

**AALS INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW SECTION
SURVEY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES IN U.S. LAW SCHOOLS**

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Questions about your Human Rights Centers, Institutions or Programs (CIP):

1. How many Human Rights Centers, Institutions or Programs do you have and what are they called?

The programs and activities of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center at CWRU focus in part on human rights. The Center organizes the annual Klatsky Seminar in Human Rights (the 2001 speaker was Harold Hongju Koh), sponsored by a grant by Bruce J Klatsky, CEO of Phillips-Van Heusen Corporation. The Center also sponsors the War Crimes Research Office, which provides research assistance to the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone.

For each separate one, please answer the following questions:

2. What is the makeup of the Center/Institute/Program staff? (full-time staff, part-time staff, law professors, law students, other professors or students, and advisory board)

The Cox Center is Directed by Professor Hiram Chodash (full time tenured professor). The Cox Center War Crimes Research Office is Directed by Professor Michael Scharf (full time tenured professor). The Cox Center has two full time administrative staff members. It also receives support from the staff of the Dean's Office and Public Relations Office.

3. How are law students involved with the CIP? (i.e. are there journals, newsletters, briefs, or other publications, human rights programs abroad, other international human rights campaigns, etc.)

Law students edit the CWRU International Law Journal, organize symposia, and undertake research projects for the Cox Center War Crimes Research Office.

4. If it's not obvious from the name of the program, does the CIP focus on any specific international human rights law issues (i.e. refugees, women's rights, etc.)?

NA

5. What classes, seminars, symposiums, or other presentations have been offered in conjunction with the CIP?

CWRU law school offers several courses dealing with international human rights law, international criminal law, war crimes, the law of international organizations, and refugee and asylum law. It also sponsors an Immigration Law clinic, focussing on refugee and asylum cases.

6. Does the CIP assist students in acquiring internship/externship opportunities with human rights organizations (NGOs, IGOs, etc.)? Which organizations?

The Cox Center sponsors two annual internships with organizations focussing on international human rights law. The Center also facilitates student acquisition of other internships with human rights organizations.

7. In general, how is the CIP funded?

The Cox Center was founded by a sizable grant from the Gund Foundation, as well as smaller grants from other foundations including the Open Society Foundation and the Klatsky family.

8. Does the CIP have any affiliations with Human Rights groups outside the law school or university? Which ones? What is the nature of the affiliation?

NA

9. Does the CIP allow student involvement in actual International Human Rights cases? What is the degree of that involvement?

Student research assistants work on ongoing human rights cases under the supervision of the Cox Center's Directors and CWRU faculty.

10. What, in your opinion, attracts students to participate in the CIP?

Students also work on human rights cases in the immigration law clinic, in which they receive 2 credits for work outside the law school under the supervision of the Clinical Faculty.