

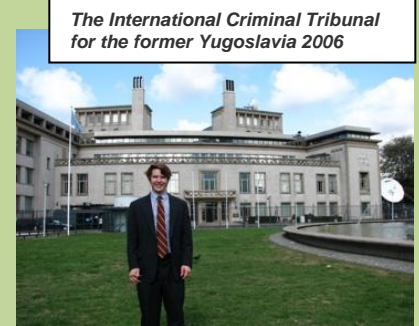
Kip Hale



University of Denver College of Law 2007

As you might know, I recently graduated from University of Denver College of Law. During my time there, I discovered that the field of international justice is where my heart is. I have just been offered a terrific internship to work in Cambodia for the **United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials (UNAKRT)** in the Office of the Co-Prosecutors of the **Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)**. However, given my limited financial resources at this time, I am asking friends and family to help realize this dream. I would be so grateful if you could take a few minutes to read this letter to find out more.

Law school was a wonderful experience. While I enjoyed the regular law school courses, I was enthralled with the field of international law. And last summer, I had the amazing opportunity to turn my academic interests into action, when I interned at the **United Nations-International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia** based in The Hague in the Netherlands. I worked in the Judge's Chambers helping adjudicate cases of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. My time there solidified my passion and interest in the field, and my desire to pursue a career working in international tribunals. However, it's a very tough field to get into professionally! The general road to full time employment begins with unpaid internships.



The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia 2006

This unique opportunity to intern for the United Nations again is something I am very passionate about doing. UNAKRT works alongside the ECCC to prosecute people responsible for crimes committed during the period of Democratic Kampuchea/Khmer Rouge from 1975 to 1979. These crimes occurred during the Communist reign of Pol Pot where **1.7 million people were executed** (commonly called the "killing fields") in pursuit of Pol Pot's plan to block the borders, shut out the world, separate families, imprison dissenters, brainwash his citizens, and create an agrarian society of automatons. The horrors committed during this period are almost too much to fathom, and the role of the tribunal is to hold accountable those leaders that are responsible for these atrocities, to bring truth and reconciliation to Cambodia and, hopefully, to prevent further evils of this kind. I will be working for the first time in the Prosecutor's office, gaining valuable experience in a civil law influenced tribunal, working on very unique legal issues, and I will have the opportunity to turn this internship into a job. I am really honored by this opportunity and can't wait to get over there.



Prisoners and dissenters of Pol Pot's regime were photographed before they were murdered



From 1975-1979, Pol Pot and his Communist Khmer Rouge regime killed 25% of Cambodia's population at that time

Left: One part of the Killing Fields



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This is where you come in: Considering my enormous law school debt and that I received this opportunity well after yearly grant deadlines passed, I turn to you. I, of course, feel uneasy asking a friend for money, but your donation wouldn't just be housing and feeding me, it would be enabling me to help this important project. Your donation would be more than a charitable gift, because you know exactly how your money will be spent and what it will go towards. I estimate that I will need to pull together around **\$6000 for this 3 month** long internship. I am starting today a fundraising drive where my family and friends can sponsor me for particular expenses or to sponsor me for a particular amount of time. My major expense is airfare, which is \$1500. Rent will be around \$400 a month. Food will be around \$300 a month as well. HOW YOU CAN HELP!!!

Suggested Giving Levels – all donations welcomed!!

- **Sponsor me for a day @ \$100**
- **Sponsor me a week @ \$200,**
- **Sponsor me for a month @ \$600.**



Your help is not only directly benefiting me, but this tribunal and its purpose. My plan is to piece together the necessary funds to take this internship, and your help will be instrumental in achieving this fundraising goal. Please give whatever you feel comfortable giving, and know that it will all be used towards funding my basic costs: housing, food, transport, while there. Most important, I would love **100%** participation from family and friends, which will ensure that I can take the internship opportunity.

While there, I will be keeping a blog to keep you informed of my activities and I would like to give some sort of presentation when I'm back in the states, to share my findings with you. Or better yet, I would love to host you in Cambodia, if you would like to visit. If you'd like to learn more about the work I will be doing, please feel free to call me at (303) 564-6399 or drop me an email. For background information on the tribunal's work, please visit the two links below. Donations can be via mail to Kip Hale, 2205 Larimer St #305, Denver, Colo 80205; via wire transfer to my Compass Bank account at 107005319 2507125991; or via the internet by sending money to kiphale@gmail.com on www.paypal.com (please contact me for more information on using paypal).

I am really looking forward to this opportunity and I hope that together we can make this happen. Thank you for reading this, and I look forward to catching up in person.

Hope you are safe and healthy.

"If women, children, and old people would be murdered a hundred miles from here, . . . wouldn't you run to help? Then why do you stop this decision of your heart when the distance is 3,000 miles instead of a hundred?"

- Raphael Lemkin

Architect of the Genocide Convention and Inventor of the word 'Genocide'

All the best,

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