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**Re: Law Foundation Scholarship- Human Rights Internship Program**

Dear Members of the Law Foundation,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the scholarship awarded by the Law Foundation for the human rights internship I undertook from October 2016 to April 2017 at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

The Special Tribunal for Lebanon is a hybrid court set up by the United Nations Security Council under Security Council Resolution 1757 to bring to justice those responsible for the attack in Beirut of 14 February 2005 which led to death of 22 people, including the former Prime Minister Rafic Hariri. The Tribunal is located in The Hague, Netherlands, and is unique in a number of respects, including being the first international tribunal to try the crime of terrorism.

In my role as a legal intern I performed a wide range of duties and tasks which included legal research, both on thematic issues and specific tasks of finding precedents. I analysed submissions and cross checked evidence in ongoing cases, helped draft legal memoranda to a wide range of audiences, and drafted formal correspondence such as notes verbales between the Tribunal and diplomatic missions or other United Nations agencies the tribunal was dealing with.

I was placed in the Registry Legal Office which oversees all legal aspects of the administration of the Tribunal. I feel this was the ideal body to be placed in, as opposed to being placed in a specific office, as the Registry Legal Office engages with all the organs of the tribunal. I had tasks which related the Office of the Prosecutor, the Defence Office, Chambers as well as specific instances which often involved only one member of the Tribunal. This gave me an excellent overview of every branch of the Tribunal and all the aspects that go into the successful management of the Tribunal, an insight that would not have been available to me had I interned in another branch. At various points throughout the six-month internship I analysed evidence from each organ and conducted research relating to them all as well.

Another advantage of this was that I came into contact with prosecutors, defence attorneys and judges and myriad of other officials operating at the court. This was an incredibly enriching aspect giving me holistic view of international criminal law that I

would not have been able to gain otherwise. In addition to this I was incredibly fortunate to have such close contact with the members of the Registry Legal Office. The guidance shown and steadfast commitment to fairness of the Tribunal and legal ethics they displayed was nothing short of inspiring and was an exemplary example from which to learn. I am confident this will be of continuing assistance throughout my career going forward.

Once again, I am sincerely grateful for the assistance provided Law Foundation of South Australia Inc. This was of tremendous help in financing accommodation and living expenses throughout the internship. My time at the Special Tribunal was initially for three months, however towards the end of this I was asked to continue on for another three months. I would not have been able to do this without the support of the Law Foundation, and for this I offer my heartfelt thanks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Stenner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mathew Stenner