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*Bryan Stevenson*  
&  
*Judy Prosper*

**at the New York Fundraiser to Benefit the  
Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti**

**Meet Two Lawyers On the Front Lines of the  
Fight For Justice in Haiti**

**Mario Joseph, Av.,** Managing Lawyer, *Bureau des Avocats  
Internationaux* (BAI), Haiti  
**Brian Concannon Jr., Esq.,** Director, Institute for Justice &  
Democracy in Haiti (IJDH)

**Thursday, May 24, 2007  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
at  
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## Biographies

**Mario Joseph** is Haiti's most prominent human rights attorney. Despite death threats, bullets shot through his office and carjackings, he has stood up in court for Haiti's political prisoners and other victims of human rights violations for 14 years (and two dictatorships). He and his colleagues at the *Bureau des Avocats Internationaux* (BAI) have pioneered a victim-centered approach that effectively combines traditional lawyering with grassroots advocacy to address Haiti's entrenched systemic injustice. One of Mario's cases, the trial of the Raboteau massacre in 2000, was one of the most important human rights cases in the Americas, and was the subject of an award-winning documentary, *Poté Mak Sonjè: The Raboteau Trial*.

**Brian Concannon Jr.** spent nine years in Haiti, with the United Nations and the BAI, helping to construct a democratic justice system grounded in the rule of law. He returned to the U.S. to found the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti (IJDH) following the U.S.-supported coup d'état in Haiti in February 2004. The Institute provides legal and financial support to the BAI, and works for U.S. policies that respect the autonomy and human rights of Haiti's poor. IJDH works with legal clinics at top U.S. law schools, including Yale, Seton Hall, New York University and Harvard. IJDH's reports and analyses are a reference for lawyers, members of Congress, students, activists and journalists.

**Michael Ratner** is President of the Center for Constitutional Rights and one of America's leading progressive lawyers. He coordinates the defense of the Guantanamo Bay detainees and legal actions against former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. His Haiti work has included challenging the detention of Haitian refugees up to the Supreme Court and pursuing civil suits against Haitian human rights violators hiding in the U.S. Mr. Ratner helped establish the BAI in Haiti in 1995.

**Judy Prosper** is the Vice-President and a member of the IJDH Board of Directors. She is an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Office of the Attorney General. She worked as Legal Counsel to the Government of Haiti during President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's second, abbreviated, administration (2001-2004).

**Tom F. Driver** is the Paul J. Tillich Professor of Theology and Culture Emeritus at Union Theological Seminary in New York, and a prominent advocate for peace and social justice in the U.S., Haiti and Latin America. From 1993 to 2000 he was chairperson of the Witness for Peace Haiti Task Force. He has traveled to Haiti 10 times since 1980, twice to do research on Haiti's religion and culture, and later to lead delegations for Witness for Peace, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, and other organizations.

**Bryan Stevenson** is a member of the IJDH Board of Directors, the Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative of Alabama and Professor of Law at NYU School of Law. His representation of poor people and death row prisoners in the Deep South has won him national recognition, including the ACLU National Medal of Liberty, the Reebok Human Rights Award, and the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award Prize.

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