

# DUSTIN N. SHARP

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## EDUCATION

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL** *J.D., cum laude* 2002  
*Harvard Human Rights Journal*, Executive Editor  
Heyman Fellowship for Government Service

**UNIVERSITY OF UTAH** *B.A., summa cum laude*, English 1996  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Prize for Best Foreign Language Student, French

## EXPERIENCE

**UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO** *Sept 2008—Present*  
*Institute for Peace & Justice*, Senior Program Officer *San Diego, CA*  
*Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies*, Lecturer in Human Rights

Serve as scholar-practitioner with responsibility for (1) expansion of the Institute's overseas justice programs and (2) teaching human rights courses to graduate students in the School of Peace Studies. Designed and obtained funding for a two-year, \$100,000 human rights civil society capacity building program in four West African countries. Will teach two graduate courses in the 2009-10 school year based on syllabi that I developed: (1) Transitional Justice and Responding to Mass Atrocities; (2) Human Rights Advocacy.

**HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH** 2006—2008  
*Researcher for Francophone West Africa* *Burkina Faso*

Planned and executed field missions to assess human rights conditions in Francophone West Africa with an emphasis on countries in crisis such as Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea. Authored country reports and press releases. Developed and implemented advocacy strategies. Represented Human Rights Watch before government ministers, military and security chiefs, ambassadors, and United Nations officials. Performed media work, including radio and television interviews, and speaking at press conferences. Managed partnerships with local civil society organizations and coordinated joint advocacy and research initiatives.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE** 2003—2005  
*Office of the Legal Adviser, Attorney Advisor* *Washington, DC*

Advised the Bureau of International Organization Affairs on the work of the Security Council and on other matters concerning United Nations law and international institutional law. Represented the United States in multilateral treaty negotiations in fora ranging from the United Nations General Assembly to UNESCO. Oversaw real estate acquisition and related litigation issues involving U.S. embassies worldwide.

**U.S. TENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS** 2002— 2003  
*Law Clerk to Judge Carlos F. Lucero* Denver, Colorado

Assisted Judge Lucero in all aspects of appellate practice, including preparing pre-argument memoranda, attending oral arguments, and drafting opinions.

**CHADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION** Summer 2000  
*Harvard Human Rights Fellow* Chad

Coordinated efforts of several Chadian human rights NGOs with those of Human Rights Watch to build a case against the former president of Chad, Hissein Habré, for violations of the Convention Against Torture. Represented Human Rights Watch before government ministers and with Chadian media.

**U.S. PEACE CORPS** 1996—1998  
*Peace Corps Volunteer* Guinea

Taught English as a Foreign Language to high school students, with classes averaging over 100 students in size. Developed portions of a national English curriculum now used throughout Guinea. Instructed and evaluated Peace Corps teacher-trainees in Thies, Senegal.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

--*Corruption and Human Rights*, in development.

--*The Best School; Student Violence, Impunity, and the Crisis in Côte d'Ivoire*, Human Rights Watch, Vol. 20, No. X(A), May 2008.

--*Dying for Change; Brutality and Repression by Guinean Security Forces in Response to a Nationwide Strike*, Human Rights Watch, Vol. 19, No. 5(A), April 2007.

--*The Perverse Side of Things; Torture, Inadequate Detention Conditions, and Excessive Use of Force by Guinean Security Forces*, Human Rights Watch, Vol. 18, No. 7(A), August 2006.

--*Because They Have the Guns, I'm Left with Nothing; The Price of Continuing Impunity in Côte d'Ivoire*, Human Rights Watch, Vol. 18, No. 4(A), May 2006.

--*Prosecutions, Development, and Justice; The Trial of Hissein Habré*, 16 HARV. HUM. RTS. J. 149 (2003).

## **PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING**

--"Conflict Dynamics in West Africa," San Diego World Affairs Council (Dec 11, 2008).

--"The Universal Declaration of Human Rights as Human Security; Reclaiming the Original Vision 60 years on," Panel Presentation discussing significance of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UDHR, University of San Diego (Dec 10, 2008).

--"Africa's Human Rights Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Citizen Diplomacy Council of San Diego (Dec 4, 2008).

**MEDIA WORK**

--Local television appearances to discuss significance of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, San Diego, CA. (Dec 2008)

--Regular media commentator on the French and English services of Radio France International, the BBC World Service, Voice of America, and Radio Deutche Welle regarding conflict dynamics in West Africa. (2006-2009)

--Regularly quoted in Reuters, AP, IRIN, and other newspaper and magazine sources covering political developments in West Africa. (2006-2008)

--Guest speaker on hour-long radio programs airing on Africa Numero 1 and ONUCI radio regarding human rights crises in Guinea and Côte d'Ivoire. (2006-2008)

--Led and organized Human Rights Watch press conferences in Chad and Côte d'Ivoire attended by local and international media. (2000, 2006-2008)

--Television interview on Canadian current events show "The Hour" regarding the peace process in Côte d'Ivoire. (Feb 2006)

**LANGUAGES**

English (native), French (fluent).

**LICENSES**

Licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia.