



WSBA World Peace through Law Section

December 2010

"Trust,
but Verify"

-- Ronald Reagan,
Remarks on
Signing the
Intermediate-
Range Nuclear
Forces Treaty

Discussion of Gaza Flotilla (*Mavi Marmara*) Incident Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Part 2 of a Discussion on the Gaza Flotilla (*Mavi Marmara*) Incident of May 31, 2010, will focus on an analysis of the UN Human Rights Council Report (A/HRC/15/21), which was released since our June meeting. After one hour, we'll have an informal sharing of information of our peace through law work for 2010 and plans for 2011. Time: 12:00-2:00 p.m. No CLE credit, cost or pre-registration. Location: WSBA offices, 1325 Fourth Avenue, 6th Floor, Seattle.

Upcoming Section Events

- **December 17:** *Section Member Survey* – A survey of Section members has been mailed to you. Please return by December 17.
- **December 24:** *Section Election Voting Deadline* – Ballots for election of Section leaders will be mailed to each Section member early in December and must be returned by December 24. Write-ins are allowed.
- **January 25, noon-1:00 p.m.:** *From Needs to Rights: The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in South Asia*. This program, featuring Prof. Upendra Acharya, has been rescheduled. **Please note new location:** 1111 Third Avenue Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Seattle. Special thanks to the Foster Pepper firm and WPTL member Kelly Angell for arranging the space.
- **Today:** *Renew your section membership!* WSBA Section memberships run October to September, not calendar year-to-year. If you have not renewed your membership, you may stop getting this newsletter – and we wouldn't want to lose you! Please renew by calling the WSBA Service Center 1-800-945-9722 or clicking on the "Join" link on the right side of <http://www.wsba.org/lawyers/groups/worldpeace/wptl.htm>.

Nuclear Disarmament and the Future December 9, 2010

Former Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr. speaks on *Nuclear Disarmament and the Future* from 7-9 p.m. at Wyckoff Auditorium, Seattle University. This event, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Greater Seattle, is co-sponsored by the World Peace Through Law Section and is free of charge.

Section Elections

A Section Nominating Committee, consisting of Section members Lynne Wilson (Chair), Phil Ginsberg and Randy Winn, was formed according to the Section bylaws to recruit nominees for positions becoming vacant at the end of the year. Bios of the candidates are on the next page. Please vote!

Nominee Bios

Candidates for Chair-Elect

Patricia Paul. Contact: patriciapauljd@msn.com

(Inupiaq). Patricia Paul earned her J.D. at Seattle University School of Law (1998), where she began lecturing internationally on the rights of indigenous peoples. She spoke at the invitation of the International Women's Peace Movement in Stockholm, Sweden (1998). She co-coordinated a symposium and lectured on the free speech rights of indigenous peoples at the 51st International Congress of Americanistas, Santiago, Chile (2003). Her post-graduate work at Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, earned her an Executive Leadership Certificate in "Innovations in Governance" (2005). As a Program Fellow with the World Affairs Council of Seattle from 2005-2006, she spoke to visitors from Russia, Africa, Chile, Jordan, Germany, South Africa and the Philippines. She was a panelist on *Mediating Across Cultures* for the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (2005) and presented a Mini-CLE for WPTL in 2006 on *International Law and the Rights of Indigenous People*. This past year she gave a guest lecture on *Comparative Law: Federal Indian Law and Laws Governing the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil*, at a seminar at UW School of Law and was a panelist at Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, presenting *Reflections and Experience as a Native American Woman Activist*.

Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer

Paul Schlossman. Contact: paaaaas@yahoo.com

It has been a privilege to participate in the Section as Secretary-Treasurer the past two terms. My prior experience at a beginning or medium level in finance has included studying accounting at San Jose City College, working as a bookkeeper, and serving on the board of a credit union in California, the California State Employees Credit Union of San Jose. The Section has a useful reserve and the prospects look good to make sure this situation continues.

Candidates for Executive Board

Lisa von Trotha. Contact: vontroth@live.com

I completed my undergraduate studies at the University of Washington, earning a B.A. with distinction from the Jackson School of International Studies. These studies included completion of the Race and Ethnicity Track, focusing on ethnic identity and its role in world conflict. During this time, I also was very interested in the role of women and children in international economic development issues. With these perspectives in mind, I studied in Quito, Ecuador, and wrote and defended a resulting honors thesis about indigenous political rights in Ecuador.

Later, I had the great fortune to study law at Seattle University. During my J.D. studies I focused on how the law can support sustainable economic development to reduce the causes of conflict. I worked with an NGO in Sofia, Bulgaria, researching the institutional causes of judicial corruption as the country applied to join the E.U. All these terrific experiences have filled me with a passion for economic justice and for building peace.

Upon joining the Washington Bar, I was thrilled to discover the work of the World Peace Through Law Section. I am very interested in its exploration of how our practices of law can support the goals of conflict resolution and world peace. I am particularly interested in how we can use the law to create a foundation of economic justice that will lead to world peace. I am running for an Executive Committee position to lend my passion, enthusiasm and energy to the important work of the World Peace Through Law Section. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our members.

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Section Leadership

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