

Centre for Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Durham University

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE SPECIAL COURT FOR SIERRA LEONE

Morris Kallon is currently standing trial at the Special Court for Sierra Leone for his alleged involvement in the Sierra Leone civil war of 1991-2002. He is one of three co-accused in the matter of *P v. Sesay et al.*, Case No. SCSL-04-15-T, also known as the “RUF Trial.” He is joined in that case by fellow members of the Revolutionary United Front, Issa Sesay and Augustine Gbao, and stands charged with 18 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity. This is one of only four cases to be tried by the Special Court and the last one to be held in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

The Centre for Criminal Law and Criminal Justice is facilitating Joe Holmes, legal assistant to the Defence of Morris Kallon by providing an opportunity for a small group of **second or final year LLB or research students to assist, as volunteers, with the research and drafting of court documents** for the Defence team of Mr Kallon. Student applicants should be able to dedicate up to 8 hours per week to this project.

Participants will develop a broad political and historical understanding of the actors, events and causes of the war. As part of the group they will also take an in-depth look at the legal complexities arising from one of the most violent African wars of modern times. But perhaps most interestingly, participants will have the opportunity to make their own evaluation, from a Defence perspective, of the notion of international justice. The project will require the practical application of rules of evidence and of the law governing international crimes, although training in International Criminal law is not a pre-requisite.

Applicants should send a short email, with accompanying CV, to joeholmes5@hotmail.com by **Friday 4 April**. They should provide details including their year of study, modules they have taken and any other information that they think may be relevant.