



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Corruption and Human Rights: Improving Accountability

Panel I



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Stefanie Ostfeld is the Acting Head of Global Witness' U.S. office. Global Witness is an international advocacy organization that works to break the links between natural resource exploitation and conflict and corruption. Stefanie develops and delivers effective advocacy campaigns in the U.S. with a focus on exposing the ways in which the global financial system enables corrupt public officials to loot and launder state funds. Based in Washington, DC, she advocates for increased corporate transparency, closing loopholes in anti-money laundering laws, effective enforcement of anti-bribery and anti-money laundering statutes and revenue transparency in the oil, gas and mining sector. Ostfeld's commentary has appeared in many national publications, including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and has an MA in International Human Rights from the University of Denver Josef Korbel School of International Studies.



Matthew Murray has worked at the intersection of U.S. foreign policy, international law, commerce, and political economy throughout his career. He served as Legislative Assistant for National Security to Senator Edward Kennedy, focused on nuclear arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union and foreign policy towards the Middle East and Northern Ireland. From 1988-91, Mr. Murray was as an Associate Attorney at Baker & McKenzie, where he helped the firm launch a Russia law practice. In 1991, Mr. Murray founded Sovereign Ventures, Inc., a management consultancy that advised Fortune 100 companies, government agencies and multilaterals in Russia/Eurasia on how to reduce corruption risk and engage in dispute resolution. In 2000, Mr. Murray co-founded the Center for Business Ethics and Corporate Governance, a non-profit dedicated to building rule-based markets in Russia, Central Asia, and Eastern Europe. Between 2007 and 2009, Mr. Murray served as Corruption Risk Manager at TNK-BP Management Ltd., the third largest Russian producer of oil and gas. In 2011, he was invited by the Brookings Institution to help launch the World Forum on Governance and to co-write a research paper, “Freedom from Official Corruption as a Human Right”, published in 2015. He graduated from Columbia in 1988 with a Masters from SIPA and J.D. from the Law School.



The Honorable Mark L. Wolf was appointed to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts in 1985, served as its Chief Judge from 2006 through 2012, and is now a Senior Judge. He has previously served in the Department of Justice as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General of the United States (1974) and the Attorney General of the United States (1975-1977), and as Deputy United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and Chief of the Public Corruption unit in that office (1981-1985). He was also in private practice in Washington, D.C. (1971-1974) and in Boston (1977-1981). Judge Wolf is Judge Wolf is the Chair of Integrity Initiatives International, an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, where he teaches a seminar on Combatting Corruption Internationally. He is also a Distinguished Non-Resident Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson Center. He has also spoken on the subject of combatting corruption and human rights issues in Russia, China, Turkey, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Hungary, Egypt, and Cyprus. Judge Wolf is a graduate of Yale College and the Harvard Law School.