



LAWYERS WITHOUT BORDERS

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*Crossing Borders
to Make a Difference*





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We at Lawyers Without Borders work to protect the integrity of the judicial process worldwide by harnessing and channeling pro bono volunteer services of lawyers and judges from around the world into rule of law programming.



Our objectives are achieved through development of programs that support transparency, capacity building, conflict resolution, access to justice and service to the underserved. We aim to keep ourselves and our work neutrally oriented.

2011 Year At-a-Glance

January-February-March

LWOB in-house lawyer joins an expert group providing input on creation of prosecution and conviction in a human trafficking database overseen by UN Vienna.



Volume II Liberia Digest Bench Briefs

Linklaters takes second place for Pro Bono Team of the Year Award at the 2011 Lawyer Awards in the United Kingdom for their work on LWOB's Liberia Digest Project.

Trial observers submitted daily reports of court proceedings in the ongoing "Caprivi High Treason trial" in Windhoek, Namibia. LWOB is the only international observer following the case. At the end of 2011 the prosecution's case rested and the observation is in hiatus awaiting court decision on defendants' dispositive motions. The case represents one of the longest trials in world history.



LWOB enters 5th year sending observers to monitor the Caprivi Treason Trial in Windhoek, Namibia.

April-May-June

LWOB and Linklaters host a workshop at United Nations Headquarters in New York for Committee on the Status of Women Annual Special Session 2011: "Thinking Outside the Box, Cutting Edge Techniques to Empower Women and Girls".

LWOB submits first written statement to United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Council. The statement was published and distributed to all participants at ECOSOC High Level Segment July 4th-7th at Les Palais des Nations Geneva, Switzerland

Preparations begin for the training of over 100 Kenyan lawyers and judges trained over two weeks using LWOB created Kenya-specific mock trials by 20 international lawyer LWOB volunteers and four U.S. federal judges.

2011 Year At-a-Glance

July-August-September

LWOB secures three-year grant to create an innovative mediation, consensus and capacity building program and bi-lingual self-teach format. The program launched in October with two teams from the London and New York offices of Shearman & Sterling LLP under the leadership of Stephen Hubbard, a partner in this firm's San Francisco office.

LWOB conducts gender violence trial advocacy training featuring special modules on Kenya's newly enacted Constitution and Plea Agreement laws and procedures. LWOB completes registration requirements for the branch office in Nairobi Kenya.

LWOB returns to Liberia for post-program survey and evaluation to measure the long-term impact of Human Trafficking Training program and materials.

October-November-December

LWOB visits Kibera Girls Soccer Academy to explore the role LWOB and its lawyers can play in legal education that targets young people.



Kibera
Nairobi, Kenya

Gibson Dunn, one of LWOB's PBLT partners, starts work on a **mock case file** based upon corruption embedded in a gender violence scenario for the 2012 Kenya training.



Pro bono field work in Haiti

Reed Smith becomes an LWOB PBLT partner working with LWOB on **educational graphic novels** to help victims of gender violence at the post-quake displacement camps in Haiti. It is part of a much larger Reed Smith effort that the firm has had ongoing in the region since it was devastated by the 2010 earthquake. The graphic novel expects to provide legally oriented resources for rape victims.

Support Through

Lawyers Without Borders launched its first innovative and signature **Support Through Trial Advocacy Training** (STTAT) program in 2007. The LWOB training model harnesses the expertise of attorneys and judges volunteering for LWOB to create a trial advocacy skills training tailored to local context, laws, rules, regulations and codes.

LWOB's STTAT programming has a specific focus providing an intense and thorough exploration of every aspect of a trial in a particular factual and legal context. STTAT focuses on the real world obstacles courts face daily and often couches the training in factual scenarios that involve new laws or pressing societal concerns. LWOB has conducted STTAT programming in **Liberia, Ghana and Kenya** on subjects that include domestic violence, murder, rape, bribery, human trafficking, divorce and juvenile crime.

In 2011, LWOB conducted its fifth year of **STTAT** programming in Kenya. Over 100 lawyers and judges were trained over two weeks. The LWOB team included 30 volunteer lawyer and judge mentors creating a trainer to trainee ratio that ensured generous amounts of one-on-one interaction. The training was conducted over a two week period and featured video, replay and peer review borrowed from the NITA® "learning by doing" method.

LWOB's model also identifies exceptional past participants to become trainers in a pre-program train the trainer session as part of LWOB's commitment to creating **sustainability**.

Typically participants are impressed with the high caliber of the trainers, high trainer to trainee ratio and course materials that seamlessly integrate local laws, cases decisions and practice into the trainings.

LWOB's trainings and trainers are respected and held in **high regard**

Trial Advocacy Training

Highlights from Kenya V STTAT

The curriculum takes lawyers through rigorously paced trial skills exercises, from opening statements to direct and cross examinations and closing arguments. On the final day every trainee is part of several simultaneously conducted mini trials.



The Rapid Reference Card is one of the most coveted course materials generated by LWOB. It is a laminated card created by our law firm partners to encapsulate the key provisions of rules and laws featured in the training.



Reports are that our judicial trainees rarely enter the courtroom without their LWOB RRC's .

Programs are designed with tailored panels that teach to newly enacted laws and legislation and feature interactive exercises that focus on local evidence rules and codes, and when relevant, the integration of international conventions and norms into local practice.



LWOB 2011—Kenya V Training Team

Globally Engaged

The Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations is focused on issues concerning gender inequities. LWOB's long held consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, qualifies it to conduct annually approved workshops at CSW and other ECOSOC events. LWOB has been hosting workshops at the UN since 2005.

Past workshops have included presentations featuring: the LWOB innovative method of teaching complicated legal concepts using interactive games and exercises, special challenges facing the woman lawyer and lawyer with the girl child client, and innovative teaching materials that generate thought, impact and long term learning for the women as trainers and learners. Attendees include individuals from around the world with a large numbers from the developing regions. LWOB appreciates this low cost opportunity to test new approaches with our target audience.

In 2011 , LWOB hosted a workshop entitled **Thinking Outside the Box, Cutting Edge Techniques to Empower Women and Girls** at the 55th Commission on the Status of Women.

The 2011 workshop dovetailed with the 55th CSW theme, **access and participation of women and girls in education**. It involved engaging, dynamic and innovative demonstrations by a team of lawyers from Linklaters LLP that demonstrated with the audience the creative processes employed to create tools used by LWOB to teach

to legally oriented issues, topics, themes and rights. The workshop was delivered to a standing room only audience of individuals who regularly report that attending the LWOB workshop is one of the things they look forward to most each year at CSW.

Using global workshops to reach, provoke, inform, inspire and get people thinking outside the box



Globally Engaged

“Thinking Outside the Box, Cutting Edge Techniques to Empower Women and Girls” demonstrated how to empower using relevant and audience engaging methods.



The UN workshops bring together diverse audience samplings that provide the perfect testing ground for LWOB programming. Attendees represent our potential field partners. The workshops provide a unique opportunity to work with a made-to-order focus group at modest cost. It also gives our law firm partners the advantage of interacting directly with members from grass roots communities in developing nations without the time and cost usually associated with international travel.

“This workshop was amazing. I can’t wait to share this with my colleagues back home and start using it.” -A Participant from Sudan

Workshops that teach action...not talk

UN Programs based in Geneva, Vienna and New York draw attendees from around the world and LWOB’s strong relationship with UN provides opportunities to reach those attendees at modest cost

LWOB In house counsel Dan Foster representing LWOB in Vienna, Austria



Pro Bono Law Link-PBLL

Since launching its pro bono law link model in 2006, LWOB has harnessed the power of partners eager to do pro bono work. LWOB is committed to trying to fill each pro bono opportunity with the best qualified lawyer to do the task at hand. In 2000 when LWOB was founded, this was an aspiration but not necessarily one that was historically achieved in the pro bono sector. Our theory is and was that pro bono must seek the same level of competence and achievement that we all aspire to in our practices.

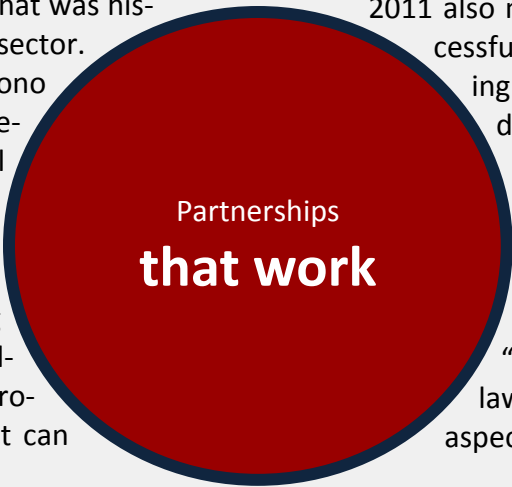
The hypothesis is that focus on this aspect of rule of law programming may begin to lend more sustainability in a sector of international programming where measuring impact can be a daunting challenge.

LWOB's Pro Bono Law Link (PBLL, pronounced "pebble") is LWOB's established program to integrate the lawyers from every sector, private, in-house, government and educational into LWOB's rule of law programming.

In 2011 we welcomed **Reed Smith** and **Gibson Dunn & Crutcher** as pro-bono partner law firms. Both firms engaged quickly. Their work with LWOB is featured on pages 14 and 15.

2011 also marked the year when LWOB successfully managed three projects involving formidable resources from three different law firms and three firm client in-house law groups. In each case the in-house counsel included lawyers from corporate offices around the world and in each case the partnership was a "true partnership" with the client lawyers actively engaged in every aspect of the project.

Critical to the success of the law firm/in-house partnership was law firm commitment to integrating the client and its lawyers in meaningful ways at every stage of the project.



Global Partnerships

More than 200 lawyers across 23 offices of White & Case are assembling a world-wide database of human-trafficking case summaries to promote the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) headquartered in Vienna, Austria. The database will enable prosecutors around the world to have access to information on all human-trafficking prosecutions. White & Case is also actively engaged with LWOB on an annual basis providing both senior and junior litigators from its London and New York offices to support the LWOB annual Trial Advocacy Training in Kenya and the firm continues to support LWOB work on inheritance and succession in Africa.

WHITE & CASE

McDermott Will & Emery

McDermott Will & Emery has been invaluable in pushing forward LWOB's work on providing

education on inheritance and succession rights in Kenya. After completing a graphic novel that will be integrated into the 2012 Kenya training, the Paris office of MWE is now engaged in creating the training manual that will accompany the Inheritance and Succession Rights in Kenya graphic novel. This is part of a newly created protocol at LWOB which now requires that every graphic novel be accompanied by a manual for trainers in the field, ensuring that none of the embedded legal nuance is lost. An outreach project is in the formative stages that will engage firm tax lawyers in the complex landscape of tax compliance in Africa. To date, that work has focused on collecting information on tax compliance challenges as well as regionally specific drivers for non-compliance/tax evasion.

Global Partnerships

Reed Smith brought a history of engagement in rule of law programming in Haiti to LWOB. A London-based team from the firm has been working with LWOB on a series of educational graphic novels, the first of which will aim to aid victims of gender violence at Haiti's post-earthquake displacement camps. It expects to be created in multiple local dialects and will be tailored to different regional issues, needs and resources, thus the first of its kind.

The logo for ReedSmith, with "Reed" in black and "Smith" in red, both in a serif font.

SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP

It is hard to quantify the extent of work that Shearman & Sterling lawyers are doing for and with LWOB. The firm was LWOB's first PBLI supporter. Over the years its lawyers have helped frame and define the law firm linkage that is now a signature of LWOB programming. Shearman & Sterling lawyers were instrumental in shaping how LWOB and the large global law firms can engage associates, partners and trainees in meaningful pro bono. Firm attorneys are currently engaged in LWOB projects involving creation of mediation and consensus building training and strategies for the Latin America Regions, gender violence and youth in Kenya as well as training of prosecutors in Liberia and Kenya. Its London lawyers working with a firm client's in-house counsel are currently engaged in a major HIV-AIDS and gender violence project in Africa.



Global Partnerships

Linklaters

Linklaters has been working with client in house lawyers to author a supplement to a project launched in 2007, which indexed reported decisions of the Liberian Supreme Court from the beginning of case reporting in Liberia to the present. This supplement will add to the bench briefs cases decided in 2008 and 2009. Cooperation of Liberia's Chief Justice has made this project possible with his delivery to LWOB of the Supreme Court's decisions every six months. LWOB's office houses the most complete and up-to-date library of Liberian case law in the world.

Jones Day continues to work with LWOB putting the finishing touches on its white paper covering succession, inheritance and property ownership rights in Namibia for the Child Inheritance Rights Project (CHIRP). Eventually LWOB hopes to be in a position to work with members of the local community on will making schemes and programming. LWOB will also plan programs to work with the judiciary and lawyers to ensure that inheritance and succession court challenges are appropriately and proficiently tried using our signature STTAT program model tailored to Namibia.



GIBSON DUNN

Gibson Dunn's experience in anti-corruption work adds unparalleled value to LWOB's Africa programming and to its PBL East Africa work. A team of Gibson Dunn lawyers from their New York, London and Munich offices is creating a mock case file focused on corruption and containing a gender violence focus, slated for launch in Kenya in August 2012. Their work includes detailed research on Kenyan corruption that will find its way into a specially focused module on the LWOB 2012 Kenyan trial advocacy training.

Global Partnerships

Pro bono opportunities For the Individual

If you are a lawyer looking to do solo pro bono work, there's a special place for you at LWOB. Every year, LWOB fields several individual pro bono lawyers to support LWOB programming initiatives. Their work encompasses research support (frequently in-country), assessments, post program monitoring and post-program review and evaluation and pre-program/proposal due diligence. They can conduct interim training support and observe trials.


Volunteer lawyers over the last several years have been responsible for observing the Caprivi Treason Trial in Windhoek, Namibia. This has been a project conducted since 2008 as an entirely volunteer effort. The trial observers complete daily written reports, attend all court sessions and obtain court proceeding transcripts when possible. They monitor all court proceedings, both trial and oral argument and attend sessions where the court issues opinions and renders verdicts. Frequently LWOB is the only NGO permitted to observe trial proceedings.

When describing their experiences volunteering for LWOB, volunteers find them extremely rewarding. "Everyone at LWOB has been very available, helpful and gracious, with a minimum of formality and an emphasis on getting things done."

Another volunteer remarked, "I've been fortunate to have done very rewarding work in some great places and I owe a lot of that to LWOB."

"Life-changing" is a frequent sentiment expressed by lawyers who give up one week to several months a year to volunteer in the field for LWOB.

LWOB is always pleased to find opportunities for lawyers interested in doing pro bono work that furthers LWOB's goals of promoting transparency and the rule of law around the world. Our goal is to carve out as many opportunities as there are lawyers willing to serve.



Making a difference
one lawyer
at a time

Global Partnerships

Two different lawyers. Two different stories. Both making a difference.

Anne B. Rudman



Anne has been an LWOB STTAT trainer for several years. She also serves on LWOB's Board of Directors and has traveled extensively to work on rule of law projects on behalf of LWOB.

"I am accustomed to hearing praise about LWOB's rule of law projects when I'm working in the field. Most recently Ghanaian judges raved about the quality of the teaching materials they received. Also, noteworthy, LWOB was complimented for being one of the few international non-profits that works with other non-profits to assure a holistic approach in addressing problems of developing countries."

Andrew N. Sacher



Andrew completed three and a half weeks of pro bono service in Namibia as one of the final trial observers before the prosecution rested its case. By coincidence, Andrew is employed as an associate with one of LWOB's PBLL partner law firms.

"I attempted to filter the conduct of the state and the defense through my six years of service as a prosecutor. I found myself surprised by the difference between the operations and conduct of the trial I observed vs. the trial environment where I regularly practice."

Access to Justice

Over the last several years LWOB has dedicated itself to the proposition that growing the capacity of the courts, judges, lawyers and prosecutors was a job only half done. In order to ensure that justice was truly accessed by the community the courts serve, information about the courts, the laws, the crimes that plagued the underserved and remedies and resources available to help and support victims had to be made available. The “information” needed to be communicated in engaging ways, in easy to understand local language and dialects. It had to be intuitive and instruct using delivery methods that ensured understanding, retention and results.

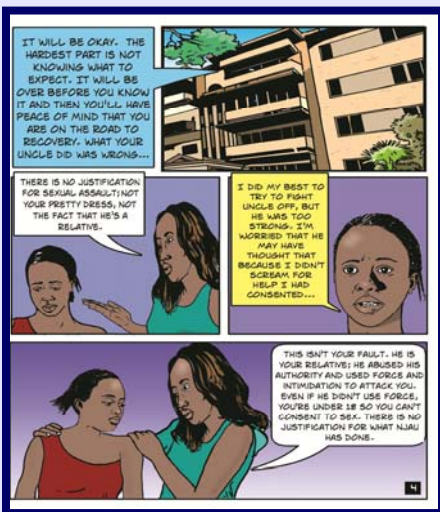
Our aspirations were high. A court system that worked well for the lawyers and judges, but not for the citizens, was only going to be half as effective as it had the potential to be. In order to positively affect the quality of life at the grass roots level, we sought ways for meaningful community engagement.

In the early days, partners in law firms hesitated a bit when LWOB advised that the “project” the lawyers were working on were graphic novels (comic books) or a board game, or interactive role play exercises.

But in a short time it has become clear that the level of buy-in and engagement at the grass roots level could be assured in direct proportion to how well our teaching materials made people feel the impact of the lessons; the emptiness of a lost economic opportunity, the frustration over a court system that seemed to be failing them, the depth of despair of a beloved suffering through a devastating battery or violence to her person. As part of our community commitment, wherever LWOB is training judges and lawyers you will find us also reaching out to the community in unique and innovative ways.



Access to Justice



Understanding the causes of gender violence, how to avoid it and where to go for legal help if you have been a victim of rape .

Understanding your rights under Kenya's inheritance laws in order to provide for the future care of your surviving spouse and children.

Interactive game play designed to create real sense of loss of opportunity resulting from failure to register significant life events.

Fellowships and Internships

Being an LWOB intern and fellow means being part of something much **bigger than yourself**. While the expression “making a difference” may be sounding like a cliché, at LWOB our large force of interns are the *sine qua non* of day to day operations. They are the difference between an organizational overhead cost-factor that weighs the organization down and one that doesn’t skip a beat in a most challenging economy.

Intern tasks range from answering the phone and other important administrative tasks to sophisticated research. Our interns vet, design and produce informational and teaching materials. They learn sophisticated technologies in order to enhance the LWOB training experience and course materials.

The LWOB **fellow** works full time with LWOB. The fellow will get involved in LWOB’s most challenging legal work. Many will have the opportunity to add in-country field experience to their in-house work at LWOB.

LWOB fellows and interns tend to come from the upper ranks of their class peers. For many their work at LWOB represents the first of many steps towards a successful career in the international rule of law sector.

In 2011 LWOB launched **two fully funded fellowship programs** which will run through October 2013. LWOB supports students or graduates who qualify for and obtain third party fellowships in the form of foundation grants. Future planned fellowships will include work in east and west Africa.

Each year Trinity College in Hartford CT funds a full time summer fellow from their international human rights program. LWOB has a longstanding relationship with Trinity College with two to four interns per academic year sourced from Trinity’s undergraduate degree program. Several Trinity alumni return as full time unpaid fellows after graduation.

Making a difference at
LWOB means

**working
effectively**

Fellowships and Internships

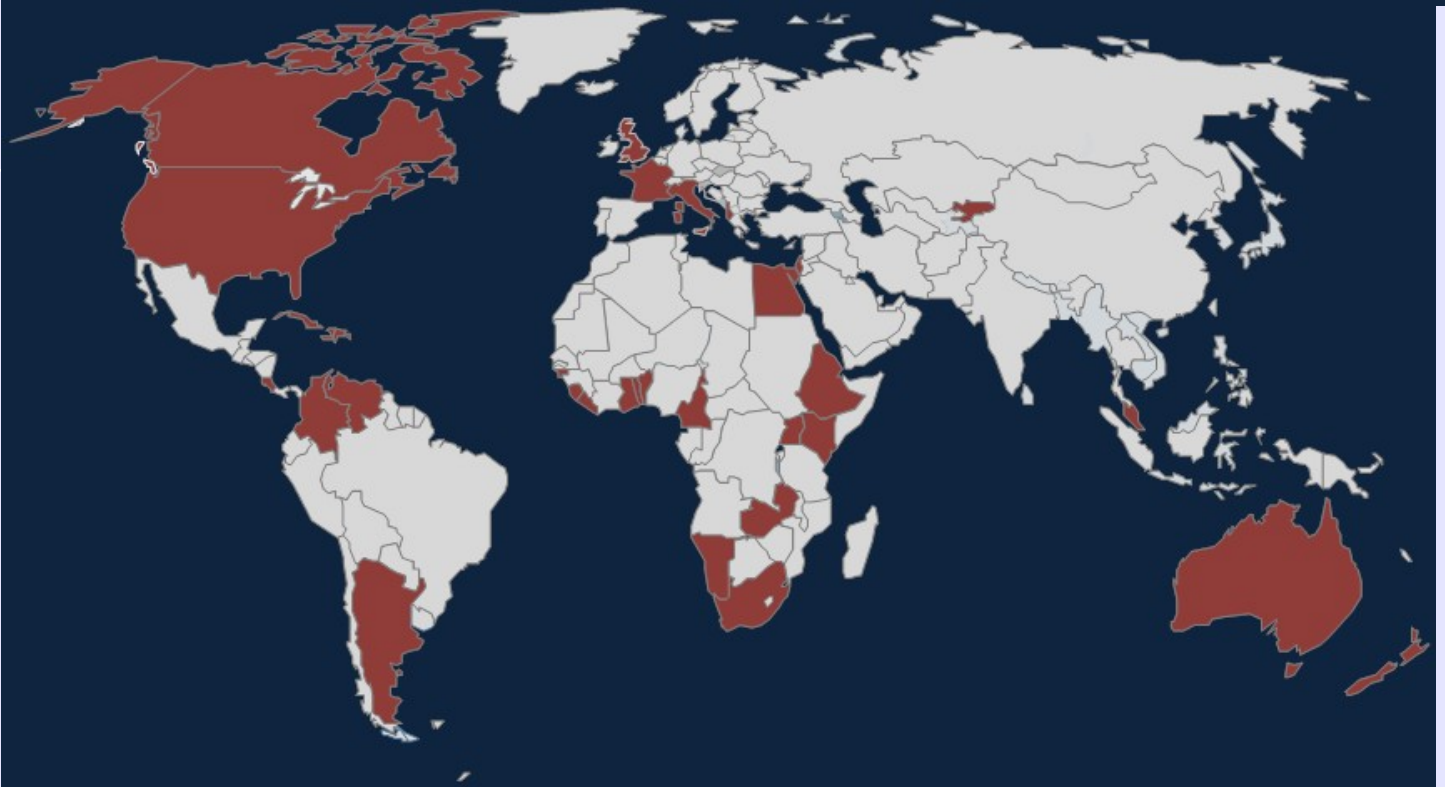
The globally oriented person with a passion for rule of law and international human rights, willing to relocate to the relatively quiet environs of New England to satisfy the urge to make a difference, is a special individual.

Perhaps that accounts for the very gifted young people who knock on our doors and seamlessly integrate themselves into LWOB operations and, more often than not, become almost indispensable.

In recent years LWOB has the pleasure of learning to what extent it has had a positive affect on these young peoples' lives and their life choices. Many are now returning to the fold as lawyers, seeking the pro bono opportunities that as interns they helped LWOB manage and shape. In 2011 our efforts to continue to strengthen our ties to universities, colleges and law schools was due in part, to a recognition that the youth are the future of rule of law and deserve the thoughtful mentoring that exposure to LWOB and the world of pro bono can provide.

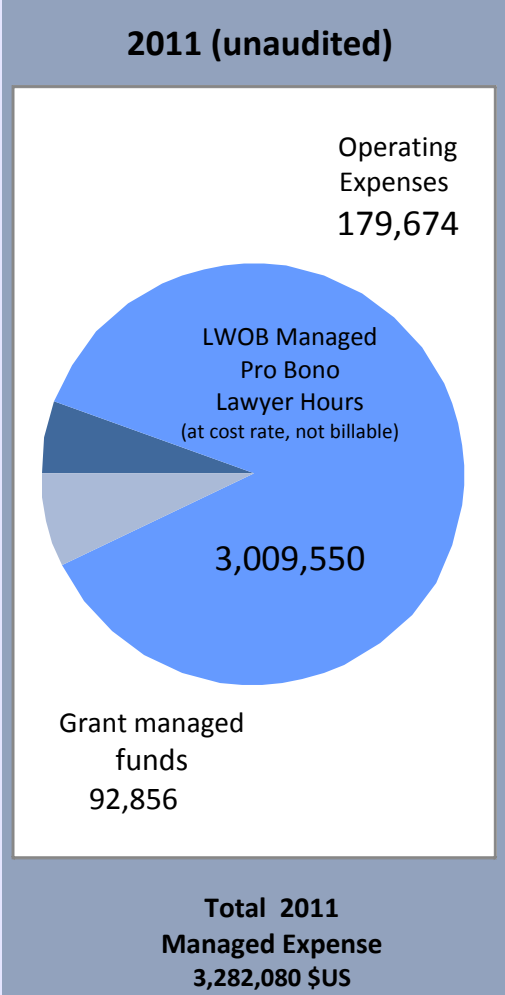
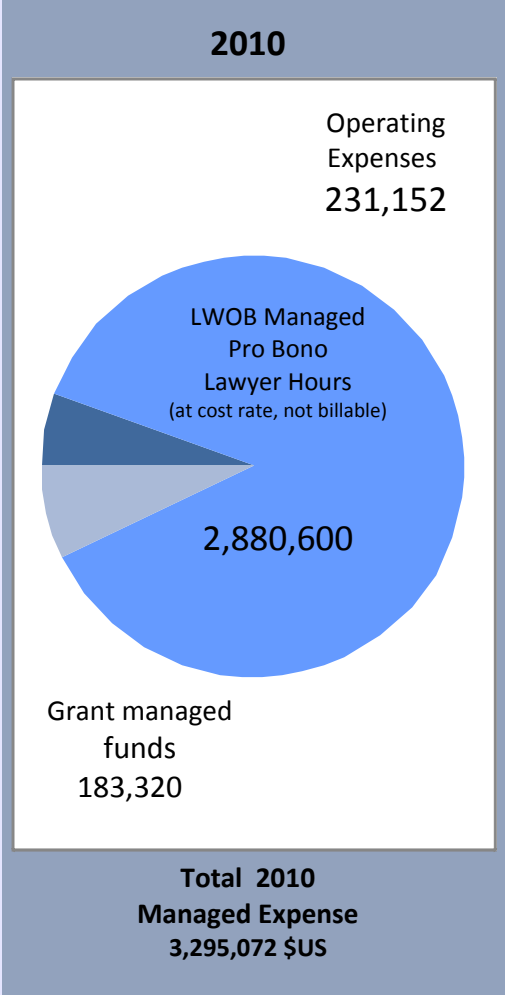


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Where Your Contributions Go



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