



## Profile of New Perimeter Co-Chair

# Judge Patricia Wald

When Sheldon Krantz, Lisa Dewey, Lee Miller, and Jeff Liss were developing the concept of New Perimeter, they needed some advice. They turned to Judge Patricia Wald (retired), who has extensive experience working with international nongovernmental organizations and the international community. She was gracious with her time and provided invaluable insight.

Once DLA Piper's Executive Committee approved the project, the New Perimeter team asked Judge Wald to be one of the co-chairs of the outside New Perimeter Advisory Board. Sheldon, who is directing New Perimeter, says, "It was particularly important to have an Advisory Board to help the new nonprofit take advantage of the collective experience of those who have been doing this type of work for many years. Judge Wald was a perfect choice to provide the leadership we needed for this new initiative."

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Judge Wald brings extensive legal and international experience to her role as an Advisory Board member. This includes:

- Serving for 20 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, including a stint as the Chief Judge
- Serving for two years in The Hague as a judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
- Serving as the sole woman on the seven-member Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction

- Serving on the Board of the Open Society Institute's Justice Initiative
- Serving as Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs in the U.S. Department of Justice during much of the Carter administration
- Compiling a distinguished career as a leading public interest lawyer, including as the Litigation Director of the Mental Health Law Project of the Center for Law and Social Responsibility and as a member of the Ford Foundation Board
- Working as a law clerk to Judge Jerome N. Frank of the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals

Judge Wald is a legendary trailblazer in developing the role and prominence of women in the law and has served as a mentor to countless lawyers over the years. She has received some 20 honorary degrees and has also been honored by the American and Women's Bar Associations, Environmental Law Institute, International Human Rights Law Group, and the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, among many other organizations.

Judge Wald has been an active and valuable leader of the Advisory Board. She recently traveled to Kosovo as part of New Perimeter's first project evaluation team and hopes to do more hands-on work with other New Perimeter projects in addition to providing Advisory Board leadership. "This is the first time that a law firm of considerable magnitude has taken on a major commitment to do global pro bono projects," Judge Wald says. "I am proud to be a part of the effort. We are hopefully providing a model for other major international law firms to follow." ■

