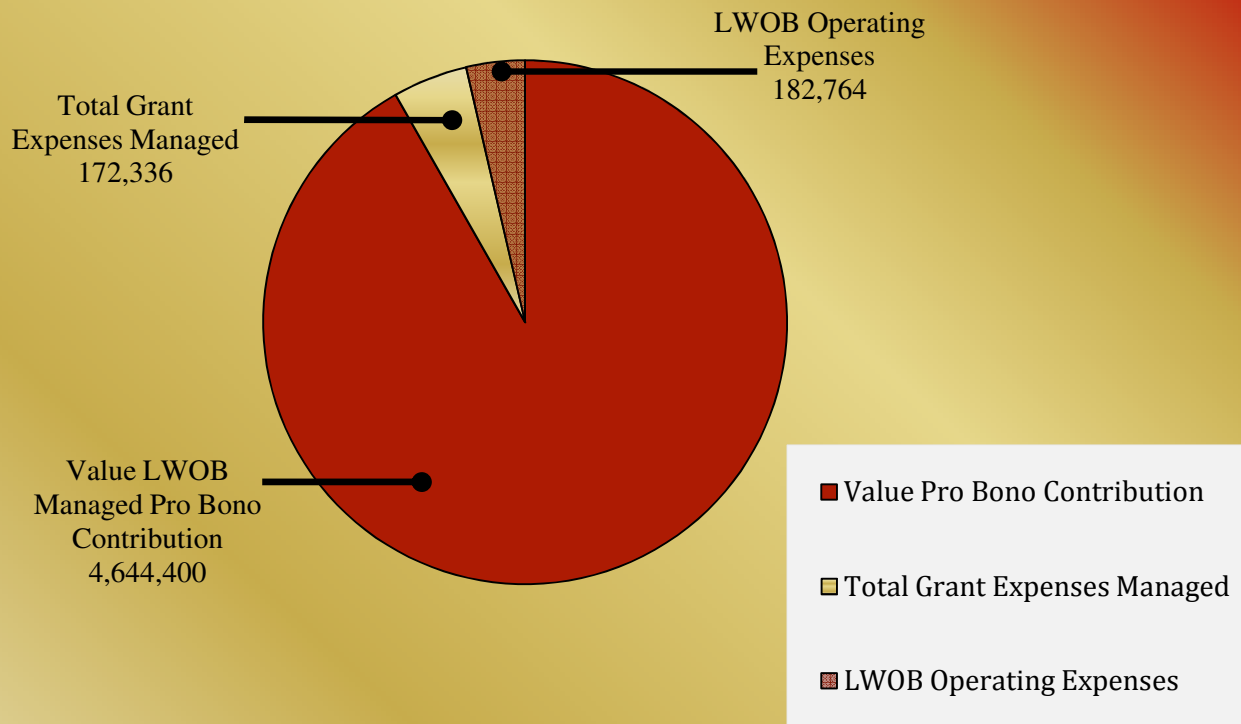
**White & Case LLP**



# FINANCIALS

# HOW YOUR HELP ADDS UP

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