

Liman Fellowship Report
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As a 2015 Liman Fellow, I supported the work of the Office of Global Criminal Justice (GCJ) within the U.S. Department of State. The Office of Global Criminal Justice advises the Secretary of State and other elements of the U.S. government on the prevention of, and response to, atrocity crimes.¹ This fellowship afforded me the opportunity to contribute to policy guidance on transitional justice issues globally, including ways to ensure justice and accountability for war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and other grave violations of human rights.

The Office of Global Criminal Justice provides subject matter expertise with respect to atrocity crimes.² The office also serves as a U.S. government point of contact for international, mixed, and hybrid tribunals exercising jurisdiction over genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes globally.³ It is responsible for implementing part of the U.S. Rewards for Justice Program, and is represented on the Atrocities Prevention Board.⁴ The first advisor to the Secretary of State on U.S. policy responses to atrocity crimes was appointed in 1997,⁵ and I had the pleasure of serving under U.S. Ambassador-at-Large Stephen Rapp and Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large Jane E. Stromseth.

I am grateful for the support I received from the Arthur J. Liman Foundation, which enabled me to contribute to the work of this Office. Upon completion of my

¹ U.S. Department of State, *About Us*, <http://www.state.gov/j/gcj/c53694.htm> (last visited August 19 2015).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

Fellowship, I will enroll as a student at Harvard Law School, in pursuit of joint Masters of Public Affairs and Law degrees at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Affairs and Harvard Law School respectively. As a Liman Fellow and Graduate Associate with the Law and Public Affairs program at Princeton University, I hope to foster discussion among students, faculty, and visiting researchers on topics related to an evolving global criminal justice agenda, and transitional justice broadly.