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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Society worked diligently in 2023 to advance its mission to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and mainte-





nance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. The 2023 Annual Report is a testimony to the highly successful fundraising year that surpassed targets.

Twenty-five new or upgraded Patrons and major donors now comprise the largest list of Patrons and Sustaining Contributors in the Society's recent memory.

In 2023, the Society convened nearly 60 international law events, including our 117th Annual Meeting in April and several webinars addressing international law implications of the Israel/Hamas war. In December, we organized our Stand Tall for the Rule of Law Summit in Lviv, Ukraine, held from December 7 to 10. Thanks to generous government, foundation, corporate, and individual contributions, about \$300,000 in direct and in-kind support enabled the Society to convene 150 international law experts in Lviv, Ukraine, to work in collaboration with our colleague society, the Ukrainian Association of International Law, where we marked the 75th anniversaries of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the Genocide Convention. Together, we identified and discussed key international law issues facing Ukraine. The Summit will be followed by a major symposium with Just Security, an edited book, and a documentary film.

Last year we convened, and are now publishing the proceedings of, our second symposium on Reparations under International Law for Enslavement of African Persons in the Americas and the Caribbean. The symposium, which focused on the issue of compensation and featured a one-of-a-kind report by the Brattle Group attempting to quantify damages for those who were enslaved, was organized with The University of the West Indies and convened by our past Honorary President Judge Patrick L. Robinson of the International Court of Justice.

On November 9-11, the Society convened its Fourteenth Midyear Meeting in Pittsburgh, with sponsorships from ten law firms and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. It attracted nearly 250 participants from around the world and featured a Practitioners' Forum held at the law firm Jones Day and a Research Forum at the Law School. We were honored to have a keynote from Ms. Olena (Lana) Zerkal, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, and Agent of Ukraine before the International Court of Justice. We look forward to the 2024 Midyear Meeting at the University of Chicago Law School.

The year also saw the launch of new ASIL chapters in New York and Miami. The New York chapter has over one hundred eighty members, and its inaugural event at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP featured a keynote address by Miguel de Serpa Soares, the United Nations Legal Counsel and Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Conference that adopted the Agreement on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.

In July 2023, we welcomed a new Director of Finance, Josephine Shikongo-Asino, who has already made great strides in helping the Society streamline its processes and identify opportunities for financial growth.

The Society, led by its Working Group on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, continues to institutionalize its DEI policies through our interest groups, at our annual and midyear meetings, and all other events. In parallel, the Society is making new efforts to engage younger people as a core part of its mission and reinvigorating its relationship with the International Law Students Association, which was once part of the Society.

We are immensely grateful for your support, without which the Society would be unable to carry out its vital mission. Your generosity means so much to us, and we look forward to what lies ahead for the Society in 2024.

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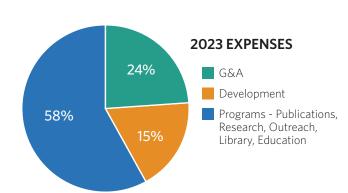
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