



## *WSBA World Peace through Law Section*

October 2010

"Poverty  
is the worst  
form of  
violence"

-- Gandhi

### *Economic Rights as the Cornerstone for Building World Peace Through Law: Reflections on Economic Recession, Corruption, Free Trade Regimes and Human Rights* Tuesday, October 26, 2010

The Section's meeting on Tuesday October 26, noon – 1 p.m., features Professor Joel Ngugi of the UW Law School speaking on *Economic Rights as the Cornerstone for Building World Peace Through Law- Reflections on Economic Recession, Corruption, Free Trade Regimes and Human Rights*. In this time of economic recession, including high joblessness and loss of housing, he will discuss the relationship between economic rights and building world peace through law.

Prior to joining UW, Professor Ngugi practiced law with the Boston law firm of Foley Hoag, LLP, as a corporate and international litigation associate. He also practiced law with the Kenyan firm Kariuki Muigua & Company Advocates. Professor Ngugi has worked with the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and conducted research work for the Global Coalition for Africa/World Bank, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research (HPCR) at Harvard University and at the Global Trade Watch Division of Public Citizen, Inc. in Washington, DC. Adding soon to his body of over a dozen professional publications are two forthcoming works: *The Curse of Ecological Interdependence: Africa, Climate Change, and Social Justice* (in GLOBAL WARMING READER) and *Making the Link Between Human Rights and Corruption: Promises and Peril* (Proceedings of 2010 ASIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE).

**CLE Credit:** Approved for 1 general CLE credit.

**Cost:** Free for Section members and law students; \$25 for others.

Register now! *We hope to see you there.*

**Please Note the New Location: Rainier Square Conference Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Suite, 1333 Fifth Avenue, Seattle.** This is close to mass transit and parking. There are ample facilities on the ground floor for picking up a light lunch.

### **Upcoming Section Events**

- **Thursday, November 18, noon - 1 p.m. Mini CLE.** *From Needs to Rights: The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in South Asia*, with Professor Upendra Acharya of Gonzaga University School of Law, **at the Rainier Square Conference Center**. The actual experiences of South Asian states with ratification of the CRC will be analyzed. 1 general CLE credit pending approval.
- **Tuesday, December 14, noon- 2 p.m.** Part II of facilitated dialogue on the international law issues involved in the *Mavi Marmara/Gaza Flotilla Incident* of May 31, focusing on the recent UN Report, followed by informal discussion among members about work we've done in 2010 for peace through law, **at WSBA offices, 1325 Fourth Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor.** (No CLE credit).

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**Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti  
October 14 CLE Program  
Co-sponsored by the International Practice Section**

Brian Concannon Jr., Esq., director of the Oregon-based Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti and coordinator of the Lawyers' Earthquake Response Network, will discuss the international legal response to the earthquake in Haiti, including legal work conducted in Haiti and the United States. The CLE will address the extreme mortality of the earthquake (largely resulting from inadequate development of the rule of law in Haiti and intentional policies implemented by the Haitian government and the international community) and efforts to enforce the rights of earthquake victims and build the stability necessary for Haiti to become less vulnerable to the next natural disaster. The program will cover expanding U.S. immigration opportunities for Haitians, legal obligations of donor states under human rights law and enforcing housing rights and the rights of internally displaced people in Haiti.

**Location:** Offices of Garvey Schubert Barer, Second & Seneca Building – 18th Floor, 1191 Second Ave., Seattle. Approved for 1.5 general CLE credits.

**Please note:** *this is not a WPTL event;* however, in view of its subject matter, it should be of great interest to Section members.

**Cost:** Free to International Practice Section members and law students; all others \$35.

**Renew Your Section Membership!**

More great programs are coming your way in the upcoming year, and now is the time to renew section membership. (WSBA section memberships run September to September). Renew instantly at <http://www.wsba.org/lawyers/groups/worldpeace> (click on the “Join the Section link on the right side of the page), or return the paper form coming soon to your mailbox. Either way, join us and invite a friend: there’s a lot happening this next year!

**Where Are They Now? Robin Lindley in Real Change**

Longtime section member and former Chair Robin Lindley has been sighted frequently in Seattle’s *Real Change* newspaper! Search for “Robin Lindley” on <http://www.realchangenews.org> for some interesting reading.

**Thank Marti, Not Me!**

This is a personal note from the Newsletter editor. People keep thanking me for our great events, and I appreciate that, but seriously folks: I’m just the publicist. I used to do a lot of work on Section events, but for the past more than 2 years it’s been all Marti, Nandini, and the Executive Committee. Please thank them! (*This is a lesson to me about the advantages of being the guy who writes things up!*) – **REW**

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