



## *Law students reporting the rule of law in crisis*

JURIST (on the Web at [www.jurist.org](http://www.jurist.org); on X/Twitter [@JURISTnews](https://twitter.com/JURISTnews)) is an international legal news service powered by law students. Established in the US at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1996, it's now an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit staffed by over 100 volunteers from law schools in 25 countries working together as members of a virtual editorial team under the direction of several US-based law faculty and professionals.

JURIST is the first and only global organization of law students collaborating across borders around the clock. Nearly 70 percent of JURIST law student staffers are women; over 50 percent are persons of color from North and South America, Africa and Asia. JURIST's North American law students hail from Harvard, Stanford, Boston University, Southwestern, UNLV, Pitt, Vermont Law & Graduate School, New York Law School, New England Law, UCalgary and the University of Ottawa. In South America, law students volunteer from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) in Lima and Saint Anthony University of Cusco. In Europe, JURIST staffers and correspondents come from Oxford University and other major law schools in the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands and Ukraine; in Africa they work from Kenya, Uganda and Ghana; in the Middle East, they file from Israel, Palestine and Iran; in Asia, they come from Afghanistan, mainland China, Hong Kong, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka; in Australasia they operate from both Australia and New Zealand.

JURIST's mission is to engage law students with the most important events and issues of their time, inviting them to support the rule of law by reporting its challenges and successes around the world while preparing them for responsible leadership in later professional and public life. JURIST news writers, correspondents, commentary writers and editors learn law as it happens, connect with and interview legal newsmakers, build legal research and writing skills by finding and explaining in plain English the primary documents behind the headlines, and collaborate with a diverse range of national and international colleagues while informing and serving a global public.

JURIST's content and its dedicated staff have been featured by major US and international media, including CNN, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Forbes, CBC Radio and the Toronto Star. JURIST reports and commentaries have been republished and/or cited numerous times in law school casebooks, law reviews and in testimony before US Congressional committees; several have figured in briefs to US federal appellate courts and even the Supreme Court of the United States.

In addition to its Web presence, JURIST is available on social media platforms such as X/Twitter, Threads, Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook and YouTube. JURIST is open access and paywall-free.

JURIST is headed by Pitt Law professor and Canadian Rhodes Scholar Bernard Hibbitts, an Oxford University and Harvard Law School graduate who in the late 1990s hand-coded the early iterations of JURIST's website in raw HTML. JURIST's total global operating budget is less than \$270,000 per year. Most of JURIST's funding comes from private donors. For more information, please contact JURIST Executive Editor Jaclyn Belczyk at [jbelczyk@jurist.org](mailto:jbelczyk@jurist.org).