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In Memory of Vincent Del Buono

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Mr. Vincent Del Buono, the first President of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy. Vince passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving wife Jennifer and other members of his family in the early morning hours of April 13, 2010.

Some people affect the affairs of all of us by their ideas, and others by their actions. Very few achieve both. Vince was one of these very few and this recorded in his long list of achievements. As an academic, a public servant, and as an international mover and shaker, he was in a class of his own. Vince was always the person brimming with new ideas, crystal balling the future, with the creative spirit tied to the dedication of purpose to make the vision a reality.

The very existence of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy is owed to these strengths of Vince's. He brought the partners together, both internationally and nationally. He found the seed money for it, and he managed it through its infant years. The Centre was in the main his vision and he carried it through.

Vince's key involvement in the establishment of the International Centre is just one of many contributions to the promotion of the rule of law and reforming criminal justice systems worldwide. Between 1980 to 1991, he worked at the Law Reform Commission of Canada and then the federal Department of Justice. Vince was the founding President of the Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (1988-1994) and Inter-regional Advisor to the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (1994-1998). Vince's work took him all over the world, from being a member of the UN Peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1998), to his five year involvement as the Coordinator of the Access to Justice Programme in Nigeria (2002-2007). His significant contribution to the Nigerian justice sector reform and human rights was recognized by the Nigerian government with the award of the Order of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Throughout he lived in the skies of optimism exhibiting a zest for living and laughing heartily as only he could do enjoying the moment for its value. In times of adversity Vince saw and seized the opportunities to make a difference, and he surely achieved these lofty goals.

We will remember Vince as we strive to embody his vision at the International Centre. He will be dearly missed.