

SUDREAU GLOBAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

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REFLECTION ON THE *Summer*

Friends,

We had an amazing summer! In late April we hosted a delegation of twelve Ugandan judges, registrars, and attorneys for a mediation training led by Straus Professor Selina Shultz. The delegation spent four days at Pepperdine Law. On the fifth day, the delegation met with Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey. During their days at the law school several of the Ugandan judges came across their former summer interns and had great reunions with them.

In May, we sent off fifteen students to five countries to work with judiciaries and non-governmental organizations. In June, our team joined the students in Uganda to complete a week-long prison project in northern Uganda, followed by the 5th Annual National Plea Bargaining Conference in Kampala, Uganda.

As always, we are beyond thankful for your support through prayers, volunteering, and financial gifts. We couldn't do this without you.

I hope you enjoy the report!



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APRIL TRAINING



Our friends from Uganda were able to experience Malibu, Hollywood, and downtown LA during their visit. They were also joined by Judge Mike DiReda for several days during the mediation training.

SUMMER INTERNS

We had fifteen students in our program this summer who spent nine weeks working for a combination of international non-profits and judiciaries. As a byproduct of our growing relationship with the Ghanaian Judiciary, we sent two students to clerk for the Supreme Court of Ghana for the first time. They had a fantastic experience working with Justice Amegatcher and Justice Kotey. More stories about their experiences will be available soon on the [Global Justice blog](#).

Uganda: Supreme Court (2), Court of Appeals (2), Public Prosecutions (3), Willow International (1)

Rwanda: Chief Justice Rugege (1)

India: Counsel to Secure Justice (1)

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Pepperdine Law student, Grayson Haws, discusses a juvenile plea bargaining case with his team (Gulu Remand Home). Grayson spent his summer interning with Justice Kiryabwire in the Uganda Court of Appeals.



Uganda Summer Interns: Ben Wilcox, Anthony Harris, Reed Bartley, Gage Eller, Grayson Haws, Hannah Grabinski, Katlyn Koegel, and Karin Lang at the 5th Annual National Plea Bargaining Conference in Uganda.

PRISON PROJECT

This summer we spent five days working in three different prisons across Uganda. We started in Masindi for a day and a half, moved north to the Gulu adult prison for two full days, and finished our week at the Gulu remand home working on juvenile cases.

Our team was constructed a little differently this summer. We were able to bring two Los Angeles District Court judges, and, thanks to the blessing of L.A. District Attorney Jackie Lacey, nine L.A. District Attorneys. In addition, we had Steve Dixon and Steve Birch, two of our alumni, along with nine Pepperdine Law students.

We completed a total of 110 cases over the course of the week. We encountered new challenges in each of the prisons during the trainings, but reached a resolution to them all. Each of these experiences provides us with invaluable insight that moves us one step closer to our goal of seeing the Ugandan Judiciary operating a thriving and fully independent plea bargaining program. Overall, it was very a successful week.

On June 26th, we partnered with Uganda's Judiciary to host the fifth annual National Plea Bargaining Conference. This was an engaging day with valuable dialogue about the challenges of implementing plea bargaining in various regions of Uganda and how to overcome them. Our Los Angeles District Attorney team did a fantastic job recreating the plea bargaining process and training the room through live action. We continue to be blessed by the passion that Uganda's leaders have for justice and their genuine desire to see a fully reformed and functioning justice system for their country.



Ama Kumi Thomas, Seth Carmack, and Val Cole role-playing the plea bargaining process at the National Plea Bargaining Conference.



Our team of Pepperdine law students, Ugandan law students, and Los Angeles district attorneys at the Gulu Remand home.



Juvenile remandees bowed their heads during our closing prayer time after our team handled several of their cases during the prison project.

