

For Six Month Period Ending 11/30/2008  
(insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant: Hill & Knowlton, Inc.  
(b) Registration No.: 3301

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant  
607 Fourteenth Street, NW  
Suite 300  
Washington, D.C. 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

- (a) If an individual:
  - (1) Residence address(es) Yes  No
  - (2) Citizenship Yes  No
  - (3) Occupation Yes  No
- (b) If an organization:
  - (1) Name Yes  No
  - (2) Ownership or control Yes  No
  - (3) Branch offices Yes  No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).**

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

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4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
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See attachment I (4-a)

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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See attachment I (4-b)

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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
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See attachment I (5-b)

(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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See attachment I (5-c)

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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC)

Association of Dutch Insurers (Verbond van Verzekeraars)

Beijing Organizing Committee for Games of XXIX Olympiad

Special Court for Sierra Leone

Government of Singapore, Prime Minister's Office (through Hill & Knowlton, Singapore)

Qatar Financial Centre Authority (through Hill & Knowlton Qatar, LLC)

10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No   
Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

### III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?                      Yes                       No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:  
See attachment III (11)

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below?  
Yes                       No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See attachment III (11)

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals?                      Yes                       No

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>5</sup> The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

## IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes  No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies<sup>6</sup>.

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
Various	Association of Dutch Insurers (Verbond van Verzekeraars)	Payment for Services	\$74,177.44
Various	Special Court for Sierra Leone	Payment for Services	\$50,427.19

\$124,604.63

Total

### (b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

### (c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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<sup>6</sup> 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

<sup>8</sup> An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

<sup>9</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.



**(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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10. 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials<sup>12</sup>?  
Yes  No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Special Court for Sierra Leone  
Qatar Financial Centre Authority (through Hill & Knowlton Qatar, LLC)

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Internet
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) US Trade Journalists, reporters, PR Newswire

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No   
**Copies are filed as a part of this supplemental statement.**

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes  No

See item #22 above.

<sup>12</sup> The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature )

(Type or print name under each signature<sup>13</sup>)

DECEMBER 23, 2009

*Lisa Schuyler*

LISA SCHUYLER

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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.





U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

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THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT  
SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not currently functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please indicate the date of termination.

**Short Form List for Registrant: Hill & Knowlton, Inc.**

Last Name	First Name	Registration Date	Termination Date
Cox	James O. III	3/13/2002	
Mankiewicz	Frank	7/18/1983	
Wallace	Brownwyn	6/10/2004	
Sandusky	Patrick	5/15/2006	6/1/2008
Kontos	Michael	5/15/2006	
Goldberg	Judy	1/31/2007	
Boettrich	Katherine	5/30/2007	
Etchison	Debbie	5/30/2007	
Morrison	Daniel A.	5/30/2007	
Anderson	Jessica Juliet	8/9/2007	6/1/2008
Buchanan	Sheila	8/9/2007	
Tsai	Michelle	8/9/2007	
Vernon	Robert M.	8/9/2007	7/31/2008
McHugh	Nicki	8/9/2007	7/24/2008
Poulos	Peter	8/9/2007	
Mollick	Ariel	12/6/2007	
Williams	Michele	12/6/2007	12/31/2008
King	Peter	12/6/2007	5/1/2008
Gregson	James L.W.	12/6/2007	4/22/2008
Vercillo	Margaret	1/29/2008	10/17/2008
Smith	Douglas	1/29/2008	6/13/2008
Kenny	Colleen	6/30/2008	11/30/2008

Last Name	First Name	Registration Date	Termination Date
Williams	Amanda	6/30/2008	
Ryu	Hyun Jung	6/30/2008	
Friedman	Denton	6/30/2008	7/25/2008
Pettit	Noble Gregory	6/30/2008	
Gunst	Jennifer	6/30/2008	6/30/2008
Casey	David	6/30/2008	8/6/2008
Tinsley	Jamie N.	6/30/2008	
Miller	Cynthia	6/30/2008	11/30/2008
Mackin	Rory	6/30/2008	
Sfikas	Athanasia	6/30/2008	6/30/2008
Elliot	Kevin R.	6/30/2008	6/30/2008
Amestoy	Erica	6/30/2008	6/30/2008

**Additional Registrants to be included:**

Last Name	First Name	Registration Date	Termination Date
Ames	Alexandra	12/23/2008	
Crane	Emily	6/22/2007	
Derman	Mitchell	12/23/2008	
Friar	Sarah	12/23/2008	
Griffin	Megan	12/23/2008	
Hyde	Richard	7/19/2007	
Lamb	Austin	12/23/2008	
Mangum	Jeffrey	12/23/2008	
Mahoney	Anne	1/31/2007	
Mangold	Ann	12/23/2008	
Nelson	Deborah	6/22/2007	
Pauser	Manuel	12/23/2008	
Rao	Aditi	12/20/2007	
Rosenberg	Aaron	12/23/2008	
Silva	Abraham	12/23/2008	
Sobut	Lauren	12/23/2008	
Stegeman	Saskia	6/22/2007	
Stewart	Hanna	12/23/2008	
Tragaskis	Charles	5/29/2007	
Ullyot	Jonathan	10/7/2007	
Wood	Erin	12/23/2008	



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Washington, DC 20530

SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: DECEMBER 22, 2008  
Title: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER  
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**Attachment I (4-a)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Date Connection Ended</u></b>
Glassroth, Juliet R.	Vice President	06/13/2008
Alltmont, Rachel S.	Vice President	06/20/2008
Frick, Jeffrey S.	Senior Vice President	06/30/2008
McHugh, Nicola F.	Vice President	07/24/2008
Dent, Daniel D.	Vice President	08/15/2008
Hoedeman, Christina	Vice President	08/15/2008
O'Connor, Maureen D.	Senior Vice President	09/05/2008
Robinson, Melissa L.	Senior Vice President	09/11/2008
Parsons, Kelli	General Manager	10/07/2008
Gumpert, Elisabeth N.	Senior Vice President	10/31/2008
Radziejewski, Walter J.	Vice President	10/31/2008
Wasserman, Marc D.	Senior Vice President	11/07/2008
Kelly, Nancy K.	Senior Vice President	11/13/2008
Smith, Douglas	Senior Advisor	06/13/2008
Frick, Jin Li	Senior Vice President	11/14/2008

Attachment I (4-b)

NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	CITIZENSHIP	POSITION	DATE ASSUMED
Trigonoplos, Darren S.	8758 King George Court , Promert MD 20675	US	Senior Vice President	06/02/2008
Wilson Syrek, Kristen	433-5 Main Street, Medford MA 2052	US	Vice President	06/09/2008
Leous, Sean T.	31-22 30th Street, Astoria NY 11106	US	Vice President	06/10/2008
Kehs, Michael D.	2508 Lakevale Drive, Vienna VA 22181	US	General Manager	06/30/2008
Woods-Williams, Wendy E.	650 Second Street, Hoboken NJ 7030	US	Senior Vice President	06/30/2008
Padilla, Ricardo	3011 Noriega Street, San Francisco CA 94122	US	Financial Director	07/07/2008
Vickery, Thomas S.	201 West 16th Street, New York NY 10011	US	Senior Vice President	09/03/2008
Champlain, Susan W.	911 North 30th Street, Renton WA 98056	US	Vice President	09/30/2008
Bryant, Leslie A.	3714 East 6th Street, Long Beach CA 90814	US	Vice President	10/06/2008
Zinkowski, Charles R.	2137 Syamore Avenue, Ronkonkoma NY 11779	US	Vice President	10/31/2008

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Attachment I (5-b)

NAME	POSITION OR CONNECTION	DATE TERMINATED
Vernon, Robert	Senior Account Supervisor	07/31/2008
McHugh, Nicki	Vice President	07/24/2008
Vercillo, Margaret	Account Executive	10/17/2008
Smith, Douglas	Senior Advisor	06/13/2008
Friedman, Denton	Account Executive	07/25/2008
Casey, David	Assistant Account Executive	08/06/2008
Brand, Justine	Intern	8/15/2008
Mangold, Ann	Senior Account Supervisor	10/31/2008

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Attachment I (5-c)

<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE ADDRESS</b>	<b>CITIZENSHIP</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>DATE ASSUMED</b>
Sarah Friar	382 Third Avenue, New York, NY	US	Assistant Account Executive	7/21/2008
Abraham Silva	14109 Country Manor Drive, Sugarland TX	US	Intern	8/8/2008
Hanna Stewart	5200 Chamberlin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD	US	Assistant Account Executive	11/17/2008

### **Attachment III (11)**

Association of Dutch Insurers (Verbond van Verzekeraars):

Provided advice and counsel principally on legislation concerning retroactive policy claims and met with congressional representatives regarding the same.

Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC)

Provided public relations, media and communications counsel.

Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (through Hill & Knowlton China)

Provided public relations communications and public relations counsel related to the Organization of the XXIX Olympic Games.

Special Court for Sierra Leone

Provided counsel and public relations services including to raise awareness and support for the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Government of Singapore, Prime Minister's Office (through Hill & Knowlton, Singapore)

Developed and executed a public relations plan to promote opportunities in Singapore to target U.S. audiences, including through press communications and media efforts, outreach to universities and other organizations, and securing of a speaking opportunity.

Qatar Financial Center (through Hill & Knowlton Qatar, LLC)

Provided public relations counsel and assistance to create awareness among the U.S. media of business and financial opportunities in Qatar.

Attachment IV (15-a)

Description	Saudi Basic Industry Corporation (SABIC)	Association of Dutch Insurers	Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (through Hill & Knowlton China)	Qatar Financial Centre Authority (through Hill & Knowlton Qatar LLC)	Special Court for Sierra Leone
Copies/Printing/Supplies	308.45			252.00	
Meals/Entertainment/Travel	35,857.54	304.17	7,316.60	668.55	302.80
Consultants	3,399.60				
Telephone/Fax	35.76	68.86	1,161.67		
Monitoring	572.00		1,535.33	756.33	
Office Service Fee			4,107.60		
Postage & Freight	1,487.69				15.64
Fees from overseas affiliates	403,696.62		30,567.06		22,121.77

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# **Informational materials**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Special Court for Sierra Leone Reaches Major Milestones:  
*Landmark rulings reached in convictions*  
*Finds forced marriage to be a crime against humanity***

***Two of Four Trials Concluded; Testimony Ends in Third***

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE, June 26, 2008 — The Special Court for Sierra Leone reached a milestone in its work to bring justice and reconciliation to the people of Sierra Leone affected by the long civil war. On June 24, 2008, testimony in the trial of the three former rebels representing the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) ended. This follows the conclusion on May 28, 2008, of the second of the four trials, with the majority of the Appeals Chamber upholding convictions against the Civil Defence Forces (CDF) for war crimes and crimes against humanity. In February, verdicts against three defendants in the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) were upheld by the Appeals Chamber.

The verdict in the AFRC trial marked the first time an international court convicted persons for the conscription and use of child soldiers as well as for forced marriage. The judgment set an international precedent in finding that forced marriage constitutes as a crime against humanity and is separate from the crime of sexual slavery.

In the AFRC appeal, a statement read by Presiding Judge Justice George Gelaga King underscored their convictions. He proclaimed justice had been served in ruling that, "The Trials Chamber found Brima, Kamara and Kanu responsible for some of the most heinous, brutal and atrocious crimes ever recorded in human history. "

The Appeals Chamber upheld the sentences handed down by the Trial Chamber. Alex Tamba Brima and Santigie Borbor Kanu each were sentenced to 50 years imprisonment while Brima Bazzy Kamara received 45 years of imprisonment.

In the CDF trial, the Appeals Chamber upheld convictions of Moinina Fofana and Allieu Kondewa for murder and cruel treatment as war crimes. The Appeals Chamber also entered two new convictions against both men for murder and inhumane acts as crimes against humanity. They ruled that although the accused were considered to be fighting for the cause of restoring the legitimate government to power, this "just cause" could not justify the commission of serious crimes. It also is not a mitigating circumstance in the determining the length of sentences.

The Judges said, "The CDF, largely Kamajors, engaged the combined RUF/AFRC forces in armed conflict in various parts of Sierra Leone – to include the towns of Tongo Field, Kenema, Bo, Koribondo and surrounding areas and the Districts of Moyamba and Bonthe. Civilians, including women and children, who were suspected to have

supported, sympathized with, or simply failed to actively resist the combined RUF/AFRC forces were termed 'Collaborators' and specifically targeted by the CDF." The Appeals Chamber, in a majority judgment, increased the sentences of both Fofana and Kondewa. Fofana received 15 years imprisonment while Kondewa received 20 years imprisonment.

The Court is working to identify countries where those convicted will serve their sentences.

Testimony in the trial of the three rebels representing the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) concluded on June 24, 2008. The trial of the three former rebels, Issa Hassan Sesay, Morris Kallon and Augustine Gbao opened in Freetown on July 5, 2004. The Judges heard 171 witnesses (86 witnesses for the Prosecution and 85 witnesses for the defence in total). A judgment is expected later this year.

The Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) was established by an agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone as an independent international criminal tribunal. The SCSL is the only international tribunal to sit in the country where the crimes under its jurisdiction took place. Its mandate is to prosecute "persons who bear the greatest responsibility for serious violations of international humanitarian law and Sierra Leonean law committed in the territory of Sierra Leone since 30 November, 1996."

## **Introducing a Hybrid from ... *Sierra Leone*?**

Look out Detroit. Move over Toyota. Sierra Leone is introducing its own brand of hybrid – and it is attracting significant attention from, well, lawyers and politicians. In its drive to justice, Sierra Leone is betting on a special international court that has a direct national impact. With a promising track record of five convictions for war crimes and crimes against humanity, the court is revving up for its true test: the next phase in the trial of Charles Taylor (which resumed in January 2008 after a postponement to give Taylor's new defense team time to prepare). This "hybrid" will be measured in terms of how it helps close the chapter on the atrocities that befell this West African country.

### ***A New Design***

National tribunals run the risk of being biased, retaliatory, and divisive. Defendants may receive support from loyalists, trials often become circuses, and – worst case – bloodshed is the result, which does little to mend a tattered social fabric or help citizens focus on building a constructive future. International tribunals sometimes fare no better. Perceived by locals as distinctly pro-Western meddling, often such proceedings lack the local credibility essential to heal deep, national wounds. Enter the Special Court for Sierra Leone, which deploys the best parts of both types of tribunals.

Established at the request of the Government of Sierra Leone, the Special Court attempts to meld the credibility advantages of a local tribunal with the safety valves of an international one. With the exception of Charles Taylor, the lightning rod tried in The Hague because of security concerns, all proceedings are conducted in the country where the alleged crimes took place – a marked departure from previous efforts to deal with reported war crimes and crimes against humanity. And a slew of tribunals formed in the '90s – from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) – were under the authority, funding, and staffing of the UN. Not Sierra Leone's. While it has a nod of approval from the UN, it is not funded or staffed directly by the international body.

There is also another difference – prosecutors may elect whether to pursue indictments under international or national law. Although the Statute allows for prosecutions under the domestic law of Sierra Leone, this has not been done (and has drawn criticism). That said, the tribunal's success should be judged ultimately on whether it establishes for locals a fair and functioning judicial system that brings closure to the conflict.

The May 2008 intermediate panel decisions affecting Allieu Kondewa and Moinina Fofana suggest that the Court is doing so. Although the Court is known primarily for prosecuting Charles Taylor, Kondewa and Fofana fought against the rebels backed by Charles Taylor. The recent decision to overturn some convictions and reconfirm others – and to do so against both sides – suggests what the Court is striving for the public to believe: that it is acting impartially and is being guided by the rule of law.

### *Meeting Consumer Demand?*

This is the true allure of (and challenge for) the Special Court – the active buy-in of the population. As Steven Rapp, the Chief Prosecutor in Charles Taylor’s case, says, the Special Court’s outreach program is “a model for almost any justice system in the world.” Called the “Grassroots Awareness Campaign,” outreach efforts include town meetings and grassroots organizing. Both are crucial efforts for success in West Africa where there is a critical lack of infrastructure and an inability to reach isolated areas. These initiatives are coupled with a concerted effort for increased media coverage. As the Hon. Robert H. Alsdorf (Ret.), the Chair of the American Bar Association’s Sierra Leone Task Force, confirms in an ABA publication, Sierra Leone’s “outreach has been so successful that the International Courts for Yugoslavia and Rwanda have come to Sierra Leone to study the process.” The outreach involves three key elements: town meetings, Accountability Now Clubs, and media coverage.

### *Encouraged to “Kick the Tires”*

There is concerted effort through town meetings to keep citizens involved in and informed about how the Special Court operates, who is being brought to justice, and the results. There are district outreach officers and videos about the tribunal. There are also regular outreach meetings, which the Special Court reports total over 1,500 each year. Key members of the Special Court – including the Court’s Registrar, Principal Defender, and Chief Prosecutor – even go off-road to remote parts of the country to conduct them.

The town meetings seem an effort to inform remote communities about the Special Court, its operations, and its progress as well as permit citizens to ask questions and air concerns about the pursuit of justice. Conducted by Special Court staff members, reportedly attendees number anywhere from fifty to four hundred people per meeting. And recognizing that those in neighboring countries have suffered, reportedly there is an effort to extend outreach efforts to Liberia and Guinea as well.

### *Revival of the Auto Club*

But the Special Court has not stopped with town meetings. Another new feature touted by the Hybrid: “Accountability Now Clubs,” a form of grassroots organizing. Geared to high school and college students, representatives of the Special Court advise that the clubs are meant “to build understanding for the rule of law, good governance, and a national judicial system ... We hope that these clubs instill a thirst for justice and the means for [peacefully] achieving it so the Court’s legacy will not merely be a fair trial for Charles Taylor and the righting of wrongs committed by his regime.”

### *Media Coverage*

The third leg of the stool in the Special Court’s outreach effort centers on strengthening media coverage of its activities. Capitalizing on the separate and independent work being done by the BBC World Service Trust and Search for Common Ground, a local Sierra

Leone non-profit organization, the Special Court hopes that increased media attention will bring a feeling of transparency and, ultimately, legitimacy – particularly as Sierra Leone itself struggles with the concepts of a free and impartial press. (For instance, the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists sued the government in a domestic Sierra Leone court over its libel statute – which has been used to incarcerate journalists who criticize the administration – on February 25, 2008.)

### *Financial Viability Unclear*

Although a solid source of pride within Sierra Leone, this type of effort also presents obvious financial challenges. Without the deep pockets of the UN, the Special Court is forced to rely solely on voluntary contributions from donor countries. It is not easy to adjudicate a case involving alleged crimes against humanity. It is even harder to do so without the necessary financial resources.

Whatever the ultimate result of the Special Court – and its future success and impact remains to be determined – it is a solid and creative attempt to combine the best practices of international law with the legitimacy of a local court. It presents a vehicle for healing national wounds, bringing criminals to justice, and permitting citizens to actively participate in legitimate trials. In doing so, the Special Court may achieve ultimately what everyone should want: confidence in the rule of law and the glimmer of a brighter, stable future.

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