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AHL “officers and researchers attend the United Nations human rights forums and work directly with the UN-credited groups, with the UN staff, with investigators appointed by the Commission on Human Rights, and with members of the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human rights.”

AHL’s officers are practicing attorneys from multiple countries. They work with researchers, some of whom are attorneys, others law students, paralegals, or graduates in political science and other related fields.

The UN’s Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Prevention of Human Rights was formed in 1947 as a think tank for the UN Commission on Human Rights. Prior to 1999, it was named the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The organization operated until August 2006.

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¹ <http://www.humanlaw.org/Karen%20Parker2.html>