



**Strategic Plan**  
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Mission

*The Center for Justice and Accountability is an international human rights organization dedicated to deterring torture, war crimes, crimes against humanity and other severe human rights abuses around the world through litigation, policy advocacy and outreach in pursuit of truth, justice and redress for victims and survivors.*

External Strategic Objectives

1. We hold human rights abusers accountable through litigation and legal advocacy by:
  - a. Documenting crimes, identifying those legally responsible, and building evidence to adjudicate these cases.
  - b. Litigating high impact cases in U.S. and Spain.
  - c. Providing support for prosecutions before foreign national courts, international tribunals or hybrid tribunals.
  - d. Supporting efforts such as extradition, deportation, or criminal prosecution of human rights abusers before U.S. and foreign agencies.
  - e. Filing amicus briefs before the United States Supreme Court and appellate courts and other foreign courts to preserve and build human rights law.
  
2. We advance human rights policies in U.S. and abroad that promote civil and criminal accountability by:
  - a. Advocating for criminal laws against crimes against humanity.
  - b. Expanding jurisdiction for war crimes, genocide, child soldiers and other international human rights crimes to cover non-state actors.
  - c. Establishing civil causes of action to hold state officials or non-state actors civilly liable for international human rights crimes.
  - d. Advocating for universal jurisdiction laws in different national jurisdictions.
  - e. Increasing public awareness about human rights abuses through media and outreach to augment advocacy.
  
3. In collaboration with local partners and civil society, we support justice initiatives in countries transitioning from periods of conflict and abuse through the above approaches as well as:
  - a. Facilitating knowledge sharing and best practices in national criminal investigations and prosecutions.
  - b. Supporting legal and institutional reform, such as repeal of amnesty laws.

- c. Advocating for victim participation in court.
- d. Amplifying the voice of victims and survivors through other efforts.