



Center for International Environmental Law 2010 Top 10 Reasons To Give



"To tackle the challenges the world faces today, it's not enough to be an outstanding attorney; you also have to be a passionate advocate. This combination of legal expertise and passionate activism makes CIEL what it is and makes it so vital to the fights we have before us."

*David Hunter, Former Executive Director, CIEL
Associate Professor of Law and Director, International
Legal Studies Program
Washington College of Law, American University*



"At CIEL, caring for people and the environment is not just a job; it's a way of life. From my fellowship to my position as a Staff Attorney, I have been and continue to be amazed by the impact that a small but dedicated group of people can have on the world."

If you want to learn how international law can be used to protect the environment and the people affected by environmental issues, there is nowhere better than here. My experience here has broadened my horizons, exposed me to issues and forums that I never imagined I would come across till later in my career, and brought me great joy. In CIEL, I have found not only a great place to work, but also life-long friends and a sense that CIEL will always be home."

*Niranjali Amerasinghe, Sri Lanka
Former Law Fellow and current Staff Attorney, CIEL*



"CIEL's fellowship program is a unique opportunity to explore aspects of international environmental law and work alongside passionate, talented attorneys. Overall, the experience was challenging, rewarding and an excellent foundation for further research and analysis of international environmental issues."

*Elisabeth Costa, Australia
Fall 2010 Legal Intern*



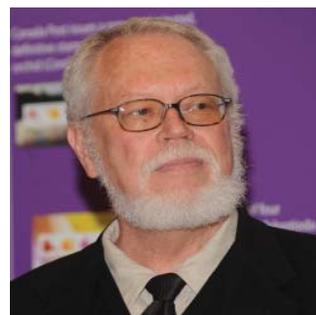
"I donate to and support CIEL because CIEL's work is an inspiration to us all."

*Terry Young,
Environmental Science
Consultant
Member, CIEL Board of Trustees*



"You know that a CIEL attorney understands international law, knows how it relates to domestic law, especially here in the US, and understands comparative law so they know others who work on environmental issues using their legal skills in other legal jurisdictions. They share information. They share experience. This gives them real strength when arguing their positions."

*James Cameron, Co-founder, CIEL
Executive Director and Vice Chairman,
Climate Change Capital, London, England*



“The idea for CIEL was channeled through the original founders. It happened to be the right idea at the right time, and it catalyzed the imagination and the energy of a whole generation of young lawyers.”

*Durwood Zaelke, Co-founder and former President of CIEL
President, Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development*

“For the last 10 years, we have been suffering from a health crisis of epidemic proportions. Every day, we have seen our companeros die from chronic kidney disease. Six years ago we created ASOCHIVIDA to look for solutions, to improve the lives of the people here, and find the cause of the disease. For that reason, we looked for help at the international level, and in 2006, students at Yale University put us in touch with CIEL.



“CIEL certainly had a full stable of highly talented environmental lawyers and activists. Working with CIEL prepared me to work for the NAFTA Commission for Environmental Cooperation and I look back on that year of work with very fond memories. It’s interesting—so many top leaders came through the doors of CIEL, from Greenpeace, academia, to industry and the best law firms. CIEL touched a lot of people who in turn have done great things for the environment all over the world.”

*Timothy T. Jones, Former Law Fellow, 1995
Environmental Attorney and Vice President, Buffalo River Foundation, Arkansas*

We never imagined a mediation process that today is now being advanced with the help of CIEL. CIEL Attorney Kris Genovese prepared the complaint and brought the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman of the World Bank to Nicaragua. But most importantly she has provided the moral and psychological support to keep fighting, to strengthen ASOCHIVIDA, and to participate in a dialogue with the company. With her help, we have achieved a lot from the negotiations. We now have monthly food distribution to 1800 members of ASOCHIVIDA, \$100,000 microcredit facility, and we have Boston University undertaking a study to determine the cause of the disease.

We very much appreciate the help that CIEL and Kris have given us. We hope that with her help we can improve the lives of the sugarcane workers here.”

Community members of ASOCHIVIDA, Nicaragua



“For many people on the planet, unlike the vast majority of Americans, there is an intimate linkage between the environment on which indigenous populations depend and their survival. For them, their lifestyle, their customs, whether religious or subsistence agriculture, those things are really quite linked. CIEL recognized this, made the connection, and took it forward—integrating human rights law with environmental law. This is one of the great achievements of the organization.”

*Fred Anderson, Former Chair, CIEL Board of Trustees
Partner, McKenna Long & Aldridge, Washington, D.C.*



“Congratulations on two decades of stellar accomplishments, and best wishes for the coming decades.”

*Janet Maughan,
Current Donor*

*Made the first grant to CIEL while
at the Ford Foundation*