



SUNSGLOW Global Training in the Rule of Law

SUNSGLOW Establishment

It was 10 years ago in 1998 that Yassin El-Ayouty focused on the establishment of SUNSGLOW. The purpose was to bridge the cultural gaps among various judicial systems through training and exchange of experiences on a worldwide scale. During his 32-year career at the UN, from which he retired as a Principal Officer in 1986, Dr. El-Ayouty devoted his energies to training as the logical means of converting knowledge into usable practical skills.

Our Mission

Our motto sums up our mission: *Training for Legal and Judicial Reform, Respect for Human Rights, and the enhancement of Good Governance Across National Borders, Time Zones and Language Barriers*

It is to be supplemented by the following: We are neutral, non-ideological, non-partisan, and respectful of each country's sovereignty. We seek to train the legal and judicial community within the structure of its own legal traditions. The philosophy of our action is fully served by creating connectors between one judicial system and another. We do not rely on glossy brochures, but on well-selected issues emanating from the region in which we are involved and the evaluation produced by the participants to effectively guide our future action. We are not involved in divisive issues in any given area, nor can we get exercised over broad controversies, which often split the Bar from the Judiciary in many parts of the developing world. SUNSGLOW responds to specific invitations provided that funding has been secured; selects its faculty from the region in question and from its Board of Advisors and Associates. The duration of our programs does not exceed two and a half days with a half day left for group evaluation of the activity.

SUNSGLOW shall endeavor to tackle newer areas with respect to the Rule of Law. An example is "Piracy on the High Seas."

The Emergence of a Structure

SUNSGLOW'S Board of Advisors was established in 1998-1999 (previously known as the Board of Directors). It also has the equivalent of a Peace Corps—volunteers from more than 25 countries who are called "Associates." This corps has been the staff of SUNSGLOW, learning from its involvement in facilitating and running its overseas programs. A complete list of advisors and associates is attached.

Our Liaison Centers

To complete its structure, SUNSGLOW established eight Liaison Centers around the world: Nassau, The Bahamas; Cairo, Egypt; Lyon, France; Freiburg, Germany; Athens, Greece; Baghdad, Iraq; Safat, Kuwait; Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Each Center is headed by a distinguished personality. Each Center is activated in two ways: advice regarding issues of legal and judicial concern to that region; logistical support when a program is conducted within the Center's perimeter. These Centers are provided with valuable assistance from the corps of Associates within its area.

Joint Programming with Fordham University School of Law

In 2006, arrangements were made for regular joint programming with Fordham University School of Law (the Lewis Stein Center for Law and Ethics), New York City.

Funding

Presently, we rely on program per program funding. We are not a funding organization, but rather a funded organization. We are a new breed of organization; a for-profit with a mission of public service. It is our goal to secure a grant or grants to sustain our mission on an ongoing basis. In the interim, we shall continue to respond to invitations to provide programs that are funded on an individual basis.

Responding to Questions on How to Contribute

Checks may be written payable to "Fordham University School of Law" with the memo of the check clearly indicating "For SUNSGLOW Joint Programming." Upon receipt of your check, the financial service department of Fordham Law will acknowledge your contribution. Your accountant or tax preparer may reflect it as a charitable contribution.

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A Biographical Note

DR. YASSIN EL-AYOUTY, ESQ.

Born in Egypt and later naturalized as a United States Citizen, Dr. Yassin El-Ayouty, Esq. has been founder and president of **SUNSGLOW--Global Training in the Rule of Law** since 1998. SUNSGLOW is assisted by a distinguished Board of Advisors, a corps of volunteers (Associates) from several countries, and eight regional liaison centers around the world. (***SUNSGLOW'S motto sums up its cause: Training for Legal and Judicial Reform, Respect for Human Rights and the Enhancement of Good Governance across National Borders, Time Zones and Language Barriers***)

In 1952, prior to his departure from Egypt to the United States on a Fulbright Scholarship, Dr. El-Ayouty taught modern history of Egypt at the Model School in Cairo, Egypt (1948-1952).

He served the UN from 1954 to 1986 and was UN spokesman during the Algerian War of Independence; Principal Officer in the capacity of Chief of the Africa Division; Secretary of the UN Council for Namibia, Department of Political Affairs and Decolonization. In 1964, he drafted the statute of the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), promulgated by the UN General Assembly at the UN's 20th Anniversary and later became UNITAR's Director of Training.

In 1971, and in accordance with a resolution of the UN General Assembly, Dr. El-Ayouty established the first UN Peace Research Unit within the then Department of Political and Security Council Affairs (1971-1973).

Since 1995, he has been Special Counsel to the New York City law firm of Spector & Feldman, where he principally handles trans-jurisdictional and other international cases. These include cases before the UN Security Council Committees on sanctions, immigration and US national security cases, as well as various US and European cases.

He is a member of various Bar Associations including the New Jersey Bar, the Bar of the US Supreme Court, the Egyptian Bar, the Bar of the Egyptian Court of Cassation (the Supreme Court of Egypt), the Federation of the Arab Bar Associations, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Dr. El-Ayouty is a member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs Cairo, Egypt—a non-governmental organization (NGO) which Dr. El-Ayouty represents at the UN, as an affiliate of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Dr. El-Ayouty was an adjunct professor of political science at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of St. John's University, New York City (1966-1972) where, in 1967 he drafted the terms of reference of the Papal Fellowships designed for UN diplomats and their spouses. He also served as adjunct professor at the State University of New York at Stony Brook (1972-1997) where he is now professor emeritus. From 1996 to 2000, he was Distinguished Visiting Professor at Nova Southeastern University, the Shepard Broad Law School, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Simultaneously, he was an adjunct professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York City (1996-2004). As of 1997, Dr. El-Ayouty has been adjunct professor at St. Francis College, New York City. Since 2001, he has been an adjunct professor of law at the Cairo University School of Law, Cairo, Egypt. He is a Fellow at the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, Fordham University School of Law, New York City, where he is also an adjunct professor of Islamic Law.

In November 2006, the UN Secretary-General, in consultation with the Security Council, appointed Dr. El-Ayouty to the Panel of Experts on Darfur, the Sudan. He served in Darfur until February 2007, and submitted his independent report on the legal and tribal ramifications of that conflict.

In 2007, he was appointed by the Federal Eastern District Court of New York, as Special Master to settle the claims of the Egyptian families of the Egyptair crash off the US eastern coast in 1999. He performed this task at Egypt's highest court (the Court of Cassation) in 2007.

Dr. El-Ayouty has a **diploma** in educational psychology from the Teachers Institute, Cairo, Egypt (1948); a **B.S.** in education from State Teachers College, Trenton, New Jersey (1953); an **M.A.** in US Constitutional History from Rutgers University, New Jersey; a **Ph.D.** from New York University (NYU) in international law and international organization (1966); and a **J.D.** from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (1994).

Dr. El-Ayouty works in Arabic, English and French and has a working knowledge of Spanish.

He is the author and editor of several articles and professional studies (e.g. **The Judiciary of the Republic of Yemen: A Study in Reform** (The World Bank, 2001); **The Darfur Crisis: Legal, Political and Tribal Perspectives** (for the United Nations Security Council Committee on the Sudan, March 2007) and, to date, of nine books. The most recent of these books is **Perspectives on 9/11** (Greenwood Press, 2004).

Dr. El-Ayouty is married to Grace Lasser El-Ayouty. They have a son—Joseph El-Ayouty.

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