



## *WSBA World Peace through Law Section*

November 2011

“These are times in which a genius would wish to live. It is not in the still calm of life, or the repose of a pacific station, that great characters are formed.”  
-Abigail Adams, 1780

### **Gross National Happiness and Effective Justice** *Tuesday, December 13, 2011*

The Section’s next meeting is Tuesday, December 13, 2011, noon – 1:30 p.m. and features Section Chair Patricia Paul speaking on *Gross National Happiness and Effective Justice*. In 1972, Bhutan’s King Jigme Singye Wangchuck coined the term **gross national happiness (GNH)** in an attempt to define an indicator that measures quality of life or social progress in broader terms than only gross domestic product (GDP).

GNH is easier to describe than to calculate with mathematical precision, and includes four pillars: promotion of sustainable development, preservation and promotion of cultural values, conservation of the natural environment, and establishment of good governance. Bhutan’s transition from monarchy to democracy is only one example of a legal reform improving GNH. For more information, see <http://grossnationalhappiness.com/>.

Attorney Patricia Paul, a member of the Swinomish and the Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Courts, will have just returned from Bhutan after two weeks lecturing on the topic of transformative cultures at the Royal Academy. See <http://patriciapauljd.com/lectures.aspx>. In July 2012, Paul will be co-convenor at the 54th International Congress of Americanists in Vienna; the theme of that congress is “Building Dialogues in the Americas.”

Our December 13 meeting will also include the Section’s annual elections.

**Where:** 1111 Third Ave., Third Floor Conference Room, Seattle

**CLE credit:** 1.5 ethics CLE credits applied for

**Cost:** Free for Section members, NLG members, and law students; \$25 for others.

*Thanks to the Foster Pepper firm and WPTL member Kelly Angell for the generous offer of this space.*

Register for this event by contacting the WSBA Service Center at 800-945-WSBA or 206-443-WSBA. *We hope to see you there!*

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### **Section Election Nominations!**

According to the Section’s bylaws, we must elect the following officers: chair-elect, secretary-treasurer, and two at-large members of the Executive Committee. The first step is to gather nominations.

Submit nominations to the Elections Committee at [Jenny.Cochrane@gmail.com](mailto:Jenny.Cochrane@gmail.com) by December 2. Please include a brief statement about your nominee and his or her interest in the Section. You may nominate yourself or another. You are especially encouraged to serve a term in office! If there is more than one candidate for an open position, elections will be conducted in December by mailed ballot. Active attorney members of the WSBA and the Section are eligible to hold office and vote.

### **Renew Your Section Membership!**

More great programs are coming your way in the upcoming year, and now is the time to renew your Section membership!

WSBA section memberships run on the fiscal year, October through September, instead of the calendar year, so today is a good day to renew your membership at <http://www.wsba.org/Legal-Community/Sections/World-Peace-Through-Law-Section> (click on the “Join the Section” link on the right side of the page), or by calling the WSBA Service Center at 206-443-9722. Either way, join us and invite a friend; there’s a lot happening this next year!

## 2011 Nobel Peace Prize

### Section Leadership

*Chair*  
Jana Heyd

*Chair-Elect*  
Patricia Paul

*Immediate Past Chair*  
Martha Schmidt

*Secretary-Treasurer*  
Paul Schlossman

*Executive Committee*  
Lisa von Trotha  
Mamie S. Brown

*Newsletter*  
Randy Winn

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Ellen Johnson Sirleaf



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Leymah Gbowee



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Tawakkol Karman

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided that the Nobel Peace Prize for 2011 is to be divided in three equal parts among **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf**, **Leymah Gbowee** and **Tawakkol Karman** for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work. We cannot achieve democracy and lasting peace in the world unless women obtain the same opportunities as men to influence developments at all levels of society.

In October 2000, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1325. The resolution for the first time made violence against women in armed conflict an international security issue. It underlined the need for women to become participants on an equal footing with men in peace processes and in peace work in general.

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf is Africa's first democratically elected female president. Since her inauguration in 2006, she has contributed to securing peace in Liberia, to promoting economic and social development, and to strengthening the position of women.

Leymah Gbowee mobilized and organized women across ethnic and religious dividing lines to bring an end to the long war in Liberia, and to ensure women's participation in elections. She has since worked to enhance the influence of women in West Africa during and after war. In the most trying circumstances, both before and during the "Arab spring,"

Tawakkol Karman has played a leading part in the struggle for women's rights and for democracy and peace in Yemen.

It is the Norwegian Nobel Committee's hope that the prize to Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Leymah Gbowee and Tawakkol Karman will help to bring an end to the suppression of women that still occurs in many countries, and to realise the great potential for democracy and peace that women can represent.

*"The Nobel Peace Prize 2011 — Press Release."* <http://www.Nobelprize.org>, 1 Nov. 2011.  
[http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/peace/laureates/2011/press.html](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/2011/press.html).

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