

New Perimeter

OUR GLOBAL PRO BONO INITIATIVE



About New Perimeter

Mission

New Perimeter's mission is to advance justice and strengthen institutions to support a fairer, more sustainable, and prosperous world.

Vision

Our vision is a more just world for all.

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New Perimeter is a nonprofit organization established by global law firm DLA Piper to provide long-term pro bono legal assistance around the world. Founded in 2005 as a result of our firm's commitment to support legal advancement worldwide, New Perimeter's harnesses the skills and talents of DLA Piper lawyers to further a more just world for all.

New Perimeter is at the forefront of providing direct assistance to charitable organizations, governments and academic institutions on projects designed to strengthen a country's legal system, improve the skills of its judges, lawyers and law students, encourage economic growth, promote access to justice and the rule of law and strengthen women's rights. We also do this by providing strategic legal counsel to organizations working to further these same goals. Whether we are teaching at a law school, training judicial officials, helping a government draft laws, or providing technical assistance to a non-governmental organization (NGO), one of our primary goals is to increase the capacity of the local institution.

New Perimeter has engaged hundreds of DLA Piper lawyers from dozens of offices worldwide on projects. New Perimeter's work has been recognized with a number of awards over the years, most notably the Lifetime Achievement Award for Global Citizenship from The American Lawyer.

To maximize our impact, our full-time staff develops and manages projects and often makes multi-year commitments to our clients. We build long-term relationships with our project collaborators and send our lawyers to work alongside our clients in-country whenever possible. When considering new engagements, New Perimeter relies on project selection criteria to match the firm's capabilities with our clients' needs. We select our legal teams on a competitive basis from a diverse pool of interested DLA Piper lawyers. Because New Perimeter is committed to an interdisciplinary approach, we regularly team with DLA Piper clients, academic institutions and NGOs, working together to achieve our mutual goals.

New Perimeter benefits from the guidance of its Advisory Board, made up of thought leaders from the public and private sectors.



Project clients and collaborators

New Perimeter collaborates with an extensive network of clients and collaborators around the world, including:



Access to Justice

Accessing legal remedies for grievances through the justice system is a fundamental right that is frequently unavailable to vulnerable populations. New Perimeter is working to narrow this gap by empowering both justice seekers and those who assist them.

Examples:

- Our lawyers are training the next generation of lawyers in Latin America to provide pro bono legal services to those unable to afford legal counsel.
- We assisted an organization in the development of a smartphone application designed to enable individuals to identify and report atrocities around the world.
- We developed a practical guide to assist legal services providers around the world, particularly those operating in rural areas, to reach clients during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.



Development

Social and economic development are closely linked – economic growth can help alleviate poverty and raise standards of living. New Perimeter is helping to foster both through our global initiatives.

Examples:

- New Perimeter provides assistance to the Government of Georgia's Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection to support the country's participation in international climate change negotiations.
- New Perimeter is supporting a law school in Western Ukraine to help it start a legal clinic to assist Ukrainian small businesses impacted by war.
- We collaborate with an international development organization to deliver a series of regional trainings on international business transactions to East African public sector lawyers.





Sound Legal Institutions

Functional legal institutions are necessary precursors to political stability and economic development. New Perimeter is helping to strengthen legal sectors and to build the capacity of lawyers and law students around the world.

Examples:

- New Perimeter collaborates with the National Agency for Legal Aid in The Gambia to develop and deliver trial advocacy trainings for public interest lawyers.
- We helped build capacity and trained students at more than a dozen law schools across Africa, Latin America, South East Asia and the South Pacific.
- In Kosovo, we helped draft the laws creating the court and prosecutorial systems, trained government lawyers and assisted the local bar association.





Women's Advancement

Research has shown that empowering women is an indispensable tool for advancing development and reducing poverty globally. New Perimeter aims to support women's advancement as an overarching goal of a majority of our projects.

Examples:

- New Perimeter collaborates with an international nonprofit and the local bar association to provide continuing legal education to female lawyers in Nepal.
- We worked with a global organization to deliver a series of trainings on gender-based violence and early and forced marriage in Asia, Europe and the Middle East.
- We published a review of responses by governments and civil society organizations around the world to worsening rates of intimate partner violence.



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