DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA
• Legal Aid provides quality, professional legal services to the poor and vulnerable in both civil and criminal matters.
• Five law students engaged in interviewing, community mediation, and prison visits, and strengthened their legal research and writing skills. For example:
   Giovanni wrote a memo for a high profile divorce case in the civil division.
   Jayme wrote memos on police brutality and it’s effect on a robbery and murder trial.
   Nikki, Sarah and Carla wrote closing arguments and cross examination questions for a murder trial.
   All of the students worked on sentencing mitigation reports.
The law students assisted clients with applications for refugee status, conducted protection need assessments, and drafted refugee status determinations.

Dominique worked at LHR full time where she interviewed asylum seekers and refugees from surrounding African countries, including Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi and Somalia. Giovanni, Akele, and others also volunteered at LHR.
Black Sash has been committed to protecting the social and economic rights of South Africans through paralegal and legal services as well policy research.

While working at Black Sash, Hannah drafted memos, conducted international research, and accompanied community workers on visits to clients in various parts of Kwa-Zulu Natal.

Black Sash is located in the same building as Lawyers for Human Rights.
The University of KwaZulu-Natal Legal Clinic is one of the leading legal clinics in South Africa. It serves as a laboratory where law students and recent graduates are able to practice the legal skills representing real clients and solving actual legal problems.

Interns are able to interview clients and work in court assisting with trial proceedings.

Akele worked with the clinic director and was involved with cases during all stages of the legal process – from intake to appeal.
LIFE IN DURBAN

Students typically have lived in the Windermere Flats, in a spacious penthouse apartment on the beach.

The apartments are located on the Golden Mile of Durban’s beachfront.

Food is relatively inexpensive and readily available on North Beach and Florida Road.
The law students explore every corner of Durban. Typically, students travel in Kombis (mini-buses). Kombis are the cheapest, fastest, and by far the most fun way of traveling in Durban and meeting the people.

These mini-buses run on routes all throughout the city and are regularly used by locals to go to work or to the local malls.

Expect loud music, tight squeeze, lots of interesting connections, and a fast, bumpy ride...and the ride costs less than a dollar!
During the ten week internships, the law students visited museums, bookstores, art galleries, soccer parks, restaurants, and theatres. They attended the Durban International Film Festival and the Durban July Party.

They explored all the interesting sights and sounds of the city and surrounding townships.

And, when all else failed, they spent time on the beach, swimming, surfing, playing soccer or just relaxing in the sun.
Cape Town, South Africa

Safari in Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve
JO’BURG AND CAPE TOWN

- On the way into the country, all of the interns stopped in Johannesburg and visited the Constitutional Court and the Apartheid Museum.
- Everybody went to Robben Island off Cape Town, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years.
- Four brave souls went Shark Diving with the Great Whites and were able to see the beasts at arms length. Less courageous individuals went on a Cape Point Tour where they petted penguins at a penguin colony. Most made it to Cape Point, the point at which the Indian Ocean and Atlantic Ocean meet at the top of southern Africa.
ACCRA, GHANA
As a legal intern with the Legal Resources Centre, students have a chance to be a part of various projects, ranging from legal aid cases to human rights advocacy projects to attending different conferences to network with other NGOs.

Evelyn got to work on a legal aid case, help a local women's group apply for a U.N. grant, visit the Human Rights Court, attend several conferences, and assist with myriad other projects in the office.
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS' (FIDA)

- The International Federation for Women Lawyers' (FIDA) primary service is to provide legal aid and mediation services for women.

- Vanessa had the opportunity to attend women rights conferences, participate in mediation sessions, research current social issues in Ghana, help draft a grant proposal, and assist in the creation of community out-reach programs.
The Supreme Court of Ghana’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Program works to help familiarize parties and their lawyers with ADR.

Stefan became very well acquainted with Justices from the Commercial Court, sat in on pre-trial settlement conferences and trials, engaged in research on legal issues, and shared the results of his research orally and through memoranda.
The International Labour Organization established an office in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania to help implement labor legislation passed in 2004.

As a legal intern at the ILO, Jenny researched the Employment and Labor Relations Act and its corresponding case law. She worked closely with mediators from Tanzania’s labor dispute resolution tribunal and had the opportunity to observe several mediation and arbitration hearings.
The International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, which sits in Arusha, was created by the UN Security Council to prosecute serious violations of humanitarian laws that were committed in Rwanda in 1994.

During the summer, Junko had the opportunity to do substantial legal research and drafting on two major cases, participate in deliberations with the judges, and observe trial proceedings.

Jack was an intern at the ICTR in spring 2011 through the school’s new International Justice & Conflict Resolution Field Placement (semester-in-practice), and continued into the summer. During his internship, he worked full time as a law clerk for the court and engaged in all aspects of litigation.
KINSHASA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO – SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND

• Search for Common Ground works to transform the way the world deals with conflict—away from adversarial approaches and towards collaborative problem solving.

• Ilunga worked for a Search for Common Ground program called Lobi Mokolo Ya Sika, which engages in conflict resolution and community peace-keeping education efforts. Through Lobi Mokolo Ya Sika, citizens in the targeted districts of Kinshasa benefited from an improved security situation through improved DRC army behavior, diminished impunity, and increased positive civil-military relationships.
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