

# Center for Justice and Accountability

## Torture, Former Combatants, Political Prisoners, Terror Suspects, & Terrorists

<https://cja.org/what-we-do/transitional-justice-initiatives/transitional-justice-strategy/>

### Mission Statement

CJA pursues an innovative transitional justice strategy that integrates the best practices in the fields of transitional justice, international human rights litigation, international criminal investigation and litigation, rule of law, and the broader human rights movement.

Rooted in our deep experience pursuing survivor centered transnational litigation, CJA pursues transitional justice initiatives that empower survivor communities and local practitioners to prosecute atrocity criminals in the countries where these crimes were committed or to lay the groundwork for future accountability.

**Transitional justice** refers to the range of approaches societies take as they move from periods of armed conflict or repression toward rule of law and respect for human rights. Achieving such a transformation practically and morally requires special attention to the voices of victims and survivors, especially those who belong to marginalized groups, such as women, children, and religious, sexual, or ethnic minorities.

Although each transitional setting is unique, transitional justice is often thought to consist of four elements:

CJA contributes to transitional justice in two registers: First, we directly represent victims and survivors seeking **justice, truth, and reparation** in litigation. Second, we develop creative, strategic, and nimble initiatives designed to assist local practitioners striving for **non-recurrence** of these crimes through holding human rights criminals accountable in the countries where their crimes were committed, or in laying the groundwork for future accountability.



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### GERALD GRAY LEGACY CIRCLE

GERALD GRAY FOUNDED CJA IN 1998 AND CONTINUES  
WORKING TO HELP TORTURE SURVIVORS TODAY.

#### Join the Gerald Gray Legacy Circle

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*"We will never catch all the torturers—but we will always catch some,  
and none of them will ever know who is next."*