

*Please Join Us for a Reception to Honor and Support Three Attorneys
Spearheading the Fight for Justice in Haiti*

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In March 2004, an unelected interim government replaced Haiti's elected, constitutional authorities, and started waging a war against political opponents. Thousands have been killed, dozens of political prisoners fill the jails. Honest judges and prosecutors have been purged, replaced by political appointees willing to harass and jail dissidents with no justification.

Despite death threats, bullets shot through his office and carjackings, Haitian lawyer Mario Joseph continues to stand up for the rule of law in Haitian courts. He and his colleagues at the Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (BAI) represent political prisoners and victims of police violence- they are the only lawyers willing to take most human rights cases. The Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (IJDH), a US-based non-profit founded by attorneys Brian Concannon and Ira Kurzban, provides financial and legal support to the BAI, helps litigate cases in US and international courts, and disseminates information on human rights in Haiti.

The BAI and IJDH urgently need financial support to continue their work. Please join us to meet these courageous attorneys and consider a generous financial contribution.

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Mario Joseph Mario is Haiti's most prominent human rights attorney. His clients include political prisoner Yvon Neptune, Haiti's last constitutional Prime Minister, and Father Jean Juste, a Catholic priest and Amnesty International prisoner of conscience.

Brian Concannon Brian spent nine years in Haiti, with the UN and the BAI, helping to construct a democratic justice system grounded on the rule of law. Along with Mario, he spearheaded the prosecution of the Raboteau massacre, Haiti's best complex criminal case, hailed as a landmark in the global fight against impunity. Under his direction, IJDH has developed the most comprehensive documentation of human rights violations in Haiti, and its reports are a reference for lawyers, members of Congress, activists and journalists.

Ira Kurzban Ira is one of America's top immigration lawyers, recognized for his work with both large corporate clients and penniless refugees. He has argued major political asylum cases to the Supreme Court and his *Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook* is the definitive resource for immigration practitioners. Ira represented Haiti's constitutional governments from 1991 to 2004, and is the Chairman of IJDH's Board of Directors. A graduate of UC Berkeley Law School, he teaches at the University of Miami School of Law and Nova University School of Law.