URBAN MORGAN SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS
Kathleen Norris at the Embassy of the United States
Rabat, Morocco

Ronique Padda at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon
The Hague, Netherlands

Patrick Parkinson, Unity Dow, Ministry of Justice
Gaborone, Botswana

Brittany Triggs at Universidad Pontificia Comillas
Madrid, Spain

Natalia Trotter at International Justice Mission (IJM)
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Monica Welker at Uganda Christian University Kampala/Acid Burns Victims Group
Kampala, Uganda

Caleb Williamson at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
Bogotá, Columbia
MONICA WELKER
UGANDA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
KAMPALA/ACID BURNS VICTIMS GROUP
KAMPALA, UGANDA
Prof. Lili Sanchez

Plaza de Bolivar
Machu Picchu

Plaza de las Armas
International Justice Mission

Dominican Republic
IJM
IJM’s Model

PHASE 1: Collaborative Casework

PHASE 2: System Reform

PHASE 3: Sustaining Gains
The Criminal Justice System
The Legal Team
The Legal Team
The Beaches
The People
BOTSWANA, SUMMER 2017

Patrick Parkinson
**THE BASICS**
- Independence – 1966
- Population – 2.2 Million
  - Gaborone ~230,000
- Language
  - English (official)
  - Setswana
- Economy
  - Beef (historically)
  - Diamonds (1970s)

**CLIMATE & GEOGRAPHY**
- Warm, arid climate
  - Very little rain (“Pula”)
- Largely flat, rolling tableland
- About the size of Texas
- Dominant features
  - Kalahari Desert
  - Kasane - Chobe National Park
  - Okavango Delta

**GOVERNMENT**
- Parliamentary Republic
  - Botswana Democratic Party
- Three Branches
  - National Assembly (Parliament)
  - Executive – President
    - Indirectly elected by National Assembly
  - Judiciary
    - Court of Appeal, High Court
MY WORK AT THE MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION

- Mr. Seisa – Legal Advisor for the Ministry of Basic Education
  - Largely write memos; attend meetings discussing/promoting bills on behalf of the Ministry; edit public releases for the Ministry
- General Orders and Public Service Act (PSA)
- Where to search for applicable case law
  - Botswana e-Laws
  - SAFLII
  - CILSA.
- When looking for precedent...
  - First search for a relevant case in Botswana
  - If none can be found → check caselaw from other Southern African countries
    - South Africa
  - If still no legal precedent is found → turn to the United Kingdom
• Ntlo ya Dikgosi (“Council of Dikgosi”, previously called the “House of Chiefs”) - an advisory body to the National Assembly (no legislative authority, but must be allowed to advise the government)
  • Certain laws outlined in the constitution may not be passed or amended without first submitting the legislation for input by the Dikgosi
    • powers of chiefs, customary courts, customary law, tribal property, and constitutional amendments
  • May also consider any bill referred to it by the National Assembly (legislative branch) or a minister
• Ntlo ya Dikgosi consists of
  • 35 members
    • 8 hereditary chiefs
    • 22 indirectly elected by the chiefs
    • 5 appointed by the President
• To be a member of the Ntlo ya Dikgosi, one must
  • Be a citizen of Botswana
  • Be 21 years of age or older
  • Traditionally, this was a position only held by men, but now is open to both men and women
    • several women are now acting Kgosi.

• Bill – change teaching to a status of a profession
  • Complete with their own independent council to regulate the profession.
• In promoting this bill, I ...
  • attended the filming of a talk show segment discussing a bill which would
  • Attended the Ministry’s presentation of the bill to the Ntlo ya Dikgosi
• Presenting on various legal topics to School Heads in Kanye

Meeting the current Chairperson of the Ntlo ya Dikgosi, Kgosi Puso Gaborone
CULTURAL EVENTS
VICTORIA FALLS
RONIQUE PADDAA
THE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON
THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS
KATHLEEN NORRIS
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
RABAT, MOROCCO