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Message from the Chair

Prof. Neil Boyd, Chair of the Board

The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR) has had another active and productive year, as we have been able to gradually free ourselves from some of the constraints imposed by the global pandemic.

As was the case last year, our President Dr. Peter German has intensified his efforts to spur ICCLR to respond effectively to ongoing issues of corruption – money laundering, and the threats posed by transnational organized crime. We noted last year that Peter was spearheading the development of a new institute within the Centre – now named the Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute (VACI). We also have a very strong VACI Advisory Committee to guide the work of this key initiative.



The work of the Centre continues to be guided by the President, Dr. Peter German, and by the Board of Directors. Associates of the Centre, many of whom have been engaged in and have supported the work of ICCLR over the past twenty-five years, continue to enhance the Centre's capacity and remain critical to its continued success.

Much of the success of the Centre depends upon our Board, and I want to thank all for their willingness to serve and to contribute to the work of the Centre. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation, on behalf of ICCLR, to our funders and to our supporters who make our continuing work possible. We would like to make particular mention of the support provided by the Department of Justice Canada, the Attorney General of B.C., the Law Foundation of British Columbia, Public Safety Canada, and the Vancouver Foundation.

Neil Boyd



Our Mission

ICCLR promotes the rule of law, democracy, human rights, and good governance in criminal law and the administration of criminal justice, domestically, regionally and globally.

ICCLR Overview

The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform (ICCLR) is an independent UN-affiliated international research institute based in Vancouver, Canada.

Founded in 1991, ICCLR is a joint initiative of the Government of Canada, the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, and the Province of British Columbia. It is officially affiliated with the United Nations pursuant to a formal agreement between the Government of Canada and the UN.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

ICCLR develops and delivers technical assistance programs including needs assessments, capacity building measures, performance indicators, and measurement frameworks. In addition, ICCLR Associates can provide recommendations on legislative reform, legislation drafting and treaty implementation.

ANALYSIS AND REPORTING

ICCLR Associates include criminologists, legal specialists, former law enforcement practitioners, computer scientists and gender experts. Because of this cadre of expertise, ICCLR is able to offer insights that incorporate multiple perspectives and dimensions in many fields.



ICCLR has been leading criminal law and criminal justice policy reform projects since 1991.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Hosting conferences, developing workshops, and participating in seminars and expert meetings are among ICCLR's most important activities. ICCLR delivers current, timely and community-specific programming to advance conversations with policymakers and stakeholders. ICCLR Associates engage in thought leadership as accomplished workshop leaders and presenters around the world.



ICCLR at a glance 2021/2022

Autism in Corrections -
Training Materials project
funded by AIDE Canada
(ongoing)

Social, Cultural and Systemic
Barriers to Child Justice Reform:
Lessons from Vietnam

The Flow of Money from China to
British Columbia - An Independent
Review of Issues Relating to the
BC Money Laundering Inquiry

Publications

Projects

Events

Training Curriculum on Restorative
Justice Programmes in Thailand in
collaboration with the Thailand
Institute of Justice (ongoing)

E-Gladue: Using Technology to
Increase Access to Justice for
Remote Indigenous Communities,
an ICCLR initiative funded by the
Law Foundation of BC (ongoing)

Webinar Series on International
Wrongful Conviction Models in
Collaboration with Innocence
Canada, UBC Innocence Project
and Courthouse Libraries BC.

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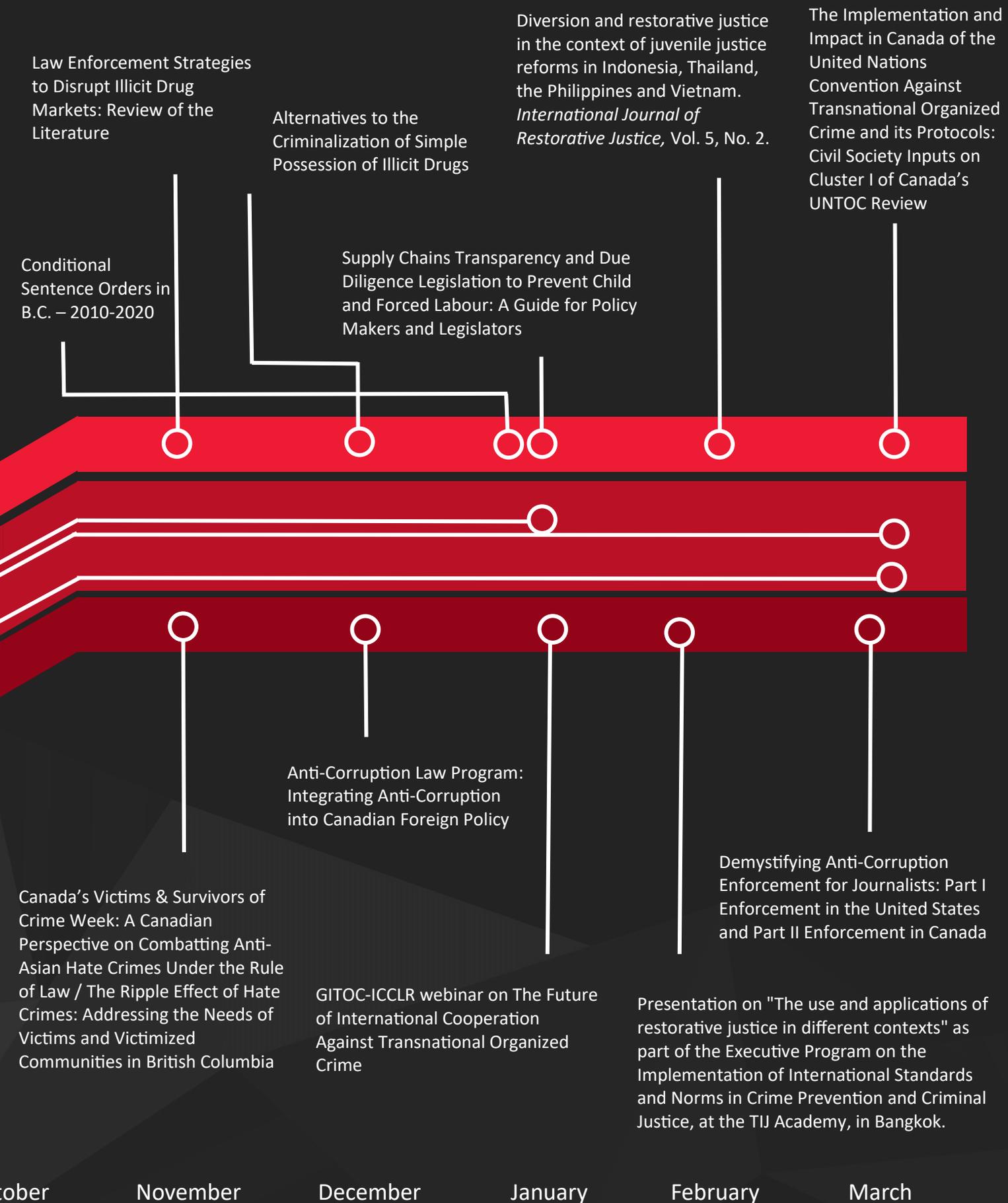
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AROUND THE WORLD

This year ICCLR and associates provided technical assistance, analysis/reporting or thought leadership in the following countries among many other virtual engagements.



412

Publications loaded onto our online publication library



+2,800

Followers on social media



41

Presentations, speaking engagements and delegations led by ICCLR thought leaders



84

Technical assistance projects/activities

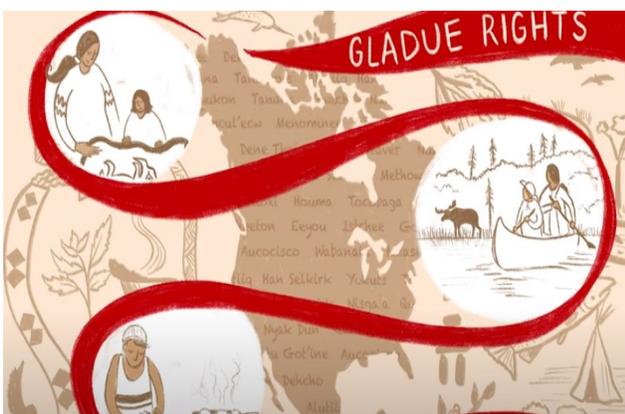
Our Work

As an independent non-governmental institute, ICCLR is able to undertake projects and provide independent assessments and advice in an innovative and professional manner. ICCLR's flexibility and experience allow us to tailor our work to the areas of interest that are most relevant to our partners in the Canadian government, at the United Nations and in Canadian and international civil society. This year, ICCLR continued to provide insights and fill in data gaps to create meaningful, positive change on issues of criminal law and criminal justice policy.



UNTOC Consultation Review

On behalf of the Government of Canada, ICCLR conducted a national consultation on how Canada has implemented the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and its Protocols thereto. The inputs have been summarized in a report written by ICCLR Associates Jessica Jahn and Yvon Dandurand for the Government of Canada to support its submission to a global review of countries' responses to suppress transnational organized crime. This report contains Canadian civil society's responses to the relevant self-assessment questions for Cluster I of the UNTOC Review Mechanism with a focus on criminalization and jurisdiction.



Know Your Gladue Rights

This year ICCLR completed a multi-year initiative Know Your Gladue Rights to enhance access to justice for Indigenous persons living in remote communities in BC by increasing access to and use of Gladue services for Indigenous persons through technology. Under the direction of an all-Indigenous Advisory Board and project leaders, ICCLR developed an animation video that explores Gladue Rights through the eyes of three people on a healing journey.



Autism Training & Corrections

This course developed by ICCLR offers autism-focused training in the field of corrections. Modules specifically address the aims of increased understanding about autism, considerations for the correctional system, including support for autistic individuals within the correctional system, and means to promote individual well-being. The Correctional Service of Canada has agreed to include the course in their e-learning platform. The training course was developed for AIDE Canada.



Supply Chains Transparency and Due Diligence Legislation

Funded by the Canadian Bar Association, ICCLR developed a legislative guide that describes a range of options for policy makers and legislators to consider in the drafting of supply chain transparency legislation in Canada. The goal being to establish a statutory duty of care requiring businesses to take reasonable steps to avoid the use of forced labour, child labour, and human trafficking in their operations abroad, and to report publicly on these due diligence steps and their impact.



International Cooperation

ICCLR Associates Prof. Yvon Dandurand and Jessica Jahn co-authored a report analyzing five scenarios on the future of international criminal justice cooperation against transnational organized crime. The report raises thought-provoking questions about possible outcomes and impacts on transnational organized crime. In January 2022, the report was published at the GITOC-ICCLR hosted webinar with presentations by the report's authors and leading multilateral cooperation officials and experts. As well, both ICCLR associates have co-authored a book chapter on The Future of International Criminal Justice Cooperation: A Retreat from the Rule of Law as part of the book on *The Rule of Law in Retreat: Challenges to Justice in the United Nations World*.



Restorative Justice in Thailand

ICCLR Senior Associate Prof. Dandurand developed a culturally sensitive training curriculum and user manual to provide the Thailand Institute of Justice with technical guidance in successfully implementing the training curriculum on restorative justice. This initiative aims to encourage and strengthen restorative justice interventions in Thailand, bridge the gap between different departments in the provision of restorative justice, and equip relevant practitioners with the knowledge and skills necessary in implementing restorative justice programmes. The training program will be officially launched in Bangkok on July 22nd during the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the *United Nations Basic Principles on the Use of Restorative Justice Programmes in Criminal Matters*.

Protecting Our Children

Considering the Best Interests of the Child in Sentencing and Other Decisions Concerning Parents Facing Criminal Sanctions

Funded by the Vancouver Foundation, this three-year initiative aims to mitigate the negative impact on the child from parental incarceration with a focus on the development and implementation of positive family-focused outcomes and community-based alternatives for justice-involved parents and legal guardians. This system-change project will instigate and support a systemic and cultural change in the way that the best interests of the child is considered by defence counsel, prosecutors and



the criminal courts, when making decisions about parents so as to mitigate the negative impact of these decisions on the child. The project also recognizes that many stakeholders, inside and outside of the justice system, have a responsibility to mitigate the negative impact on children of parents facing criminal sanctions. As well, the project will support the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver's demonstration projects in Victoria and Surrey. ICCLR is also engaged with the Canadian Coalition for Children of Incarcerated Parents. Led by Prof. Yvon Dandurand and Megan Capp, work to develop the toolkit is currently underway by the project team, which includes ICCLR Associates Vivienne Chin, Hayli Millar and Jessica Jahn among others.

Toward child-sensitive criminal justice in Thailand: Responding to violence against children in educational settings

This research project focuses on children subjected to violence in educational settings in Thailand and strategies to ensure that they have access to child-sensitive criminal justice processes and obtain effective justice, protection and redress for such violence. By understanding the extent and nature of violence against children in education settings in Thailand and analysing the existing laws, policies and practices in place to address such violence in Thailand, this study will identify issues that need to be addressed in preventing, reporting, investigating, prosecuting and adjudicating such violence. Using the international framework, particularly the UN Model Strategies and Practical Measures to Eliminate Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as a guide, as well as good practices from Thailand and other countries, the study will provide recommendations to relevant stakeholders.

Other Projects

Dao, L. T. & Y. Dandurand, Y. (2021). Social, Cultural and Systemic Barriers to Child Justice Reform: Lessons from Vietnam. *Youth Justice*. Early online access, July 30, 2021.

The Treatment of Juvenile Victims and Witnesses of Crime in the Vietnamese Justice System - Le Huynh, T. FD. & Dandurand, Y. - October 2021 - International Conference on Juvenile Criminal Justice, Hanoi.

Combating Hate Crime

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been an alarming surge of racist and xenophobic violence and discrimination against Asian communities in a number of different countries. The effects of hate crimes are far-reaching. Unlike other crimes, hate crimes are seen as being aimed to strike not only their individual victims but all people who share membership in the targeted group, creating a chain reaction that ultimately serves as a fertile ground for further prejudice, social unrest, and fear. To promote safe and supportive environments for communities at risk of crimes motivated by hate, there is a clear need to build the capacity of organizations on the front line that aligns with the specific needs of hate crime victims and their communities. In March 2022, ICCLR Senior Associate Vincent Yang developed a paper and delivered a presentation in support of the Hate in the Pandemic Inquiry: Combating Racism and Hate Crimes under the Rule of Law for the BC Office of the Human Rights Commissioner.



Addressing Hate Crimes: Webinar Series in Honour of Canada's Victims and Survivors of Crime Week

In November 2021, ICCLR held a Canada-focused seminar, "A Canadian Perspective on Combatting Hate Crime under the Rule of Law," and a BC-focused seminar, "The Ripple Effect of Hate Crimes: Addressing the Needs of Victims and Victimized Communities in BC." Both panel discussions considered advancements in the enforcement and prosecution of hate crimes and best practices to encourage active collaboration with victims' advocates and civil society organizations. The dialogue engaged ICCLR Senior Associates Vincent Yang, Maureen Maloney and David Winkler as well as representatives from law enforcement, prosecution, academia, civil society organizations, the Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Division of the BC Ministry of Attorney General, the Department of Justice, and the City Council of Richmond. These seminars were held in honour of the Department of Justice's Victims and Survivors of Crime Week.

Strengthening Responses to Gender-Based Violence

ICCLR has, since its inception, acted as a bridge between local, national and international criminal justice systems to build capacity to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. One of ICCLR's longest standing programmes has been on eliminating violence against women. This year, ICCLR Senior Associate Eileen Skinnider was involved in the following initiatives:

- Conducted training of trainers for legal professionals with the Kosovo Justice Academy.
- Undertook and presented at a roundtable a gender impact assessment of the Armenian Judicial Code.
- Organized and delivered a UNODC webinar on coordinated criminal justice responses to gender-based violence against women for criminal justice practitioners in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Continued involvement in Council of Europe projects on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, including being a member of the team assessing the alignment of Kosovo's laws and policies with the Istanbul Convention.
- Delivered webinar presentation on the Istanbul Convention at a launch of the HELP course in Azerbaijan.
- Development of the UNODC E-Learning Module for criminal justice professionals on crime prevention and criminal justice responses to gender-based violence against women.
- Development of the E-Learning Module for the UN Women "I Know Gender" series on Gender Equality and Organized Crime.





Preventing and Remediating **Wrongful Convictions**

ICCLR, in collaboration with Innocence Canada, UBC Innocence Project and Courthouse Libraries BC, organized two webinars in September 2021 exploring international wrongful conviction review models. The first webinar was on "Criminal Case Review Commissions: Independent Commissions and Post-Conviction Review" where representatives of criminal case review commissions in England, Scotland and New Zealand discussed why their commissions were established, how they operate, and the challenges they encounter.

The second webinar was on "Conviction Integrity Units (CIUs): The Evolving Role of US Prosecutors in Uncovering Wrongful Convictions" where the panelists explored the roles, responsibilities, opportunities and challenges that CIUs face in the evolution of combatting wrongful convictions.

In September 2022, the partners will host the international Nexus Conference on Wrongful Convictions that aims to facilitate meaningful dialogue and connections between legal practitioners, academics, students, and exonerees working in the post-conviction review field. The conference will provide a forum to discuss common challenges, share success stories, review the latest jurisprudence and advances in forensic science, and collaborate on recommendations for best practices and reform.



Launch of the Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute

Corruption is anathema to the Rule of Law and attacks the very core of societies. On International Anti-Corruption Day, December 9, 2021, the Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute (VACI) was launched. VACI is dedicated to fighting corruption by fostering awareness of the tremendous damage which corruption inflicts in countries around the world.

The Institute is focused on education, research, training, and helping international organizations, governments and communities develop strategies to counter corruption in all its forms. Through our work, we hope to make a difference by supporting domestic and international efforts to strengthen public institutions and rid countries of corruption.

The Institute is the first of its kind in Canada. Situated in Vancouver, a large, multi-cultural city with close ties west and south, the Institute focuses its work on Asia and the Americas. It does so in collaboration with the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform, a program network institute of the UNODC.

The Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute is dedicated to the advancement of the Rule of Law in Canada and abroad, with an emphasis on anti-corruption and anti-money laundering efforts.

Anti-Corruption Law Program Series

The Anti-Corruption Law Program (ACLP) is a joint program under a collaborative working partnership between VACI, the Centre for Business Law at UBC, and Transparency International Canada. The ACLP is an ongoing series of CPD-accredited public education events – including keynote public lectures, seminars, partial-day and full day invited conferences, and colloquium format sessions – that are open to lawyers, business professionals, law enforcement officials, government representatives and bureaucrats, students, and academics alike. These public education events provide a fertile setting for learning and informed discussion among participant panelists and registrants regarding the role the law may play in the global fight against corrupt business practices.

Demystifying Anti-Corruption Enforcement for Journalists

Presented by VACI and TRACE, this series brings together current and former government officials from several countries, international development bank personnel and private sector lawyers to provide an overview of anti-corruption investigations and enforcement for journalists. The series included programs focused on the United States, Canada, Multilateral Organizations, and the United Kingdom.

High-Level Canadian Task Force Against Global Corruption

VACI is represented on a Canadian Task Force, chaired by the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, which is focused on the establishment of an International Anti-Corruption Court (IACC). The Task Force includes an array of well-known and dedicated individuals. Canada’s federal government has endorsed the concept of an IACC, which is in the mandate letter of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In addition, VACI Advisory Committee member, the Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell, joined other former heads of state by signing a Declaration in support of an IACC.

Global Corruption—Its Regulation under International Conventions, US, UK, and Canadian Law and Practice (Volume 1 Fourth Edition)

Professor Gerry Ferguson, of the University of Victoria and an ICCLR senior associate, is the author of a text on global anti-corruption law, endorsed by the UNODC. VACI is a web sponsor of the book and its Chair is a contributor.

VACI Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee is composed of individuals representing a diversity of backgrounds and experience and serve as the ‘brain trust’ of the Institute.



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Chair of Board, ICCLR
Ex-Officio Member, VACI
Advisory Committee



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ICCLR at the United Nations



ICCLR is one of eighteen institutes in the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network. In UN resolutions, the Programme Network Institutes (PNIs) are often called upon by Member States to carry out research and policy development work. The PNIs meet regularly to coordinate efforts and undertake or support joint programme activities. Here are the ways that ICCLR and our Associates worked with the United Nations this year.

- Special session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly (UNGASS) against Corruption, 7 May 2021
- Thirtieth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, PNI Workshop: Lessons Learned: Impact of the Migrant Smuggling Protocol Twenty Years Later, 17 May 2021
- ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand delivered a presentation on “Measuring the Impact of the Migrant Smuggling Protocol” at the thirtieth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice - Committee of the Whole, 17 May 2021
- UNODC Expert Group Meeting on Corruption and International Investments, 18-19 May 2021
- ICCLR Senior Associates Yvon Dandurand and Vivienne Chin delivered a briefing online to a UNODC regional representative for West Africa staff on social reintegration of offenders, early release programs, and the prevention and reintegration of children/youth recruited by terrorist and violent extremist groups, 19 May 2021
- Thirtieth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Side Event: The role of gender in organized crime and in designing effective responses, 20 May 2021
- United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice PNI Coordination Meeting, 2 June 2021
- Twelfth session of the Implementation Review Group and the twelfth session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, 14-18 June 2021
- ICCLR Senior Associate Eileen Skinnider organized and delivered a UNODC webinar on coordinated criminal justice responses to gender-based violence against women for criminal justice practitioners in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1 December 2021
- Reconvened thirtieth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 8-10 December 2021
- Ninth Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, 13-17 December 2022
- United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice PNI Coordination Meeting, 11 January 2022
- First session of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes, 28 February - 11 March 2022
- ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand delivered a presentation on “Promising Practices to Address Regional Organized Crime Challenges” at the Regional Follow-up Consultation on Stakeholder Engagement for UNTOC, The Americas, Panama City, Panama, 28-29 March 2022

ICCLR Blogs and Think Pieces

- Cyber Victimization Risk and the Problematic Use of Instagram
- COVID-19 and Vulnerable Children
- Covid and Organized Crime
- Canada's Implementation Review of the UN Organized Crime Convention: Why and How Should Civil Society Engage?
- Un-disruptable Drug Markets
- Simple Possession of Illicit Drugs: Policy Alternatives
- Conditional Sentence Orders in B.C.
- Poverty and Access to Justice
- What's gender got to do with it? The importance of mainstreaming a gender perspective when negotiating a global cybercrime treaty
- Canada's Position at the UN Cybercrime Treaty Negotiations
- Canada's Future CLOUD Act Agreement with the United States



Justice Innovation

ICCLR launched the new podcast series, Justice Innovation, where we explore insights and innovations in human rights and criminal justice. This year, ICCLR released two podcasts including “The Camp Trapping Aboriginal Program” with Sam Ens Provincial Manager, Diversion and Early Intervention at BCFNJC and “Holding Space for Indigenous Youth” with Debbie Scarborough Provincial Manager, Women and Child Protection at BCFNJC.

Other Events, Reports and Publications

- **Global Forum on Advocates Training Program organized by the Kenya School of Law, University of Nairobi and facilitated by Prof. Patricia Kameri-Mbote** - ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand
- **Report on Crime Prevention Through Sports: The Experience of British Columbia** - ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand and Jonathan Heidt
- **Presentation on “The Treatment of Juvenile Victims and Witnesses of Crime in the Vietnamese Justice System” International Conference on Juvenile Criminal Justice, Hanoi** - ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand
- **Key Elements of Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending: Preparatory Consultations** - ICCLR Senior Associates Yvon Dandurand and Vivienne Chin
- **GI-TOC Policy Brief Tow Truck Wars - How organized crime infiltrates the transport industry** - ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand
- **Report on Conditional Sentence Orders in B.C. – 2010-2020** - ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand
- **Journal article on Alignment of Vietnamese Law on the Treatment of Juvenile Prisoners with International Standards and Norms** - Le Huynh Tan Duy and ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand
- **Presentation on “Improving Canada's Response to Labour Trafficking and the Assistance Provided to Victims,” Government of Canada's Annual Human Trafficking Learning Forum** - ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand
- **Presentation on "Building Trust in the Criminal Justice System: An International Perspective," Executive Programme for the Implementation of International Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Bangkok, Thailand Institute of Justice** - ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand
- **Report on Poverty and Access to Justice: Review of the Literature** - UFV Practicum Students
- **Re-Inventing Criminal Justice: The Fourteenth National Symposium, Post-Pandemic Opportunities in Criminal Justice** - ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand
- **Member Organization of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court** - ICCLR
- **CCJA Justice Report (37.1 and 37.2): Canada's Work to Assist the Development of Community Corrections in China: Significant and Long-lasting Results** - ICCLR Senior Associate Vincent Yang

Impact Reports for 2021/22



By the Numbers

The ICCLR Impact Report serves to measure our value to our partners and our impact in our areas of focus. There are currently 146 past and on-going projects loaded into our project tracker database that are individually being tracked under a set of key metrics. This year, more than 40 organizations have worked and/or funded projects led by ICCLR associates. We also celebrate this year the fact that ICCLR and its associates have been involved in 84 projects whether it was providing technical assistance, analysis/reporting or thought leadership around the world. We continue to work on issues of criminal law and criminal justice policy where data gaps are present, information is limited, and where meaningful positive change can occur when government policies are strengthened.



Telling Our Stories

ICCLR's long history of successful partnerships with authorities and civil society organizations all over the world speaks to the quality of our work and to our ability to continue to assist governments in developing and sustaining healthy, safe communities. Because of the nature of our work, however, we may not be able to report on the impact of our initiatives for some time after projects are completed. The following narratives describe some of the accomplishments of ICCLR and our associates in previous years and share how the results of work we did then is being felt today.



The UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime

Adopted by the General Assembly in 2000, the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) is the main international instrument in the fight against transnational organized crime. ICCLR's expertise in transnational organized crime is evidenced by its involvement in the negotiation process that led to the adoption of the UNTOC Convention and its Protocols, the development of the UNODC legislative guide for the implementation of the Convention, and the development of a reporting mechanism for the Convention and its Protocols. ICCLR has engaged in many projects to support UNTOC in the past 18 years including the development of the "Legislative Guide for the Implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime" published by the UNODC and translated into 6 languages; draft reporting guidelines for the UNTOC; an Omnibus survey to facilitate reporting by the States Parties to the convention; a report outlining the options for creating a review mechanism for the UNTOC among other initiatives to promote and facilitate the ratification and implementation of the Convention and its Protocols on the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons. In October 2018, the State Parties to the UNTOC adopted the "Procedures and Rules for the Functioning of the Mechanism for the Review of the Implementation of the UNTOC and its Protocols."

This year, ICCLR conducted a national consultation on how Canada has implemented and applied the criminalization and jurisdiction provisions of the Convention and its Protocols on human trafficking and migrant smuggling. The results of the consultation show that Canada has adopted extensive legislative and other measures to help satisfy the requirements of the Convention and two of its Protocols as they relate to criminalization and jurisdiction. The outcomes of the Review Mechanism remain to be seen, but part of its success arguably lies in States parties' willingness to welcome inputs from civil society. ICCLR is grateful for the opportunity in supporting and welcoming this consultation with civil society allowing Canada to demonstrate how civil society's input can enrich its self-assessment process and ensure that the review process meaningfully identifies lessons from which Canada and other States parties can learn.



Best Interests of Children of Incarcerated Parents

Children whose parents come into conflict with the law, and particularly those whose parents are incarcerated, experience tremendous stress and disruption in their lives that can affect their development and social adaptation. There is current momentum in British Columbia favoring reduction in short-term incarceration, particularly of Indigenous offenders, and implementing community-based alternatives that promote public safety and the successful reintegration of offenders. In 2021, ICCLR initiated a multi-year project on “Considering the Best Interests of the Child in Sentencing and Other Decisions Concerning Parents Facing Criminal Sanctions.” The initiative aims to develop and implement a toolkit that provides family-focused defense strategies, best practices and community-based alternatives and resources that will serve to mitigate the unintended consequences of the child/ren of a parent/legal guardian in conflict with the law. In support of this initiative, ICCLR will work in partnership with Legal Aid BC, the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver (EFry), the School of Criminology University of Fraser Valley, the Canadian and International Coalitions for Children of Incarcerated Parents and the Representative of Children and Youth of BC to develop and implement positive family-focused outcomes and community-based alternatives for justice-involved parent(s)/legal guardian(s).

This ICCLR project draws extensively from the current collaborative partnerships and past work of ICCLR and its partners, including: the development of a *Framework for Action to Enhance the Protective Environment for Children of Incarcerated Parents*; community mobilization projects in three communities in British Columbia; the publication of a community guide on how to support children of incarcerated parents (*Supporting Children with Incarcerated Parents: A Free Community Guide*); the submission of a policy brief for the Department of Justice Canada; the hosting of a focus group discussion with provincial court judges in British Columbia; and, the publication of an article on “The Best Interests of the Child and the Sentencing of Offenders with Parental Responsibilities.”



The International Criminal Court

Since 1992, ICCLR has been actively committed to supporting global efforts in combating international crimes and prioritising the creation of a permanent, effective, and just International Criminal Court (ICC). ICCLR organised and sponsored the International Meeting of Experts on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court, with more than seventy leading criminal and international law experts from thirty countries converging in Vancouver. Consequently, the final report was transmitted to the United Nations Legal Office New York and was used extensively in the design of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, as noted in the May 1993 Secretary General's Report.

In the ensuing years, ICCLR has continued to develop its expansive collection of substantive and comprehensive ICC related papers while participating in negotiating conferences, including the United Nations Committee meetings for the Establishment of the ICC and Preparatory Committee meetings. ICCLR delegated representatives to Rome for the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries the Establishment of the ICC. This landmark conference ultimately led to an overwhelming vote in favour of the adoption of a convention on the establishment of an international criminal court.

ICCLR developed the *Manual for the Ratification and Implementation of the Rome Statute* in partnership with Rights & Democracy, and with the financial assistance of the Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade and the Department of Justice, Canada. This widely used Manual provides details on the obligations of States Parties to the Rome Statute, and guidance as to how a State might implement each obligation into its national legal system. The English version of the Manual was successfully launched at the Preparatory Commission meeting for the ICC, and is now available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

A major thrust was undertaken in organizing regional workshops to promote expeditious establishment of a just and permanent ICC, and to assist countries in the development of legislation and administrative procedures to support the ICC. The International Criminal Court Technical Assistance Program (ICCTAP) was undertaken as a partnership between ICCLR and three other Canada organizations: Rights & Democracy, the Canadian Network for the International Criminal Court, and the Institute for Media, Policy, and Civil Society. Through regional workshops and the three pillars (government, civil society, and media), these efforts have combined directly to sensitizing and providing training and assistance to approximately 400 delegates from 80 countries. These workshops, seminars and technical assistance projects were directed at policy makers in China, Gabon, Jamaica, Samoa, Namibia, Cambodia, Laos, the Philippines among others.

Thank You to Our Members

ICCLR's work would not be possible without support and collaboration from our many generous and knowledgeable members. Our distinguished Board of Directors is appointed by our Member Organizations:



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Canada



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In October 2022, the ISRCL will be hosting an international conference on “Thinking Beyond the Bars: New Approaches in Sentencing, Corrections, and Restorative Justice.” The theme “Thinking Beyond the Bars” encompasses new visions for resolving criminal law problems, including: specialized courts such as Indigenous courts, mental health courts, drug courts, community courts; the use of neuroscience, artificial intelligence and genetics in the sentencing process; youth justice sentencing; the role of police and diversion; victims’ rights and implicit bias in sentencing.

In addition to the annual international conference, the ISRCL was pleased to host three CPD-accredited seminars in collaboration with the Courthouse Libraries BC:

- Criminal Jury Trials in a Pandemic
- Indigenous Courts: A Cross Jurisdictional Comparison
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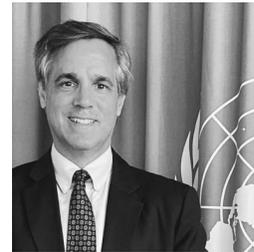
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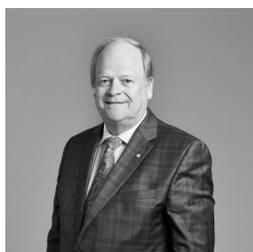
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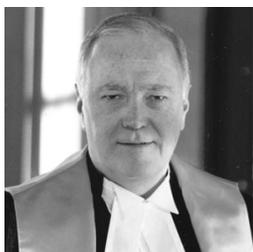
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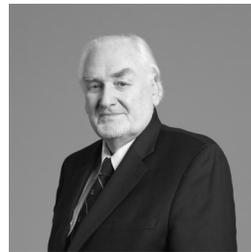
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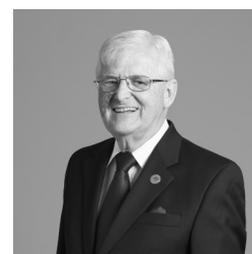
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