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Dear Friends,

At the Center for Justice and Accountability, we stand up for the rights of all people, challenge impunity, and demand accountability for human rights abuses. As new global realities reshape our world, this mission - and your steadfast support - are more vital than ever before.

We will continue our fight for justice and accountability, shoulder to shoulder with our clients; we remain undaunted in the face of those who would erect barriers to justice. It is only when the rights of all people are protected and ensured that true peace and security is possible. It is only when we respect others and move forward together to challenge injustice that human rights become real. Nothing deters us. And our clients deserve no less.

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This year, CJA:

- Filed the first Syrian war crimes case against the Syrian regime;
- Won a case against a Pinochet officer living in Florida for the torture and murder of renowned Chilean folk singer Victor Jara; and
- Secured the extradition of a former Salvadoran Minister of Defense found liable for torture and crimes against humanity.

We could not have accomplished any of this without you. You are a mainstay in our struggle against injustice. With your support, together, we work to build a society that denies human rights abusers a safe haven, guards against future human rights violations, and contributes to a global community where no human rights abuse goes unchallenged.

With deep appreciation,

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MISSION

The Center for Justice and Accountability is an international human rights organization dedicated to deterring torture, war crimes, crimes against humanity and other severe human rights abuses around the world through litigation, policy advocacy and outreach in pursuit of truth, justice and redress for victims and survivors.

STRATEGY

CJA uses the fullest extent of the law – often in savvy and innovative ways – to bring human rights abusers to justice. We use a unique combination of tools – litigation, transitional justice, and policy – to hold these perpetrators accountable.



Litigation: CJA prosecutes human rights abusers. Our cases address some of the world's worst atrocities – from the genocide in Guatemala to the campaign of terror led by Pol Pot's regime in Cambodia. We are relentless in the pursuit of justice and truth for those who have endured the horrors of torture, crimes against humanity and other severe human rights abuses.



Transitional Justice: CJA has pioneered efforts in post-conflict countries to hold human rights abusers criminally accountable in national courts. We have worked on historic trials – including the Ríos Montt trial in Guatemala and the Accomarca Massacre trial in Peru. CJA believes that global justice requires a multi-layered approach, and we are proud to partner with NGOs worldwide in building the rule of law.



Policy: CJA has played a significant role in developing human rights policy in the United States, including testifying before Congress in support of the Child Soldiers Accountability Act and the Genocide Accountability Act. Working with policymakers and civil society groups, CJA crafts and supports policies that ensure the effective prosecution of atrocity crimes, deny safe haven to their perpetrators, and protect and rehabilitate their victims.

WHERE WE WORK



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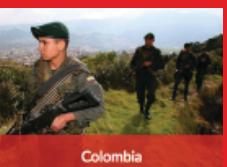
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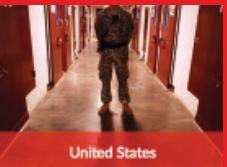
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United States

CHILE



JUSTICE FOR VICTOR JARA

...one of the...most significant legal human rights victories.

-THE GUARDIAN, JUNE 27, 2016

Forty-three years after Victor Jara was tortured and murdered during a military coup by General Augusto Pinochet that rattled Chile, his 88-year-old widow and two daughters found truth and justice in a Florida courtroom in June 2016.

A federal jury found a former Pinochet officer, Pedro Pablo Barrientos, liable for Mr. Jara's torture and execution, awarding \$28m in damages to his widow and daughters. The jury heard testimony from soldiers, including one who said that Barrientos repeatedly bragged about killing Mr. Jara, brandishing the pistol he said was the gun that delivered two bullets to Victor's head.



The Center for Justice and Accountability and pro bono co-counsel Chadbourne & Parke filed a civil suit against Mr. Barrientos near the fortieth anniversary of the Pinochet coup. CJA spearheaded a multi-year investigation that led its investigators from one end of Chile to the other to speak with soldiers who often remain reluctant to speak out about what happened even today. We filed lawsuit under the Torture Victim Protection Act designed to hold perpetrators who flee to the U.S. accountable for torture committed elsewhere.



Mr. Jara's daughter Manuela said, "These eight days have been emotionally intense. They concentrated all of the pain, sadness and anger Chile has gone through, and specifically the horrors at the Chile Stadium. The culture of lies, cover-ups and bullying was pulverized by the weight of the truth in this courtroom." The New York Times, June 28, 2016

Mr. Jara's songs about poverty and injustice are played throughout the world today. Chile Stadium, where he was killed, is now named in his honor. Rolling Stone Magazine called him one of the top protest artists of all time. Bono, Bruce Springsteen, Holly Near, and Joan Baez have all paid tribute to his legacy. Mr. Jara's legacy grows a little brighter, as do the hearts of all the victims and survivors, now that a Florida jury has delivered some measure of justice.



BUILDING A GLOBAL NET OF ACCOUNTABILITY

CJA made significant progress in the past year leveraging courts in the U.S., Spain and El Salvador to advance justice and accountability for the deaths of 75,000 Salvadorans that occurred during a brutal civil war.



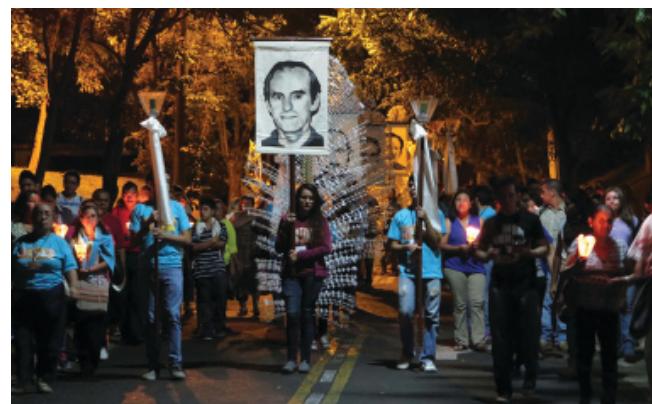
In January 2016, following CJA's successful civil case and subsequent U.S. immigration proceedings, the US deported former Salvadoran Minister of Defense General Garcia. Garcia played a key command role in the El Mozote massacre, the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero and the murder of four U.S. churchwomen. He now risks criminal prosecution in El Salvador. CJA's client in the *Garcia* case, Dr. Juan Romagoza, told *The National Catholic Reporter*, "It was a special moment to be standing with other 'victims of the war and relatives of the disappeared and shouting with them and longing for justice in our country."

In February, a North Carolina magistrate judge ruled that the former Salvadoran Vice Minister of Public Security, Colonel Inocente Montano, is eligible for extradition to Spain to face criminal trial in the Jesuits Massacre case filed by CJA and the Association for Human Rights in Madrid. ABC News called the decision an "historic ruling." CJA client Carlos Martín Baró, brother of Father Ignacio Martín Baró,

one of the murdered Jesuit priests, said, "The fact that the Colonel Montano may face trial in Spain won't heal the pain but is a victory for all people who seek justice."

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In July 2016, the Salvadoran Supreme Court struck down a 1993 amnesty law, a decision CJA has long advocated. CJA Senior Advisor Patty Blum told *The New York Times*, "Every rock that was in the path is being thrown to one side." The judgment clears the way to try perpetrators of atrocities committed during the civil war.



In October, with the amnesty law invalidated, a Salvadoran judge reopened the investigation into the 1981 El Mozote Massacre, where an elite army unit is accused of murdering at least 900 civilians. General Garcia was Minister of Defense at the time. CJA will advocate that he stand trial in El Salvador.



PERU

ACHIEVING JUSTICE IN-COUNTRY

The impact of CJA's work is rarely immediate. Meticulous investigations require years of research, and legal proceedings can be long and arduous. This year, another CJA case reached a full-circle victory. From the ashes of a mountain village to a U.S. courtroom to the National Court of Peru, CJA stood with our clients as they finally achieved justice in Peru.



Teofila and Cirila were just 12 and 13 years old when their Quechua community in the Andes was caught in the crossfire between the Peruvian government and a Maoist

rebel group known as the Cendero Luminoso, or the Shining Path. On August 14, 1985, soldiers stormed the village of Accomarca, inexplicably massacring its citizens after finding no rebels. The two girls hid behind a rock and watched in horror as soldiers rounded up women and children into the local school, shot them, and burned the building to the ground.

Sixty-nine people lost their lives in what became known as the Accomarca Massacre, the first massacre against the Quechua people in Peru and the last one to receive any justice for its victims.

In 2007, CJA, along with pro bono counsel at Morgan Lewis filed two civil suits against soldiers who fled to the U.S. to escape responsibility for the massacre, one against Juan Rivera Rondón in Maryland and the other against Telmo Hurtado in Florida. In Florida, a judge found Hurtado liable for crimes against humanity and ordered he pay \$37 million in damages to our clients.

In 2011, Hurtado was extradited to Peru to face criminal charges, marking the first time ever that U.S. authorities had honored an extradition request for torture and genocide. We suspended our civil case in Maryland against Rondón so that he too could be deported to Peru to stand criminal trial. CJA assisted the Peruvian criminal prosecutors in their case.

On September 1, 2016, a Peruvian national court found Hurtado and Rondón guilty of grave human rights violations for their role in the massacre. Thirty-one years later, Teofila and Cirila saw their family's killers held accountable in their home country at last.



SOMALIA & SOMALILAND



DEVELOPING LEGAL PRECEDENT

...a landmark case

More than 1,900 war criminals from 50 countries are living freely in the United States today. One of them works at Dulles International Airport.

Colonel Yusuf Abdi Ali (aka "Tukeh") perpetrated horrific crimes in northern Somalia in the 1980's as a high-ranking commander under the Siad



Barre regime. One of his victims is Farhan Mohamoud Tani Warfaa, an Isaaq Somali survivor whom Tukeh shot five times at point blank range, leaving him for dead, after he had been tortured.

CJA, along with pro bono counsel at DLA Piper, have represented Farhan for fourteen years. In February, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit ruled that Tukeh could not claim immunity for torture, building on a precedent CJA had previously established. The court ruled that the case could finally proceed to trial for claims brought under the Torture Victim Protection Act.

Tukeh has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to take his case and reverse the immunity precedent – the effect of which

would allow war criminals to flee to the U.S. to escape accountability for their actions. CJA has asked the Supreme Court to let the precedent stand. Should the Supreme Court take the case, we argue that it should also consider whether to reverse a prior Supreme Court decision in *Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum* that, as interpreted by lower courts to date, has precluded claims under the Alien Tort Statute for crimes against humanity, giving perpetrators a means to escape punishment for the most terrifying crimes.

"If the [Supreme Court] agrees to hear [Warfaa v. Ali], it could become a landmark case over whether foreigners living in the U.S. can be held accountable for crimes allegedly committed overseas." –CNN, JUNE 2, 2016



At the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals



SYRIA

PROTECTING JOURNALISTS

In 2012, renowned American war correspondent Marie Colvin was one of several foreign journalists who traveled to Homs, Syria to report on the Assad regime's assault on civilians. A veteran reporter with London's *Sunday Times*, Marie had covered conflict zones in Chechnya, Iraq, Libya and Sri Lanka during her 25-year career. Working out of a basement apartment converted into a makeshift media center in the opposition-held neighborhood of Baba Amr, Marie reported back to audiences across the world that the atrocities being committed by the regime of President Bashar al-Assad were more harrowing than anything she had seen throughout her career. She said to CNN's Anderson Cooper, it is "a complete and utter lie that they're only going after terrorists. The Syrian army is simply shelling a city of cold, starving civilians."



That was her last broadcast. Syrian forces bombed the media center within hours, killing Marie and French photographer Remi Ochlik, and wounding others. Marie's death sent a harrowing reminder to all of the grave danger of reporting in areas where the government does not want the world to know what is happening. CJA Staff



Attorney Scott Gilmore said, "The [Assad] regime wanted to wage a war without witness.... To do that, they needed to neutralize the media."

After a three-year investigation, on July 9, 2016, we

filed the first war crimes lawsuit against the government of Syria for the murder of Marie Colvin on behalf of Marie's sister, Cathleen Colvin; her niece, Justine Araya-Colvin; and other surviving family members. We have joined with co-counsel Shearman & Sterling LLP, and are grateful to our partners at the International Commission for Justice and Accountability and Reporters Sans Frontieres. Cat said, "I want to keep Marie's voice alive by refocusing attention on the unimaginable suffering endured by innocent civilians in Syria. They are living under siege, bombed relentlessly, tortured, starved and killed every day. I want the world to pay attention to what is happening and realize that none of us would know of the atrocities being committed without the dedication of journalists who risk their lives to show us."

"She's... responsible of everything that befall on her..."

-PRESIDENT BASHAR AL-ASSAD ON THE MURDER OF MARIE COLVIN, NBC EVENING NEWS

OTHER WORK



BOLIVIA: In June 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit sided with the arguments made in CJA's amicus brief and affirmed denial of the motion to dismiss Torture Victim Protection Act (TVPA) claims. Our partners at the Center for Constitutional Rights filed an Alien Tort Statute/TVPA lawsuit against the former President of Bolivia and former Minister of Defense

for the use of deadly force against unarmed civilians during anti-government demonstrations in 2003. The case is now one step closer to moving to trial.



CAMBODIA: CJA represents 45 Cambodian-American civil parties before the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) in cases against two senior leaders of the Khmer Rouge, Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan in Case 002/02. CJA has actively provided evidence for the case, which covers atrocities including genocide, forced marriage and rape, cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment of Buddhists, and internal purges. In a prior case against the same two leaders, Case 002/1, the ECCC cited CJA's clients' testimony extensively in rendering a guilty verdict concerning the forced evacuation of Phnom Pehn.



GUATEMALA: CJA has been asked by a prosecutor in the Attorney General's office in Guatemala to coordinate efforts with the victims and survivors of the CREOMPZ massacre. On January 8, 2016, the Guatemalan government ordered the arrest of 26 soldiers for their role in the murder and disappearance of civilians related to the mass graves found at a military site. CJA has a long-standing relationship with many of the families based on our engagement on the Guatemala Genocide case in Spain.

CJA plays “key role in bringing war criminals to justice.”

-SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

HAITI: On June 30, 2016, the New York State Board of Parole denied parole for Emmanuel "Toto" Constant. In October 2006, CJA and the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) won a civil suit against Constant, who had headed the paramilitary death squad known as FRAPH, which orchestrated a systematic campaign of rape and other torture, arson, and executions against the residents of the poorest communities in Haiti. CJA and CCR filed a submission urging the parole board to consider evidence of Constant's long history of human rights crimes in weighing whether to grant him an early release. In July 2008, a New York state court had sentenced Constant to 37 years for his role in a criminal mortgage fraud scheme.



CJA by the Numbers

1,900
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24
years

Telmo Hurtado sentenced
to prison for Accomarca
Massacre in Peru

150
journalists killed by
Syrian regime since 2011

 **125**
CJA news stories
in 2016

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 **2** human
rights awards
received

Up to **1.3 million**
refugee torture survivors in U.S.

\$4.2 million
in donated pro bono services

\$28 million
awarded to the wife and
daughters of Victor Jara
for his murder



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Facebook likes

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Twitter followers

Get Involved!

1. Volunteer: Countless hours of difficult work are required to secure justice for our clients and support our cause. CJA relies on our volunteers to help us in a myriad of ways, from providing pro bono legal assistance, to assisting with events highlighting our clients' situations, to supporting outreach to diaspora communities. By volunteering your time, you become an important part of our team. Sign up to be on our volunteer roster and let us know how you can help.

2. Advocate: As CJA works to strengthen the global accountability network, we encourage the United States and other nations to enhance their domestic legal frameworks to end impunity for gross human rights violations, sign and enforce relevant international treaties,

and create new, meaningful protections and redress for victims of torture and other human rights abuses. Learn more about CJA by subscribing to receive information about our work, including our advocacy efforts, and then lend your voice to the call for action.

3. Donate: Now more than ever, CJA's work helps define the world we want to see – a world where those responsible for the most egregious human rights abuses are held accountable, a world where survivors receive justice and rule of law prevails, a world where we all are working together to combat violations of the most basic rights. Our work could not happen without the generous support of individuals like you. Interviewing torture survivors, gathering evidence in the U.S. and overseas, and assisting our counterparts around the world to investigate and prosecute human rights abuses requires significant resources. Your meaningful contribution makes a critical difference.

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Operating Revenue & Expenses*

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

OPERATING REVENUES

Foundation Grants**	\$1,237,000
UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture	\$20,000
Individual and Corporate Contributions	\$483,673
In-Kind Contributions***	\$4,393,282
Investment Income	-\$540
Total Operating Revenues	\$6,133,415

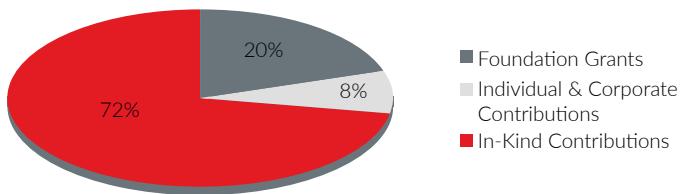
OPERATING EXPENSES

Program	\$5,512,777
Administration	\$224,909
Fundraising	\$173,568
Total Operating Expenses	\$5,911,254

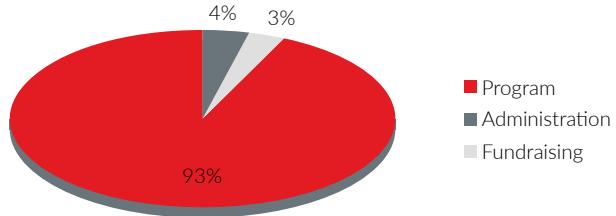
PROGRAM EXPENSES

Program	93%
Administration	4%
Fundraising	3%

Income by Category



Expenses by Category



*Based on audited figures for July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. An audited financial statement is available upon request.

**This figure includes \$1,079,167 in temporarily restricted grants.

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