

Jeffrey Vogt -- Rule of Law Director and Co-founder of the ILAW Network

Jeff is widely recognized as an expert on international and comparative labor law.

Currently, is the Director of the Rule of Law (ROL) Department of the Solidarity Center, where he leads the organization's work supporting the legal needs of SC's partners around the world. This includes providing technical support to trade unions, including on labor law and policy, labor legislation, and the effective use of national, regional and international tribunals. In 5 years, Jeff has nearly tripled the size of the department and has significantly increased and diversified its funding.

In 2018, he also co-founded of the International Lawyers Assisting Workers (ILAW) Network, a project of the Solidarity Center's ROL Department. The largest global network of worker and union rights lawyers, it now brings together over 700 members from over 75 countries. The core mission of the ILAW Network is to facilitate information exchange and collaboration among its members, and to develop creative strategies to promote worker rights globally – through campaigns, policy analysis, litigation, and legislation. More information is available at (www.ilawnetwork.com).

Jeff also serves as the US Worker Delegate to the International Labor Organization's (ILO) Governing Body and is a member of the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association.

From 2011 through 2016, he was the legal director of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), where he coordinated the organization's legal advocacy before the International Labor Organization, the United Nations and other international institutions, advised trade unions on labor law and policy, and supported claims before national, regional and international tribunals. Among several initiatives, he led the ITUC's legal strategy to address the trafficking for forced labor of migrant workers in the Gulf region, in particular in Qatar and the UAE, and developed the ITUC's work on the law of Business and Human Rights to address labor abuses in global supply chains.

From 2006 to 2011, Jeff served as the deputy director of the AFL-CIO's International Department and, before, as its Global Economic Policy Specialist. There, he helped to develop the organization's policy on trade and investment, international financial institutions and promotion and enforcement of international labor standards and human rights. Prior to the AFL-CIO, Jeff worked for union-side labor law firms in New York and Washington, DC.

He has published extensively on international labor law and has testified before executive, legislative and judicial bodies around the world. Jeff is co-author of the book, *The Right to Strike in International Law* (Hart Publishing 2020), which was written in anticipation of the referral by the ILO to the International Court of Justice of the dispute over the protection of the right to strike in ILO conventions. He is a graduate of Cornell Law School, where he earned his J.D. and L.L.M. in international and comparative law and studied international law at the University of Paris I–Sorbonne. He also has a B.A. and M.A. in English.

