

TRANSACTIONAL ASSISTANCE

Obtaining a Service Mark in the U.S. (Current)

Requested by: Un Techo Para Mi Pais (UTPMP) – Latin America/Chile

Collaborators: Morgan & Finnegan LLP – New York

Overview: Established in 1997, UTPMP is a Chilean-based regional youth-led organization that constructs emergency housing for the poor and provides life-enhancing services. UTPMP's work benefits the socially disadvantaged, and is carried out by volunteers in a multi-phase process. During the first phase, UTPMP constructs housing in economically depressed communities. In later phases, the organization offers residents micro-loans and basic skill training to help them transition into permanent residences. In carrying out its work, UTPMP engages clients, volunteers, private sector companies, and the media to improve the quality of life of Latin America's most impoverished citizens.

U.S. Incorporation of Non-Profit Working in Chile (Current)

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Requested by: Vance Center for International Justice Initiatives – New York

Collaborators: Morgan & Finnegan LLP – New York

Overview: The Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice Initiatives supports a global movement to engage lawyers to promote democratic values and address public needs. To accomplish this mission the Vance Center works with a world-wide network of lawyers and advocates, facilitating relationships between private and public interest lawyers; fostering collaboration and the sharing of experience across borders; and forging linkages between bar associations, law schools, law firms, non-governmental organizations and justice advocates. The Vance Center advocates for access to justice; professional responsibility; a culture of democracy; institutional fairness and transparency; law reform; equality of opportunity; and a legal profession that reflects diverse ideas and perspectives.

Establishing Legal Services Programs for Survivors of Domestic Violence: The U.S. Experience (Current)

Requested by: Non-governmental organizations – Latin America

Collaborators: City Bar Justice Center, New York City Bar; Safe Horizons; Sanctuaries for Families / New York

Overview: The Vance Center for International Justice Initiatives has been working with its partner organizations in Latin America to identify how the U.S experience in providing legal services to poor and marginalized populations can be leveraged to support ongoing access to justice initiatives in the region. This technical assistance paper examines the history, challenges, and successes of three organizations in New York City that deliver legal services to survivors of domestic violence using pro bono legal assistance.

U.S. Incorporation of Non-Profit Working in Chile (Current)

Requested by: Gabriela Mistral Foundation, Inc. – New York

Collaborator: Lovells – New York / London

Overview: Gabriela Mistral Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that will operate as a grant-making foundation. The foundation is named after Gabriela Mistral, a Chilean Nobel Laureate in literature. Its mission honors her legacy through the delivery of assistance to poor children in Montegrande, a town in northern Chile, where she spent most of her life teaching in public schools. The foundation will raise money in New York, principally among individuals in the Latino community, and fund projects that support educational and community centers. Through its programs, the foundation seeks to improve the standard of local education, which will enable children to remain in their communities rather than be forced to migrate to urban areas in search of a better education.

Obtaining a Service Mark in the U.S.

Requested by: Centro de Conservación Cetácea (CCC) – Chile

Collaborators: Silva Y Cía. Abogados – Chile; Morgan & Finnegan LLP – New York

Overview: In November 2005, Morgan & Finnegan and Silva Y Cía collaborated to assist CCC, an international organization dedicated to protecting the marine animal Cetácea, obtain a service mark in the United States.

U.S. Incorporation of Argentine Non-Profit

Requested by: Poder Ciudadano – Argentina

Collaborator: Shearman & Sterling LLP – New York / Washington, D.C.

Overview: In November 2004, Shearman & Sterling assisted Poder Ciudadano, a not-for-profit organization working in Argentina on issues of citizenship, civic information, collective action and democracy, to incorporate in the U.S. as a 501(c)3.

Uruguayan Incorporation of Regional Non-Profit Organization

Requested by: Un Techo Para Uruguay – Chile

Collaborator: Guyer Y Regules – Uruguay

Overview: In March 2004, Guyer Y Regules assisted Un Techo Para Mi País, a non-profit organization that works to alleviate poverty housing and homelessness in South and Central America, to incorporate as a not-for-profit entity in Uruguay.