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Karinna Moskalenko

*Director, International Protection Center and
Russian Human Rights Lawyer*

Karinna Moskalenko is recognized internationally as one of Russia's most effective and courageous human rights lawyers.

Prominent Human Rights Cases

Currently she represents Garry Kasparov and the families of Alexander Litvinenko and Anna Politkovskaya. Her caseload before the European Court for Human Rights (ECHR) includes a wide variety of Russian human rights issues, ranging from torture and disappearances in Chechnya to victims of the Nordost Theatre siege in Moscow to the arrest and imprisonment of Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the embattled former head of Russia's Yukos Oil Co., who is now serving an eight year prison sentence in Siberia for what Moskalenko argues are purely political reasons.

International Protection Center – European Court of Human Rights

Moskalenko founded the International Protection Center in 1995 to protect the human rights of defendants in Russia. Since then, the Center has filed hundreds of cases before the ECHR and won important legal victories on behalf of Russian citizens whose rights have been found to have been violated by the Russian State. Last year, in apparent retaliation, Russian government tax authorities accused the Center of failing to report grants and other international contributions as ordinary income; as a result, the Center is threatened with bankruptcy and closure.

Previous Experience and Honors

In addition to her work with the International Protection Center in Moscow, Moskalenko is a Commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists. She has been a member of the Moscow Bar Association since 1993. She also is a member of the Expert Council for the Plenipotentiary on Human Rights for the Russian Federation and the Moscow Helsinki Group. Moskalenko has successfully tried numerous human rights cases in Russia and abroad. In 2001, she became the first Russian lawyer to try and win a case in the European Court of Human Rights. In 2000, Moskalenko was presented Russia's highest award in jurisprudence, *Femida*. She was named a Commissioner to the International Commission of Lawyers in 2003.

Personal Background and Education

Karinna Moskalenko was born on February 9, 1954, in Baku, Azerbaijan. She earned a degree in jurisprudence from Leningrad State University in 1976. Moskalenko's belief in the Soviet system led her to pursue legal studies in the hope of combating crime as a prosecuting attorney. However, during her studies Moskalenko realized her interest lay in defending the rights of the accused. Moskalenko completed a course in European law at Birmingham University in Great Britain. Based on this and other professional

experiences in Europe and Russia, her legal specialization has developed into international public law, specifically the international protection of human rights.

William Browder

Chief Executive Officer

Hermitage Capital Management Limited

William Browder is the Founder and CEO of Hermitage Capital Management, a leading global asset management firm. Mr. Browder started Hermitage Capital Management in 1996 in partnership with the late Edmond Safra. After eleven years of investing exclusively in Russia, in April 2007 Mr. Browder launched Hermitage Global, a deep-value fund focusing on emerging and frontier markets. The firm's Russian product, the Hermitage Fund, was named the "2005 Fund of the Year" by EuroHedge (Emerging Markets Equities category) and has been consistently ranked among the best emerging market and global hedge funds.

Mr. Browder is a leading global shareholder rights activist and an outspoken fighter for better corporate governance at Russian and other emerging markets companies. He and Hermitage have been credited with a number of breakthroughs in improving corporate standards at major Russian companies, including Gazprom, Sberbank and Unified Energy Systems. He also spearheaded radical changes in Russian corporate law, including the creation of pre-emptive rights for all minority shareholders in Russian companies and the introduction of cumulative voting for director elections.

In 2007 the Hermitage Fund became the victim of a wide-ranging fraud in Russia, through which its local investment vehicles were stolen by senior officials in the Russian government, including the Interior Ministry. Ultimately, the perpetrators were able to embezzle, through fraudulent tax refunds, \$230 million in taxes that Hermitage had paid to the Russian government in 2006. One of Hermitage's outside lawyers, Sergei Magnitsky, was instrumental in uncovering the fraud, and later providing evidence against the Interior Ministry officers who orchestrated it. Magnitsky, a 37-year old father of two, was arrested shortly after his testimony by the same officers he testified against. An independent investigation found that Magnitsky had been tortured while in custody by Interior Ministry officers and his jailers in order to get him to retract his testimony and incriminate himself and his client. He died in custody on November 16, 2009 from this torture.

Mr. Browder was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2005 and is a Henry Crown Fellow at the Aspen Institute. The *Financial News* named him a 2005 "Person to Watch," and Global Fund Analysis awarded him an Industry Achievement Award in 2004. He currently serves on the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Governance and also sits as Chairman of the Russia Task Force for the Institute of International Finance. He is a member of the OECD/World Bank Roundtable on Corporate Governance in Russia.

Prior to starting Hermitage, Mr. Browder was Vice President at Salomon Brothers where he managed the firm's proprietary investments in Russia. He received an MBA from Stanford Business School and a BA in Economics with honors from the University of Chicago.

Tanya Lokshina

*Deputy Director Moscow Office
Human Rights Watch*

Tanya Lokshina is Deputy Director of Human Rights Watch's Moscow office. She has authored reports on human rights abuses in Chechnya and Ingushetia and co-authored a report on violations of international humanitarian law during the armed conflict in Georgia in the summer of 2008. Among the reports she worked on at Human Rights Watch are: "What your Children Do Will Touch Upon You." Punitive House-Burning in Chechnya; "As If They Fell From The Sky." Counterinsurgency, Rights Violations, and Rampant Impunity in Ingushetia"; Up in Flames. Humanitarian Law Violations and Civilian Victims in the Conflict over South Ossetia; etc. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch, Lokshina ran a prominent Russian think-tank, Center Demos and was executive director of the Moscow Helsinki Group, the eldest of human rights organizations currently active in Russia. She published numerous reportages and analytical pieces, mostly on the human rights situation in the Northern Caucasus. Lokshina has been doing field research in Chechnya for over seven years. Her books "Chechnya Inside Out" and "The Imposition Of A Fake Political Settlement In The Northern Caucasus. The 2003 Chechen Presidential Election" were published in Russian and English. Lokshina is a member of Russia's Union of Journalists, writes a column for the Russian current affairs website Polit.Ru and is a contributor to Open Democracy forum. She is recipient of the 2006 Andrei Sakharov Award for Journalism as Civic Accomplishment.

Paul Goble, Professor

*Director of research and publications
Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy*

Paul Goble directs research and publications programs at the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy in Baku. Prior to joining that institution but after retiring from the U.S. government in 2004, he was vice dean for the social sciences and humanities at Audentes University in Tallinn and a senior research associate at the EuroCollege of the University of Tartu in Estonia. Earlier, he served in a variety of capacities in the U.S. government, including at the Department of State and Central Intelligence Agency; at U.S. international broadcasting institutions like Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and the Voice of America, and at various think tanks, including the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Potomac Foundation, and the Jamestown Foundation. The editor of five volumes on ethnicity and religion in the former Soviet space, he continues

to prepare daily commentaries on these issues, posting his articles at www.windowoneurasia.blogspot.com or on request by e-list (paul.goble@gmail.com). Trained at Miami University in Ohio and the University of Chicago, he has been decorated by the governments of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania for his work in promoting Baltic independence and the withdrawal of Russian forces from those formerly occupied lands.

Nina Ognianova

Program Coordinator Europe & Central Asia
Committee to Protect Journalists

Since being appointed coordinator of the Europe and Central Asia Program at the Committee to Protect Journalists in 2006, Nina Ognianova has led fact-finding and advocacy missions to Russia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan on regional press freedom issues. Starting in 2007, Ognianova has organized and participated in yearly CPJ missions to Moscow and the European Union, focusing on the issue of impunity in Russian journalist killings. Before becoming program coordinator, Ognianova worked as CPJ's Europe and Central Asia researcher for two years.

Prior to joining CPJ in December 2003, Ognianova worked as a staff writer for the International Journalists' Network, the media-assistance Web site of the nonprofit International Center for Journalists in Washington, D.C., where she covered the countries of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe. In September 2003, Ognianova coordinated an ICFJ training conference, held in her native Bulgaria, for Balkan investigative reporters who cover the problems of human trafficking.

Ognianova earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications from the American University in Bulgaria and a master's degree from the Missouri School of Journalism—Columbia. She is lead author of CPJ's September 2009 report, *Anatomy of Injustice*, which examined the unsolved murders of journalists in Russia from 2000 to 2009. She has given interviews on press freedom issues for a variety of US and international media outlets, including PBS, NPR, CNN, Deutsche Welle, RFE/RL, VOA, and the BBC. Her commentaries have appeared in *The Guardian* of London, the *International Herald Tribune*, and *The Huffington Post* among others. Ognianova is a native Bulgarian speaker, fluent in English and Russian, and proficient in Macedonian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, and Italian.

Sam Patten

Senior Program Manager Eurasia
Freedom House

Sam Patten is the Senior Program Manager for Eurasia at Freedom House. He brings a decade of experience in the former Soviet Union together with a background of foreign policy, democratization and communications work at the U.S. Department of State and

the U.S. Senate. From 2008-9, Patten served as senior advisor for democracy promotion to former Under Secretary of State Paula Dobriansky. In the region, he headed the International Republican Institute (IRI)'s Moscow office from 2001-2004 and re-opened IRI's Kazakhstan program in 2003. Prior to the first free election in Iraq, he directed IRI's political programming out of Baghdad from 2004-5 where he oversaw public opinion research, media development and Get-Out-the-Vote activities. As a private consultant, Patten helped manage the campaigns of democratically-focused political leaders in Ukraine, Georgia, Romania, Albania and Northern Iraq. He has also worked as a foreign policy and defense advisor to U.S. Senator Susan Collins and a speechwriter to U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe.