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**Washington Foreign Law Society to Honor
World Justice Project Founder, President and CEO William H. Neukom**

Washington, DC--The World Justice Project is delighted to announce that the Washington Foreign Law Society (WFLS) will award Mr. William H. Neukom the Society's prestigious Harry LeRoy Jones Award for Mr. Neukom's important work in advancing the rule of law. The award will be given at the Society's annual Gala dinner, to be held at the Willard Hotel in Washington, DC, on Thursday, April 28, 2011, beginning at 7 pm.

Mr. Neukom is the Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the World Justice Project, a multinational, multidisciplinary initiative to strengthen the rule of law for communities of opportunity and equity. Mr. Neukom has previously served as General Counsel of Microsoft Corporation, President of the American Bar Association, and Chairman of Preston Gates & Ellis, and is currently the Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of Major League Baseball's 2010 world champion San Francisco Giants.

The Harry LeRoy Jones Award is given annually by the Washington Foreign Law Society to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and application of international law. Recent recipients include U.S. Supreme Court Justices Stephen Breyer and Sandra Day O'Connor, as well as leaders such as U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, former Secretary of State James Baker, and the late Ambassador Richard Holbrooke. The WFLS is a non-profit organization based in Washington, DC, that promotes knowledge and understanding of international legal matters. Formed in 1952, its members include attorneys, U.S. government officials, foreign diplomats, academics, representatives from international organizations and others.

Samuel Witten, the president of the Washington Foreign Law Society, said, "The World Justice Project is just five years old and is already having a significant impact. Its international forums, for example, have spurred important transnational cooperation to improve the rule of law at the national, state and community levels."

Debra Decker, a member of the WFLS Board of Governors and co-chair of the Gala, noted, "Our last honoree was Senator Richard Lugar. Mr. Neukom, like Senator Lugar, strives to make the world a better place through supporting international collaborations. In today's interconnected world, where other people's problems inevitably become are our own, we have to work together to help improve conditions not only in our own countries but in other countries also - and the World Justice's Rule of Law Index helps to set a standard for good governance conditions."

Adding to the excitement around the WFLS Gala is that the Washington Nationals are scheduled to play against the San Francisco Giants from April 29 to May 2 in DC.

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About the World Justice Project

The World Justice Project (WJP) is an independent, 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization to advance the rule of law for the development of communities of opportunity and equity worldwide. Its work is being carried out through the creation of a comprehensive Rule of Law Index, the convening of global and regional meetings of world leaders including the World Justice Forum, the provision of seed grants for rule of law projects, and the origination of new scholarship on rule of law issues. The Project's multinational, multidisciplinary efforts are dedicated to developing practical programs in support of the rule of law around the world. For further details, visit www.worldjusticeproject.org. Information about WFLS and its 2011 Gala is available at www.wfls.org.