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# About ICCLR

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

## Message from the Chair of the Board



Prof. Neil Boyd

The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR) is continuing its efforts to strengthen Canada's response to an increasingly complex world of criminal activity. We participated in the annual Crime Commission meetings in Vienna in May and organized and hosted the Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute (VACI) Conference, "Asset Forfeiture" in Vancouver in June, chaired by the Right Honourable Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada.

Dr. Peter German continues to lead the Centre as our Executive Director, expanding his efforts to spur ICCLR and VACI to respond effectively to ongoing issues of corruption – money laundering, and the threats posed by transnational organized crime. This work continues to be guided by a very strong VACI Advisory Committee, overseeing the work of this key initiative. This link will provide you with the most recent developments within VACI, <https://icclr.org/vaci>. Marcella Chan continues with the Centre in her position as Director of Programs, always available to respond to questions from the Executive Director and the Board while leading the program development and management of ICCLR and VACI initiatives.

We have strengthened our relationship within the PNI network of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime this year. ICCLR has agreed to take over the role of coordinating the activities of the 18 PNIs. Executive Director Peter German will be chairing the meeting of the PNIs in Italy later this fall. The Centre continues to maintain a strong association with the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, providing administrative and conference support to the membership. Our Executive Director Peter German and I presented papers at the most recent annual conference of the International Society, held in Edinburgh in June of this year.

Much of the success of the Centre depends upon our Board, and I thank all for their willingness to contribute to the work of the Centre. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation, on behalf of ICCLR, to our funders and supporters: Department of Justice Canada, the Attorney General of B.C., the governments of BC and Manitoba, the Law Foundation of British Columbia, Public Safety Canada, and the Vancouver Foundation.

## ICCLR Overview

The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (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. In Canada and internationally, ICCLR offers programming oriented to technical co-operation that is consistent with United Nations international human rights standards and with Canada's international development goals. 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.

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.

### 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 & REPORTING

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

### 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.



# Year in Review

UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network Institute PNI Newsletter – Fifth Issue, Spring 2024

Colloquium Summary Report, *Best Interests of the Child in the Adult Criminal Process: Colloquium Report, Project Evaluation, and Next Steps*, written by ICCLR Senior Associate Allan Castle

*Corruption and the Private Sector: A Concise Action Plan* published by the World Refugee and Migration Council and written by ICCLR President and Executive Director Dr. Peter German

“Supporting Children Whose Parents are in Conflict with the Law through the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*: Honoring the Legacy of Hon. Landon Pearson” published in the *Canadian Journal of Children’s Rights* (volume 11, number 1) written by ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand and Megan Capp.

*Opportunities for Equitable and Effective Bail Reform: An Annotated Bibliography Exploring Intersecting Inequities in Women’s Bail and Remand Experiences in Canada* written by ICCLR Senior Associate Dr. Hayli Millar, Megan Capp and Raelyn O’Hara

Toward child-sensitive criminal justice in Thailand Responding to violence against children in educational settings (ongoing)

“Combatting Money Laundering in Southeast Asian and Australian Casinos” written by VACI expert John Langdale

“A Fading Prospect for Effective Criminal Justice Cooperation” written by ICCLR Senior Associates Yvon Dandurand and Vivienne Chin

## Publications

## Projects

## Events

33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna

TRACE & VACI Conference: Journalism Under Siege - Strengthening Fact-Based Reporting to Counter Financial Crime

Gap Analysis on Crime Prevention and Response Interventions in CARICOM - ICCLR Senior Associates Yvon Dandurand, Vivienne Chin and researcher Abeni Steegstra

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

ICCLR President & Executive Director Dr. Peter German conducted an anti-corruption and AML training in South Africa (supported by the Financial Services Volunteer Corps)

Keeping Business Clean: Anti-Corruption Actions for the Private Sector - Presentations by ICCLR President and Executive Director Dr. Peter German and VACI Advisory Committee Member Alexandra Wrage

Anti-Corruption Law Program (ACLP) Six-Part Course: The Lifecycle of Dirty Money (2025 Updates) led and organized by VACI expert Jeffrey Simser

“Sextortion – The Case of Amanda Todd” at the AIC 2025 Conference - Presentation by ICCLR President and Executive Director Dr. Peter German

PNI Coordination Meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Nineteen UN PNIs discuss the CCPCJ and future programming

Preparatory Meeting for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Costa Rica - ICCLR represented by ICCLR Senior Associates Yvon Dandurand and Vivienne Chin

April      May      June      July      August      September      October      November      December      January      February      March

# Where We Work



## ICCLR AROUND THE WORLD

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

**459**

Publications loaded onto our online publication library

**+5,800**

Followers on social media

**62**

Technical assistance projects/activities

# Considering the Best Interests of the Child

## A SYSTEM-CHANGE INITIATIVE

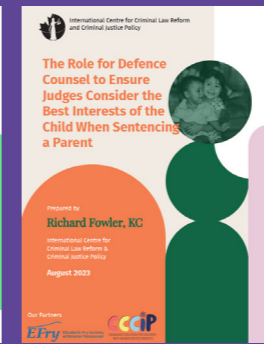
Children whose parents come into conflict with the law, and particularly those whose parents are incarcerated, experience tremendous stress and disruption in their lives that can affect their development and social adaptation. There is current momentum in British Columbia favouring reduction in short-term incarceration, particularly of Indigenous offenders, and implementing community-based alternatives that promote public safety and the successful reintegration of offenders.

The goal of this project is to instigate and support a systemic and cultural change in the way that the best interests of the child are considered by defence counsel, the prosecution and the courts. The ultimate intention is to encourage active consideration of child impact and family impact at time of sentencing and other court decisions, principally by prosecutors and judges but also all those with influence in criminal proceedings, to avoid the potentially negative impacts of those decisions. A broader purpose is to raise awareness about these issues more generally, and to assist the reader in identifying practices which serve to diminish consideration of the best interests of the child, where these exist.

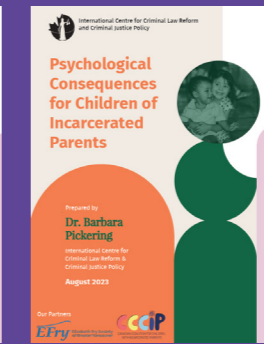
The multi-year project is led by ICCLR, working closely with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver (EFry) and the Canadian Coalition for Children with Incarcerated Parents. The project is made possible through the support of a generous project grant from the Vancouver Foundation.



*Best Interests of the Child in the Adult Criminal Process: Colloquium Report, Project Evaluation, and Next Steps*



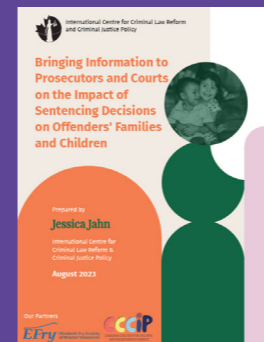
*The Role for Defence Counsel to Ensure Judges Consider the Best Interests of the Child When Sentencing a Parent*



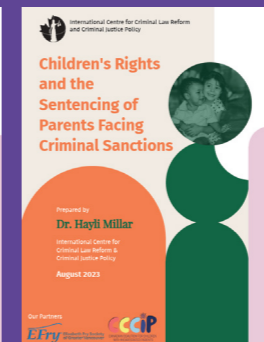
*Psychological Consequences for Children of Incarcerated Parents*



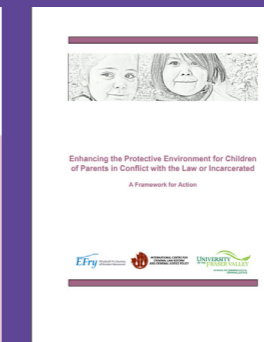
*The Parenting Experiences of Mothers in Conflict with the Law*



*Bringing Information to Prosecutors and Courts on the Impact of Sentencing Decisions on Offenders' Families and Children*



*Children's Rights and the Sentencing of Parents Facing Criminal Sanctions*



*Enhancing the Protective Environment for Children of Parents in Conflict with the Law or Incarcerated - A Framework for Action*



In 2025, "Supporting Children Whose Parents are in Conflict with the Law through the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Honoring the Legacy of Hon. Landon Pearson" was published in the *Canadian Journal of Children's Rights*, 11(1). The article was written by ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand and Megan Capp.

ICCLR hosted two colloquiums in 2024 and 2025 as the capstone piece on a year-long consultation on the key themes of the project. Synthesizing a number of discrete pieces of research into the normative, legal and practical aspects of considering the best interests of the dependent child in adult criminal process, the project team assembled an *Overview For Practitioners* which served as the basis for consultations. The document was shared widely within the British Columbia criminal justice system, with child and family advocates, and other relevant stakeholders. Approximately 70 key decision-makers and experts received in-person or virtual briefings directly, with another 200 estimated to have been reached indirectly. The colloquiums gathered various participants in the justice system, child and family advocates, Indigenous-serving organizations, nonprofit leaders, and academic experts, who were invited to dig deeper into the key themes of the *Overview* in a series of conversations. Building on the *Overview*, ICCLR Senior Associate Dr. Allan Castle authored *Out of the Shadows: Considering the Impact on Dependent Children of Adult Criminal Justice Processes*.



# Gap Analysis on Crime Prevention and Response Interventions in CARICOM Countries

Crime in the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) countries continue to escalate, with increasing rates of violent crime, drug trafficking, and gang activity, particularly in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. A recent report submitted to Global Affairs Canada by ICCLR Senior Associates Yvon Dandurand and Vivienne Chin, along with researcher Abeni Steegstra, provides a gap analysis on crime prevention and criminal justice interventions in CARICOM countries.

The report presents the results of a review of the crime situation and a gap analysis on crime prevention and response interventions in CARICOM countries. The main objective of the review is to inform discussions and decisions on the role that Canada can play to help address, at the national and regional levels, the increasing crime levels in the Caribbean. The report offers recommendations in relation to crime prevention interventions to address the risk factors associated with criminal behaviour as well as interventions to respond to criminal activities and reduce future crime through deterrence and offender rehabilitation and reintegration. This initiative was supported by the World University Service of Canada.

Building on the initiative, the project team were involved in the following related activities:

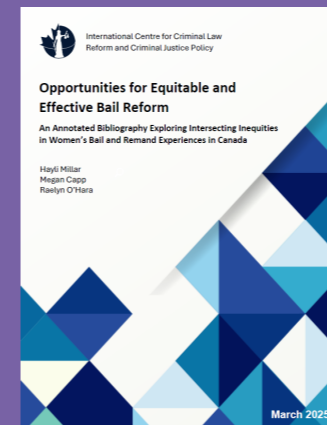
- ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand presented to the Eastern Caribbean Development Partners' Group, Meeting on Citizen Security in Barbados, September 25, 2024, on "Crime Prevention and Response Interventions in CARICOM Countries: A Gap Analysis on Behalf of Global Affairs Canada". The Group brings together the Heads of all the major development partners active in the Caribbean.
- In 2024, the *Transnational Criminal Law Review* 3(2) published "International Cooperation Among CARICOM Countries: Regional Report" written by Abeni Steegstra and ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand.
- The project team published a think piece on criminal justice reform and crime prevention in CARICOM countries.



# Opportunity for Equitable and Effective Bail Reform

Bail law reform has become a highly politicized issue in Canada, reflecting polarizing demands to both lessen and increase restrictions in granting bail. While some scholarly literature assesses and critiques bail and remand law and processes, there is exceptionally limited gender-disaggregated data and research on adult women's bail and remand experiences. When assessing women's interactions with the criminal justice system (CJS), most scholarly research and government publications speak about women's unique offence patterns and gendered pathways to criminalization and then jump to assessing women's imprisonment experiences, largely excluding any consideration of women's pre-trial and trial experiences. Led by ICCLR Senior Associate Dr. Hayli Millar, Megan Capp and Raelyn O'Hara, this project gathered and assessed the available literature on women and bail and women and remand in Canada. The project team engaged with primary data in the form of government-published statistics, select case law and secondary research, reviewing more than 250 sources including some comparative international research.

The annotations focus on the urgent need for primary research on how seemingly neutral bail laws and practices uniquely impact women, especially due to intersecting identities such as race, parenthood, and other social factors. In Canada, the national remand rate for women now surpasses that of men, with women making up over 75% of provincial and territorial custody admissions in 2022/2023. The project team's literature review, fact sheets and annotations illustrate the importance of not only addressing the social determinants of women's criminal justice involvement but also investing in more effective community-based alternatives for women, with a focus on mental health and substance use services. This is of particular importance when one considers the mainly non-violent offences that women commit and that many justice-involved women have complex, overlapping, and unmet social, economic, parenting, and physical and mental health needs, which are often compounded by trauma.



# Access to Justice

Access to justice is essential for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. Without adequate access to quality justice systems, anyone can be exploited, intimidated, threatened and abused. Lengthy delays in the justice system have both private and public consequences including; costly prison overcrowding, family financial hardship, and the erosion of trust in the justice system. In every community, equal access to justice has wide-ranging implications from the protection of property to freedom from violence. This year, ICCLR Senior Associate Dr. Michelle Lawrence was involved in the following engagements:

- In May 2024, Dr. Lawrence co-hosted with colleagues at McGill University and the Université of Montréal the 2024 Workshop on Person-centred Justice, Change and Connection. This hybrid-workshop was funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. Dr. Lawrence presented research on the relationship between access to justice and access to evidence, in a presentation titled “Access to Justice Barriers Embedded in Law.”
- *The Canadian Journal of Law & Society* published the Special Issue on Access to Justice, which Dr. Lawrence co-edited with Andrew Pilliar.
- In January 2025, Dr. Lawrence launched a roundtable series on legal professional regulation and access to justice impacts with colleagues at the BC Access to Justice Centre for Excellence and the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London. The first two roundtables were held in February 2025 and March 2025, with participation from British and Canadian scholars.



## RESPONDING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS

This research project led by ICCLR Senior Associate Eileen Skinnider 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 well as good practices from Thailand and other countries, the study will provide recommendations to relevant stakeholders.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- In November 2024, ICCLR Senior Associate Dr. Michelle Lawrence presented at the Courthouse Library and Criminal Defence Advocacy Society of British Columbia virtual seminar on “Substance-Induced Psychosis or Extreme Intoxication: Reconciling Law, Evidence & Outcome” (with D. Morgan of UBC Medicine).
- ICCLR Senior Associates Yvon Dandurand and Vivienne Chin reviewed the Mental Health Commission of Canada’s National Action Plan on Mental Health and Criminal Justice.
- In February 2025, Dr. Lawrence presented at the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice conference in Toronto on “Mental Disorders and Substance Dependence: Fundamental Principles of Criminal Responsibility” (with Profs Kent Roach and Ben Berger).



# International Cooperation

Success in addressing transnational organized crime hinges on multilateral cooperation. However, existing cooperation regimes are ineffective at countering the rapid changes in the organized crime landscape and countries increasingly tend to turn to national solutions. The diminishing support for multilateral cooperation means the international criminal justice system has become disjointed, insufficient and reactive. This past year, ICCLR Associates were engaged in the following ways on the issue of international cooperation:

- In June 2024, ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand was the keynote speaker and presented on “The Future of International Cooperation in Criminal Matters” at the Borderlands of Criminal Law Conference in Windsor, Ontario.
- Abeni Steegstra and ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand authored “International Cooperation Among CARICOM Countries: Regional Report”, which was published in the *Transnational Criminal Law Review*, 3(2).
- Dao Le Thu and ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand authored “International Cooperation in Combating Transnational Crime in Southeast Asia: Why Has Progress Been So Slow?”, which was published in the *Transnational Criminal Law Review*, 3(2).
- ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand and ICCLR Associate Jessica Jahn authored “How Trump is reshaping global criminal justice co-operation”, which was published by Policy Options.
- ICCLR Senior Associates Yvon Dandurand and Vivienne Chin authored “A Fading Prospect for Effective Criminal Justice Cooperation”, as a reflection on their participation at the Latin America and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the 15<sup>th</sup> UN Crime Congress in San José, Costa Rica.

# Other Events, Publications and Engagements

- Presentation on “Stigma-informed Support for Victims of Intimate Partner Violence” at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships - Presented by ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand.
- Leadership Gathering on Public Health, Public Safety & Complex Needs: Finding Common Ground, a two-day dialogue in Victoria, BC, including senior justice, health, government, non-profit and academic participation - Designed and facilitated by ICCLR Senior Associate Dr. Allan Castle.
- “Improving the Treatment of Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime in the Vietnamese Justice System: Unfinished Reforms” published in the *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law*, 38(2) - Authored by Duy Huynh Tan Le and ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand.
- *Intersections: Building blocks of a global strategy against organized crime* published by Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime - Contributions by ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand.
- PIDA Day 2024, a dialogue in Vancouver, BC, with senior executives on public interest disclosure of wrong-doing within public authorities, hosted by the Ombudsperson of British Columbia - Designed and facilitated by ICCLR Senior Associate Dr. Allan Castle.
- Book Review: *Changing the guard – Private influences, privatization, and criminal justice in Canada*, published in the *International Criminal Justice Review*, 35(2) - Written by ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand.
- *Preventing Youth Crime and Violence Through Sports: A Policy Guide*, published by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Olympic Committee - Contributions by ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand.
- Appointed as Associate Research Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London - ICCLR Senior Associate Dr. Michelle Lawrence.
- *Remembering Our Commitment to Human Security* - Written by ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand.
- With One Voice project, a strategic repositioning of the the work of the Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of BC within the BC justice system in light of recent Indigenous justice developments - Delivered by ICCLR Senior Associate Dr. Allan Castle.
- Justice and Public Safety Council, Advisory Board for the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan Development - Represented by ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand.
- Witness Protection Program Advisory Committee - Represented by ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand.
- Coalition for the International Criminal Court - Represented by ICCLR.
- Innovative Voices Promoting Agents of Change in Criminal Justice - Justice Innovation is a podcast series presented by ICCLR where we explore insights and innovations in human rights and criminal justice.



# Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute

DEDICATED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE RULE OF LAW IN CANADA AND ABROAD, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING EFFORTS.

Corruption is anathema to the Rule of Law and attacks the very core of societies. The Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute (VACI) is dedicated to fighting corruption by fostering awareness of the tremendous damage which corruption inflicts in countries around the world.

## JOURNALISM UNDER SIEGE: STRENGTHENING FACT-BASED REPORTING TO COUNTER FINANCIAL CRIME

In June, TRACE in partnership with the TRACE Foundation and the Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute (VACI) hosted the Journalism Under Siege Conference in Vancouver. We were pleased to bring together global experts on combatting financial crime, investigative journalists, policymakers, and business leaders to discuss strengthening fact-based reporting to tackle fake news and other deceptive practices with the goal of advancing transparency. Hosted by TRACE and VACI, this Conference explored the rise of misinformation and how leaders across business, government, journalism, and academia can work together to minimize its impact on commercial bribery and financial crime.



TRACE Foundation announced this year's winners of the TRACE Prize for Investigative Reporting at the Conference. We wish to congratulate Mahmoud Elsobsky and the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) in collaboration with The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project and paper trail media GmbH as this year's winners of the TRACE Prize. Honorable mentions went to a team of journalists for their piece "Hawala: The Bankers of Irregular Migration" and a team of journalists from IStories Media for their piece titled "Why Russian Airplanes Keep Flying Despite the Imposed Sanctions".

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP & PRESENTATIONS

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Flagship Forum on AML and Financial Crimes, Toronto, Canada** - VACI Chair Dr. Peter German was a moderator and panelist on session titled "Unexplained Wealth Orders Update: Impacts, Updates, and What's Ahead for UWOs and Civil Forfeiture in BC and Beyond."

**22<sup>nd</sup> Money Laundering in Canada Conference, Victoria, Canada** - VACI Chair Dr. Peter German delivered a presentation on AML compliance.

**Canadian Open Data Summit, Edmonton, Canada** - Presentation on e-government and open data by project lead Rachael Segal.

**Combatting Grand Corruption: Filling Gaps in the Anti-Corruption Regime, Vancouver, Canada** - VACI Chair Dr. Peter German presented on corruption, its impact on society, and governance innovations.

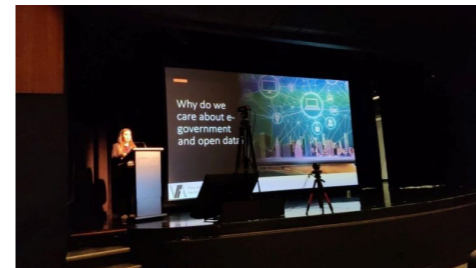
**Keeping Business Clean: Anti-Corruption Actions for the Private Sector, Vancouver, Canada** - VACI Chair Dr. Peter German presented on private sector's role in combatting corruption.

**Financial Services Volunteer Corps Training Program on Money Laundering and Financial Crime** - VACI Chair Dr. Peter German co-presented a training in Pretoria on conducting corruption cases, for the National Prosecution Agency, represented by prosecutors from around South Africa.

**41<sup>st</sup> Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime** - VACI Chair Dr. Peter German along with VACI experts Jeffrey Simser and Stefan Cassella delivered presentations in relation to money laundering and corruption.

**Beefing up the border — why B.C. needs ports police again** - Podcast to discuss VACI Chair Peter German's report on *Policing our Ports* for the City of Delta.

**AIC 2025 Conference, Canberra, Australia** - Presentation on "Sextortion – The Case of Amanda Todd" for a conference hosted by the Australian Institute of Criminology.



## PARTNERSHIPS

**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). 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 and government by signing a Declaration in support of an IACC.

**Counter Illicit Finance Alliance of British Columbia (CIFA-BC) and the International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport (IPACS)** - VACI is a member organization.

# VACI Advisory Committee



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## ANTI-CORRUPTION LAW PROGRAM

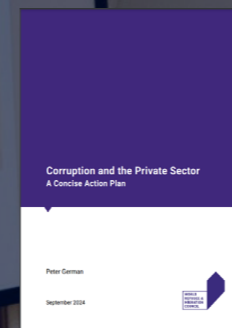
The Anti-Corruption Law Program (ACLP) is a joint program under a collaborative working partnership of the Vancouver Anti-Corruption Institute, the Peter A. Allard School of Law, and Transparency International Canada. ACLP is an ongoing series of public education events designed to provide a fertile setting for learning and informed discussion regarding how the role the law may play in the global fight against corrupt business practices. This year, experts in the field of anti-corruption convened for the following seminar discussions.

- Conducting Anti-Corruption Investigations
- Anti-Corruption Reforms in Ukraine Since 2014: Lessons for Canada
- Six-Part Course: The Lifecycle of Dirty Money (2025 Updates) led and organized by VACI expert Jeffrey Simser



### UWOs and the Fight Against Corruption

Written by VACI expert Jeffrey Simser, this article on BriberyMatters explores the role of Unexplained Wealth Orders (UWOs) in combating corruption. UWOs, part of non-conviction-based forfeiture, require individuals to explain the sources of their assets if suspected of illicit activity. This article highlights key cases and discusses how British Columbia among other jurisdictions have adopted UWOs in its fight against financial crime.



### Corruption and the Private Sector: A Concise Action Plan

The pace of life, and crime, have accelerated exponentially in recent years. As technology races ahead, enabling globalization of both trade and transportation, so does the threat environment and the need to mitigate those threats to the greatest extent possible. Written by VACI Chair Dr. Peter German, the intent of this guide is to provide Canadians engaged in commerce at home and abroad with a one-stop source of information regarding corruption and its impact on business.



### Big Crime and Big Policing: All about Big Money?

In honour of Dr. Margaret Beare, a stalwart of anticorruption, *Big Crime and Big Policing* brings new scholarly and practical insights into our understanding of the interplay of money, crime, and policing on the grand scale. The book features a foreword by ICCLR Board member Hon. Richard Mosley and chapter contribution by VACI Chair Dr. Peter German on policing financial crime.



### Elgar Research Agendas for Organised Crime and Economic Crime and Development

These research agendas explore the varied manifestations of organised crime as it relates to the integrity of the financial system and the threats to stability and sustainability presented by economically motivated crime and misconduct. Published by Edward Elgar Publishing and edited by Prof. Barry Rider, both research agendas feature contributions written by VACI Chair Dr. Peter German.

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# ICCLR at the United Nations

ICCLR is one of nineteen 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.

- **33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)** - Represented by ICCLR President and Executive Director Dr. Peter German, ICCLR Board Chair Neil Boyd and ICCLR Director of Programs Marcella Chan.
- **PNI Workshop at the 33<sup>rd</sup> CCPCJ** - ICCLR in partnership with ISPAC and UNAFEI was pleased to organize the PNI Workshop which focused on “promoting international cooperation and technical assistance to prevent and address organized crime, corruption, terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and other forms of crime, including in the areas of extradition, mutual legal assistance and asset recovery”.
- **Canada’s 33<sup>rd</sup> CCPCJ Side Event - Protecting Tomorrow: An Expert Discussion on Gen AI, Deepfakes and Child Safety** - Moderated by Senior Assistant Deputy Minister and ICCLR Board member Talal Dakalbab. ICCLR President and Executive Director Peter German was a panelist and delivered a presentation on cyberbullying and the Amanda Todd case.
- **Spring PNI Coordination Meeting** - Represented by ICCLR President and Executive Director Dr. Peter German, ICCLR Board Chair Neil Boyd and ICCLR Director of Programs Marcella Chan.
- **Reconvened concluding session of the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes** - Represented by ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand.
- **Fall PNI Coordination Meeting** - Represented by ICCLR President and Executive Director Dr. Peter German. The PNI Coordination Meeting in November 2024 was hosted by NAUSS in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- **Is the UNTOC Working? An Independent Assessment of the Implementation and Impact of the UNTOC** - Published by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) with contributions from ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand. GI-TOC in partnership with the Institute for Security Studies and ICCLR co-hosted a side event focused on the report’s findings along the margins of the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNTOC.
- **PNI Newsletter, Spring and Autumn 2024 Issues** - Represented by ICCLR President Dr. Peter German on the editorial board.
- **Preparatory Meeting for the Fifteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Costa Rica** - Represented by ICCLR Senior Associates Yvon Dandurand and Vivienne Chin.



# Impact Reports

## 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 more than 150 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 35 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 62 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.



## Youth Crime Prevention Through Sports

For many if not most youth sport programs, the idea that the program could contribute to preventing youth crime or even youth gang involvement is often little more than an afterthought. Nonetheless, the sport environment is obviously a popular and important training ground for child and adolescent development. Together with several other activities, such as education, mentoring, religious teaching, or volunteering, sport holds the potential to influence positive social development among children and youth.

ICCLR Associates have been engaged in an assessment of sports-based crime prevention programs in British Columbia. This initiative was conducted in partnership with the South Asian Studies Institute of the University of Fraser Valley and consists of developing a best-practice manual and a training programme for community organizations, sports coaches, and facilitators delivering sports-based crime prevention and gang prevention programmes in BC. The initiative builds on the research conducted by ICCLR Associates in preparation of the 2019 UNODC Expert Group Meeting on sports-based crime prevention interventions and has already led to the publication of a book on *Youth Crime Prevention and Sports: An evaluation of sports-based programmes and their effectiveness* (Yvon Dandurand & John Eidt, Bristol University Press, 2023).

The United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime and the International Olympic Committee, in the context of the joint programme on “Sport against Crime: Outreach – Resilience – Empowerment” (SC:ORE), have developed comprehensive guidance (2024) to advance the use of sport for the prevention of youth violence and in building safe, just and peaceful communities. *Preventing Youth Crime and Violence Through Sports: A Policy Guide*, to which ICCLR Senior Associate Yvon Dandurand contributed provides an overview of the key points of a theory of change and important programming elements, to support policy and programme development in this area.



# Considering the Impact on Children in the Adult Criminal Justice Process

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. While consideration of impacts on dependent children may seem completely reasonable and desirable at face value, our reality is far different. For a range of reasons—traditional, legal and systemic factors—it has been unusual in the Canadian criminal justice system for judges, prosecutors, police, corrections officials or other justice actors to seek input on the effects of any justice process or disposition on the dependent children of those arrested, accused and/or convicted. Thus, one of the salient issues is that the culture and practice of Canadian criminal justice has been to treat dependent children as an afterthought, if their situation is even considered in the first place.

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 involved developing and implementing 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 worked in partnership with Legal Aid BC, the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver (EFry), the School of Criminology of the 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).

The ICCLR project team composed of senior associates Allan Castle, Yvon Dandurand, Vivienne Chin, Megan Capp, Jessica Jahn and other contributors, engaged in further consultations with project partners and Justice Canada to develop new communication tools and resources to ensure that criminal justice decision makers have the information they need to consider and when possible mitigate the impact of their decisions on the offenders’ children. Notably, the team succeeded in having its Child Impact Statement template submitted by defence counsel and considered by the sentencing Justice in a criminal trial before the Supreme Court of BC.

## Towards Gender-Responsive Criminal Justice in Southeast Asia

In Southeast Asia, as across the globe, increasing attention has been given to the promotion of a comprehensive and multi-sectoral response to violence against women, including the need for gender-responsive criminal justice systems. There have been increased efforts to implement the international and regional standards calling for the elimination of violence against women that include the paramountcy of safety for victims, the empowerment of women and respect for the dignity of all persons while holding perpetrators accountable for the violence. States in the Southeast Asian region have introduced a number of practices over the last decades in order to establish positive conditions for women to engage with the criminal justice system.

*Towards Gender-Responsive Criminal Justice* (2018), authored by ICCLR Senior Associate Eileen Skinnider, at the request of the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) and ICCLR, reviews the wide range of good practices that countries in Southeast Asia have been undertaking to ensure that women subjected to violence in these countries have access to gender-responsive criminal justice processes and obtain effective justice, protection and redress. Using the international instrument—the *United Nations Updated Model Strategies and Practical Measures to Eliminate Violence against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice*—as a guiding framework, the criteria for identifying good practices include that they are human rights-based and victim-survivor-centred, and that they have an offender accountability approach. ICCLR Senior Associate Eileen Skinnider was also an advisor to TIJ’s *Women as Justice Makers: Perspectives from Southeast Asia* (2017).

Our fellow PNI, the TIJ in partnership with UN Women hosted a Collaboration Ceremony for the launch of the two research publications which was well attended by a cross-section of professionals in the justice field. *Towards Gender-Responsive Criminal Justice* was cited in *UNODC Handbook for the Judiciary on Effective Criminal Justice Responses to Gender-based Violence against Women and Girls* (2019) and the *Handbook on Gender-Responsive Police Services for Women and Girls Subject to Violence* (2021) and *Gender Strategy of the National Police of Timor-Leste (2024-2028)*. In November 2020, the Irish Women Lawyers Association hosted an information and panel discussion webinar on the issue of “Women as Justice Makers - Perspectives from Southeast Asia” where ICCLR Senior Associate Eileen Skinnider served as a panelist.

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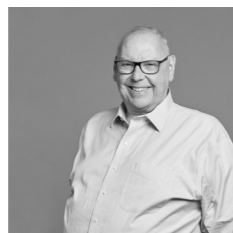
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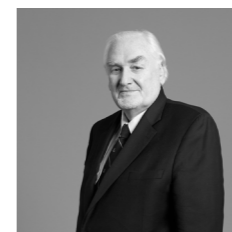
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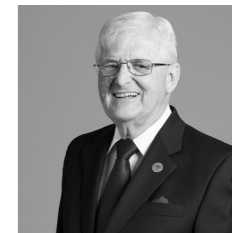
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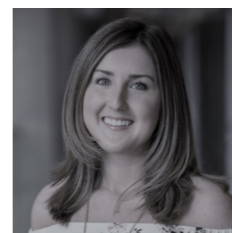
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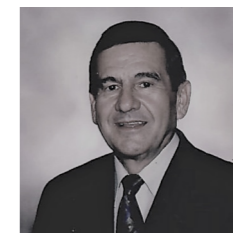
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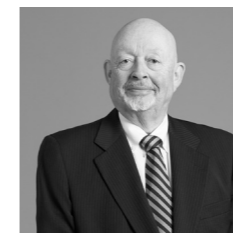
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