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This past year, the Crowley Program focused on refugee rights related to Burmese refugees living in the nine camps in Thailand along the border with Myanmar. The Crowley Fellow and eight law school students (Crowley Scholars) conducted research, field visits, and wide ranging interviews with refugee communities from many of these nine camps; non-governmental organizations working with these populations; academic institutions; legal professionals; Thai and other state government agencies; and UN and other international and state actors engaged with refugee rights issues in Thailand.

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