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## **The Clooney Foundation for Justice Hires Legal Advocacy Director To Advance Support of Human Rights Victims**

NEW YORK, March 2, 2020 – The Clooney Foundation for Justice (CFJ) announced today experienced litigator and human rights law expert Jennifer Sokoler has joined the Foundation as Director of Legal Advocacy. The latest hire in a [growing CFJ leadership team](#), Sokoler will oversee development of the Foundation’s legal advocacy strategies, including the direct representation of victims of human rights abuses.

Sokoler joins CFJ from O’Melveny & Myers LLP where she served as Counsel in the Supreme Court and Appellate Litigation practice. Previously, she served as an advisor to former United States Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power and former United Nations Human Rights Committee Member Sarah Cleveland.

“We are thrilled to have Jennifer join the CFJ team working with us to expand our ability to provide support to those whose human rights have been violated around the world,” said John Prendergast, CFJ’s Strategic Director. “As the Foundation’s Legal Advocacy Director, Jennifer’s expertise will help us continue to expand our advocacy capabilities across initiatives.”

As CFJ’s Legal Advocacy Director, Sokoler will support the expansion of TrialWatch, a CFJ flagship initiative that monitors and grades the fairness of trials targeting vulnerable people around the world, including journalists, women and girls, religious minorities, LGBTQ persons and human rights defenders. Since its launch in April 2019, TrialWatch has developed a global program that has monitored trials in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America.

Using the unique data gathered from trial monitoring, TrialWatch advocates on behalf of defendants whose rights have been violated. In her role, Sokoler will lead CFJ’s post-trial advocacy efforts, including, where appropriate, by assisting defendants in pursuing remedies from regional and international human rights bodies.

After graduating from Columbia Law School, Sokoler completed three clerkships, including for United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Chief Judge of the Second Circuit Robert A. Katzmann. She also served as a fellow at the Center for Reproductive Rights, where she now serves on the Board.

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**About the Clooney Foundation for Justice**

The Clooney Foundation for Justice was established in late 2016 by George and Amal Clooney to advocate for justice through accountability for human rights abuses around the world, including through its three flagship initiatives: TrialWatch®, The Sentry and The Docket. For more information on the Foundation and its work, please visit [www.cfj.org](http://www.cfj.org).