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Janet Benshoof is an American human rights lawyer, and President of the Global Justice Center. She is internationally recognized for her human rights and constitutional law expertise, and has established landmark legal precedents in the U.S. Supreme Court and international forums. She received her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School and taught at Harvard Law School and Bard College.

The Global Justice Center is an organisation that stands for human rights through rule of law. It works for peace, justice, and security by enforcing international laws that protect human rights and promote gender equality.

In 2011, the Global Justice Center launched the Geneva Initiative, an initiative that focuses on enforcing those international laws which are universally accepted as binding on all states and which protect absolute human rights. These include international humanitarian law, the "laws of war," the U.N. Charter, laws of state responsibility and Chapter 7 Security Council resolutions.

Through the Geneva Initiative lawyers from the Global Justice Center team up with government representatives, women leaders in conflict and transitional democracies, civil society policymakers, UN officials, as well as international courts and tribunals. The aim is to create powerful international law precedents that enforce and advance existing fundamental rights to quality, justice and gender parity in power.