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EXPERIENCE

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Seattle, Washington

Professor of Law (2009 -)

Director, International & Comparative Law Programs (2005 - 2009)

Director, Global Justice Advocacy (South Africa) (2007 - 2009)

Director, Center for Global Justice (2006 - 2008)

Associate Professor (2000 - 2009)

Assistant Professor (1999 - 2000)

Visiting Professor (1997 – 1999)

Teach upper level classes in Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law, and Transitional Justice. Oversee and develop the law school's international and comparative law programs, including summer programs in Brazil and South Africa, and directing the research-focused Center for Global Justice.

LAW AND PEACE PRACTICE GROUP, Barcelona (2016 -)

Founding member of legal consulting group providing advice on the challenge of balancing legal security and justice issues in relation to negotiated transitions out of war or authoritarianism. Provided assistance to individuals and organizations related to, *inter alia*, Colombia, The Gambia, Iraq, Nigeria, Somalia, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe.

TRUTH, JUSTICE & RECONCILIATION COMMISSION, Nairobi, Kenya (2009 - 2013)

Commissioner

Chair, Finance and Administration Committee

Chair, Human Rights Violations Committee

One of three international Commissioners appointed by the African Union to a nine person Commission tasked with unearthing and analyzing gross violations of human rights, including socio-economic rights, economic crimes, corruption, and land distribution, over a 45 year period.

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND SCHOOL OF LAW, Johannesburg, South Africa

Honorary Professor of Law (2007 - 2013)

Bram Fischer Visiting Professor of Human Rights (2006-2007)

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

Cape Town, South Africa (1996 - 2000)

International Law Consultant on a variety of legal and policy issues, including scope and definition of the Commission's mandate, international and comparative human rights and criminal law, and international humanitarian law.

COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE, Cape Town, South Africa (1996-1997)

Visiting Professor at human rights research center. Research and writing on transitional justice in South Africa, and the implementation of economic and social rights under the new South African Constitution.

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT (1993 - 1996)

Associate Director, Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights

Visiting Lecturer and Research Fellow

Co-directed inter-disciplinary human rights program at Yale Law School.

Responsibilities included teaching international human rights at law school and college levels; teaching and supervising students in international human rights law litigation clinic; organizing speaker series and conferences on contemporary human rights issues; and acquire, review, and edit human rights scholarship for publication.

BERLE, KASS & CASE, New York, NY (1991 - 1993)

Associate

Specialized in housing, environmental, land use, not-for-profit corporate and tax, and human rights law in 18-attorney Manhattan law firm. Represented not-for-profit and for-profit housing and real estate developers, low-income coops, environmental groups, and international human rights organizations.

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT (1989-1991)

Assistant Clinical Professor (1990 - 1991)

Clinical Teaching Fellow (1989-1990)

Taught Workshop on Shelter for the Homeless, an inter-disciplinary transactional law school clinic consisting of law, business, architecture, and public health students working with not-for-profit organizations in the area of homelessness, housing, and economic development. Taught Immigration Clinic and supervised students representing refugees in political asylum claims in the U.S. Assisted in the creation of an environmental law clinic.

LOKAYAN, Delhi, India (1987)

Summer Fellow

Awarded a Student Funded Fellowship from Yale Law School to work with an environmental and human rights organization in India.

**WORLD ORDER MODELS PROJECT and
WORLD POLICY INSTITUTE, New York, NY (1986)**
Assistant Managing Editor of international relations journal, Alternatives: Social
Transformation and Humane Governance.

**SCHOMBURG CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN BLACK CULTURE,
New York, NY (1986)**
Research Consultant for exhibit on voluntary black migration to the United States.

EAST HARLEM COMMITTEE ON THE AGED, New York, NY (1985-86)
Research Consultant providing statistical analysis of aged population in East Harlem.

COUNCIL ON INTERRACIAL BOOKS FOR CHILDREN, New York, NY (1984)
Research Consultant for project analyzing racial, sexual, religious, and class biases in
United States History high school textbooks.

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL - J.D. 1989

Director (1987-88), Workshop on Shelter for the Homeless.

Director (1987-88), Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Law Project.

Coker Fellow (Torts) (1988-89).

Assistant to the Chairman (1987-89), Advisory Committee on Investor Responsibility.

Prizes and Awards:

C. LaRue Munson Prize for clinical legal work (1989)

Elm-Ivy Award for fostering university-community relations (1989)

Yale Law School Public Interest Award (1989)

CHRIST'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, Cambridge, England M.Phil (International Relations) 1985

Thesis: The Austrian State Treaty of 1955: Neutrality and the Cold War.

Specialization: International law, history of international relations, and strategic studies.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY - B.A. (History) 1984.

Magna Cum Laude. Phi Beta Kappa.

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

MULTI-LIFESPAN INFORMATION SYSTEM RESEARCH INITIATIVE (2008 - 2010)

Advisory Board, Project on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

ROTHKO CHAPEL OSCAR ROMERO AWARD (2008 -)

Member, Selection Committee of international human rights award

THE ROTHKO CHAPEL (2009 - 2011)

Member, Board of Directors

UPLIFT INTERNATIONAL (2006 -)

Member, Board of Directors of international development and health rights organization.

DOCUMENTATION CENTER OF CAMBODIA (2005 -)

Member, Board of Directors

Legal Advisory Board

GLOBAL AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM, Seattle University (2005 -)

Member, Advisory Board

POLITICS AND ETHICS REVIEW, Edinburgh University Press (2004 -)

Member, Editorial Board

ACCESS TO JUSTICE INSTITUTE, Seattle University School of Law (2001 -)

Member, Community Advisory Board

DESMOND TUTU PEACE FOUNDATION (2000 - 2003)

Member, Operating Committee

Judge, Desmond Tutu Young Emerging Leader Award (2003)

PHILLIP C. JESSUP INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION (2000)

Judge, Northwest Region

RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL: THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (1996 -)

Member of Board of Directors

LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR POLICY (1995 -)

Member of Board of Directors

DIANA (1994 -1997)

Member of advisory board of global human rights electronic library.

HOME INC. (1994 - 96)

Member of Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Property Management Committee of non-profit provider of low-income housing management and development in New Haven.

GREATER NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY LOAN FUND (1993 - 96)

Member of Board of Directors and Loan Committee of not-for-profit community loan fund with a lending capacity of approximately \$8,000,000.

Executive Committee (1995 - 96)

Treasurer (1995 - 96)

Chair of Finance Committee (1995 - 96)

INITIATIVE FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW AT YALE (1992 - 96)

Chair, Board of Directors (1994-5)

Member, Board of Directors

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (1990 - 94)

Chair (1993 - 94), Committee on the HUD Reform Act (a subcommittee of the Section on Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law).

Member (1990 - 92), Advisory Committee to the Representation of the Homeless Project.

ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK (1992 - 93)

Member, Housing and Urban Development Committee.

Member, Project on the Homeless Committee.

CONNECTICUT LAWYERS CLEARINGHOUSE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS (1990 - 91)

Member of Steering Committee and Legislative Liaison.

CONNECTICUT URBAN REINVESTMENT ENDOWMENT (CURE), INC. (1990 - 91)

Member, Board of Directors.

NEW HAVEN WELFARE REFORM COALITION (1988)

Member, Housing Subcommittee.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

The Kenyan TJRC: An Outsider's View from the Inside (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

The Nuremberg Principles in Non-Western Societies: A Reflection on their Universality, Legitimacy and Application International Nuremberg Principles Academy (2017) (editor and introduction)

International Criminal Law and Its Enforcement, 3rd ed., Foundation Press (2014) (with van Schaack)

Essentials: International Criminal Law, Aspen (2008) (with van Schaack)

Democracia Deliberativa y Derechos Humanos, Gedisa (2004) (co-editor and introduction with Koh)

Deliberative Democracy and Human Rights, Yale University Press (1999) (co-editor and introduction with Koh)

International Human Rights Law & Practice, Kluwer Law International (1997) (with Martin, Falk, Wilson, Schnably, Simon, and Koren)

Homes for the Homeless: A Handbook for Action, Carolina Academic Press (1990) (with Berger and Chodosh)

Book Chapters:

“Framework Paper,” (with Mark Freeman) in **The Limits of Punishment: Transitional Justice and Violent Extremism** (United Nations University – Centre for Policy Research, and the Institute for Integrated Transitions (May 2018)

“Putting the J into the TRC: Kenya's Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission,” in Mia Swart and Karin van Marie, eds. Twenty Years On: Other Ways of Being and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (Brill Publishing 2017)

“Reflections on Africa and International Criminal Law,” in Ronald Slye, ed. The Nuremberg Principles in Non-Western Societies: A Reflection on their Universality, Legitimacy and Application (International Nuremberg Principles Academy, 2017)

“A Limited Amnesty? Insights from Cambodia,” in Leigh A. Payne and Francesca Lessa, eds., Amnesty in the Age of Human Rights Accountability: Comparative and International Perspectives (2012)

“Immunities and Amnesties,” in Max du Plessis, ed., African Guide to International Criminal Justice (Institute for Security Studies, 2008)

“Amnesties, International Crimes and the ICC” in Max du Plessis and Antoinette Louw, eds., The Investigation and Prosecution of “Core International Crimes” and the Role of the International Criminal Court in Africa (Institute for Security Studies, 2007).

“Refugee Jurisprudence, Crimes Against Humanity, and Customary International Law,” in Anne Bayefsky, ed., Human Rights and Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, and Migrant Workers: Essays in Honour of Joan Fitzpatrick and Arthur Helton (Brill Academic Publishers, 2005)

“The Cambodian Amnesties: Beneficiaries and The Temporal Reach of Amnesties for Gross Violation of Human Rights,” in Jaya Ramji & Beth van Schaack (eds), Bringing the Khmer Rouge to Justice: Prosecuting Mass Violence before the Cambodian Courts (Mellen Press, 2005)

“The International Criminal Court,” in Villa-Vicencio and Doxtrader, eds., Pieces of the Puzzle: Keywords on Reconciliation and Transitional Justice (Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, 2004)

“Recommendations for the United Nations and International Non-Governmental Organizations,” in Stanley S. Herr, Harold Hongju Koh, and Lawrence O. Gostin (eds.), Different But Equal: The Rights of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Oxford University Press, 2002)

“The Amnesty Process,” in Wilhelm Verwoerd and Mahlubi Mabizela, Truths Drawn in Jest (David Philip, Cape Town) (2000)

“Amnesty, Truth, and Reconciliation: Reflections on the South African Amnesty Process,” in Robert I. Rotberg and Dennis Thompson, eds., Truth versus Justice: The Moral Efficacy of Truth Commissions in South Africa and Beyond (Princeton University Press, 2000)

"Amnesty and Justice" in Charles Villa-Vicencio and Wilhelm Verwoerd, eds., Looking Back/Reaching Forward: Reflections on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa (Zed Books and University of Cape Town Press, 2000)

Articles:

“Corporations, Veils, and International Criminal Liability,” 33 **Bklyn J. Int'l L.** 955 (2008)

"The Cambodian Amnesties: Beneficiaries and the Temporal Reach of Amnesties for Gross Violation of Human Rights," 22 **Wis. Int'l L. J.** 99 (2004)

"International Decisions: Republic of South Africa v. Grootboom and Minister of Health v. Treatment Action Campaign," 97 **Am. J. Int'l L.** 669 (2003)

"The Legitimacy of Amnesties under International Law and General Principles of Anglo-American Law," 43 **Va. J. Int'l L.** 173 (2002)

"International Law, Human Rights Beneficiaries, and South Africa: Some Thoughts on the Utility of International Human Rights Law," 2 **Chic. J. Int'l L.** 59 (2001)

"Apartheid as a Crime Against Humanity: A Submission to the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission," 20 **Mich. J. Int'l L.** 267 (1999)

"Socio-Economic Rights and the South African Transition: The Role of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission," 1 **Law, Democracy, and Development** 137 (South Africa) (November 1997)

"Weapons, Wars, and Deaths: A Problematique," **Social Alternatives** Vol. 15, No. 3, (Australia) (July 1996)

"The Dayton Peace Agreement: Constitutionalism and Ethnicity," 21 **Yale J. Int'l L.** 459 (1996)

"DIANA: A Human Rights Database," 16 **Human Rights Quarterly** 753 (1994) (with Finke, Fitchett, and Koh)

"Environmental Review of Facilities for the Homeless in New York," 3 **Env. L. in New York** 177 (1992)

"Community Institution Building: A Response to the Limits of Litigation," 36 **Villanova L. Rev.** 1035 (1991)

"Addressing the Problem of Homelessness: A New Model for Public Interest Lawyering in the 1990s," 34 **Howard L. J.** 91 (1991) (with Arbogast, Barnett, and Treiger)

Entries for "World Order" and "World Order Models Project," World Encyclopedia of International Peace (with Mendlovitz)

Book Reviews:

Review of Ikechi, Mgbeoji, Collective Insecurity: The Liberian Crisis, Unilateralism, And

Global Order in **Law and Politics Book Review**, vol. 14, no. 7, pp. 567-71 (July 2004)

“Appreciating Silence,” a review of Fiona Ross, Bearing Witness: Women and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa in **Human Rights & Human Welfare**, vol. 4, pp. 45-52 (2004).

Review of Michael J. Glennon, Limits of Law, Prerogatives of Power: Interventionism After Kosovo in **Law and Politics Book Review**, vol. 12, no. 2, pp. 74-78 (February 2002)

“The Truth about the Truth Commission,” **South African Review of Books** (November 1999) (<http://www.uni-ulm.de/~rturrell/sarobnewhtml/trcindex.html>)

"Human Rights in Theory and Practice: A Review of On Human Rights." 18 **Fordham Int'l L. J.** 1566 (1995)

Selected Newspaper, Magazine, and Blogs

“Feminism and the Kenyan TJRC (Parts 1 and 2),” Intlaw Grrls (Nov. 1, 2018)

“A Truth and Reconciliation Commission for the United States,” Reuters, August 10, 2015

“Obama’s Trip to Kenya: Putting Accountability and Reconciliation on the Agenda,” Just Security, July 24, 2015.

“Debate on ICC Process Misplaced,” The Star (Nairobi), March 21, 2011

“The Real Significance of Wikileaks,” The Star (Nairobi), March 18, 2011.

“Why Kiplagat Must Now Step Aside,” The Sunday Nation (Nairobi), March 28, 2010 (with Kaari Murungi)

“International Law Exists – Which is Why We Need Harold Koh,” The Argument, Foreign Policy Magazine, April 20, 2009.

“Reconciliation Commission Unlikely to Reveal Bush’s Transgressions,” The Seattle Times, March 13, 2009.

“The Crafter’s Paradise: The Legacy of Forgiveness in South Africa,” The Weekender (South Africa), June 3, 2006.

“Truth, Justice, the International Way,” The Seattle Times, December 13, 1998.

SELECTED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

CASTILLEJA SCHOOL, Palo Alto, CA (February 2017)

Spoke to high school teachers and students about the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the possibility of a Truth Commission in the United States.

THE NEELAN TIRUCHELVAM TRUST, Colombo, Sri Lanka (July 2016)

Delivered the 17th Annual Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture, “Difficult Issues, Strategic Choices: Crafting a Coherent Sri Lankan Transitional Justice Process.”

THE LORI E. TALSKY CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN at MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW (March 2016)

“Expanding Accountability for Torture: A South African-Styled Truth Commission?”

KENAN INSTITUTE FOR ETHICS at DUKE UNIVERSITY (February 2016)

“Debating Trials and Truth Commissions: Responding to Violence in Africa

”THE NUREMBERG PRINCIPLES 70 YEARS LATER: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES (International Nuremberg Principles Academy), Nuremberg, Germany (November 2015)

Panelist, “Universality of the Nuremberg Principles: Africa”

TRUTH COMMISSION AND PEACE PROCESSES: INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES FOR COLOMBIA (ICTJ and The Kofi Annan Foundation), Bogota, Colombia (February, 2015)

Panelist, “Challenges of a Truth Commission Emerging from a Peace Process in a Context of Widespread and Diverse Social Demand”

AMERICAN RED CROSS, Seattle, WA (February, 2015)

“Enforcement of IHL: Domestic and International Accountability”

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TUNISIAN TRUTH AND DIGNITY COMMISSION: TOWARDS A NEW GENERATION OF TRUTH COMMISSION, Tunis, Tunisia (June 2014)

“Learning from the Experiences and Challenges faced by other Truth Commissions around the World: Kenya”

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL, Olympia, WA (March, 2014)

“Accountability by Truth Commission: Lessons from South Africa and Kenya”

ICTJ AND THE KOFI ANNAN FOUNDATION, New York (November, 2013)

Participant, “Challenging the Conventional: Can Truth Commissions Effectively Strengthen Peace Processes”

FREEDOM HOUSE AND TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL, Berlin (October, 2013)
Practitioners Dialogue on Transitional Justice and Corruption

FREEDOM HOUSE, Washington, DC (June, 2013)
Insider’s Discussion: “Reconciling with the Truth: Understanding the Report of Kenya’s Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission and Prospects for the Future”

UN OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (2011)
Speaker, “Amnesty, Accountability and the Juba Peace Agreements”

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, Bujumbura, Burundi (2011)
Panelist, “Transitional Justice Mechanisms: Lessons Learned with Truth and Reconciliation Commissions”

UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA, Jakarta (2008)
Public lecture to faculty and staff, “Clinical Legal Education”

NACIONAL AUTONOMA UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO, Mexico City (2008)
“Justice and the South African Amnesty”

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven (2008)
Robert L. Bernstein International Human Rights Fellowship Symposium
Panelist, “Justice for Mass Atrocities and the Problem of Time,”

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, San Francisco (2008)
Presented paper, “The Rule of Truth or the Rule of Law?”

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL, New York (2007)
Presented paper, “Corporations, Veils, and International Criminal Liability”

FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL, New York (2007)
“Teaching Poverty Law from an International Perspective”

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Chicago (2007)
Presented Paper, “Apology as Justice”

NELSON MANDELA INSTITUTE, Johannesburg, South Africa (2006)
“Corporate Accountability and International Law”

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UNIVERSITY OF KWA ZULU NATAL, Durban, South Africa (2006)

“The New Prosecution Policy for Apartheid Era Crimes”

WANG CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AT PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY, Tacoma, WA (2005)

“Human Rights and Civil Order in Africa,” as part of *Pathways to Peace*

HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY, Germany (April 2005)

Commentator, “The South African Approach: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Amnesty for Gross Violations of Human Rights,” as part of *Justice in Transition—Prosecution and Amnesty in Germany and South Africa*

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS & ETHICS CONFERENCE, Gulfport, Miss. (March 2005)

Presented Paper, “Amnesty as a Mechanism of Accountability”

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (December 2002)

Commencement Speaker

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN STUDIES ANNUAL MEETING (May 2002)

Panelist, “The Challenges of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions

YALE LAW SCHOOL, HUMAN RIGHTS WORKSHOP (April 2002)

Presented Paper, “The South African Amnesty from the Victim’s Perspective”

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WORKSHOP IN LAW AND PHILOSOPHY, North Carolina (October 2001)

Commentator, “Rights, Reconciliation, and Transformative Justice”

LAW AND SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Budapest, Hungary (July 2001)

Paper Presented, “Victims as the Heart of the Matter: The South African Amnesty as Promised in Practice”

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY (February 2000)

Speaker, “Exploring Amnesty, Forgiveness, and Reconciliation”

SEATTLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE (January 2000)

Speaker, “Transition to Democracy: The Role of the South African Bill of Rights.”

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY (University Mission Day; October 1999)

Facilitator and Speaker, “A View Inside South Africa: Our Mission to the World Community”

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES (Annual Meeting: June 1998)
Contemporary Relevance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

WORLD PEACE FOUNDATION (May 1998) (South Africa)
“Reflections on the South African Amnesty Process,” presented at conference titled
“Truth versus Justice: Can Truth Commissions be Justified?”

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, FACULTY OF LAW (January 1998)
Commentator to paper, “Institutions for Restorative Justice,” presented at The Centre for
the Study of State and Market’s “Workshop on Commissions of Inquiry: A Comparative
Perspective”

**INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
(October 1997)**
“Reflections on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission”

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY (SOUTH AFRICA) (December 1996)
“International Human Rights Law and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission”

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION (Annual Meeting: April 1996)
“Violence against Women as a War Crime: The Case of Doe v. Karadzic.”

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAWYERS AGAINST NUCLEAR ARMS
(General Assembly: May 1995) (Florence, Italy)**
“Conventional Arms Control in a Global Context”

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (Annual Meeting: April 1995)
Panelist, “Broadening Access to International Law Through New Technologies”

OTHER EXPERIENCE

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA (JULY/AUGUST 2004)
Lecturer in course on international human rights and international criminal law sponsored
by the Documentation Center of Cambodia.

GUANTANAMO, CUBA (December 1994)
Organized and led human rights fact-finding mission to US refugee camps.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

TRIAL LAWYERS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE FOUNDATION

Co-Recipient, 1995 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award, for human rights litigation in US courts under the Alien Tort Claims Act.