

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Witness Biographies

Establishing a War Crimes & Economic Crimes Court for Liberia

Panel I



Yahsyndi Martin-Kpeyei, is co-founder and Executive Director of the Movement for Justice in Liberia (MOJUL). She is also co-founder of Oxygen, a subsidiary of Alliance of Liberia Women International that provides free education on gender-based violence and educational assistance to underprivileged children and victims of gender-based violence in Liberia. She has coached and mentored many women and children from all works of life as a community organizer and the director of the oldest African immigrant community in Georgia: the Liberian Association of Metropolitan Atlanta. In recognition of her advocacy, the Georgia House passed Resolution 465 on March 23,2021.



Jerome V. Verdier, Esq, is the Executive Director for International Justice Group and former Chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for Liberia. He has been instrumental in strengthening civil society advocacy whilst serving in several capacities as Executive Director of Liberia Democracy Watch; Chairman of the Board of Directors of The National Human Rights Center of Liberia; Board Chairperson of the Foundation For International Dignity; Senior Staff Attorney for the Association of Environmental Lawyers (Green Advocates); and the first Research & Program Officer of the Catholic Justice & Peace Commission. Cllr. Verdier is a practicing attorney, credited for rendering pro bono legal services to indigents, civil society activists and journalists, whilst also leading civil society adversarial legal teams in several successful lawsuits against the government of Liberia.



Mike Mueller is Chairman of Global Initiative for Justice and Chairman of Global Outreach and Development Foundation. Born in Liberia, he has held senior positions at Credit Suisse, Citibank & UBS. Mueller's competence encompasses negotiations on behalf of some African countries, where he has the ability to assist them as a link to Africa, Europe, Asia, Far East, and Middle East. He has a framework of in-depth knowledge and considerable experience of investing, operating, and financing. Mueller established Mike Mueller Charities dedicated to the prevention of all forms of human degradation and exploitation by liberating and uplifting the vulnerable, especially in areas of educational advancement of young children, healthcare.



Dr. Alan W. White, is former Chief of Investigations for the United Nations backed Special Court for Sierra Leone, and is a retired Federal Law Enforcement Executive and a member of the Senior Executive Service. Dr. White currently provides consultancy work as an International Criminal Justice Expert, While serving as the Chief of Investigations for the United Nations backed Special Court for Sierra Leone – Freetown, Sierra Leone he directed and supervised all criminal investigations of the Office of the Prosecutor. Those investigations led to indictment of 13 individuals, including former Liberian President Charles Taylor who was convicted of war crimes and sentenced to 50 years in prison. He also, assisted with the investigation of Chuckie Taylor (son of convicted war criminal Charles Taylor), who was convicted for torture, in the United States.