

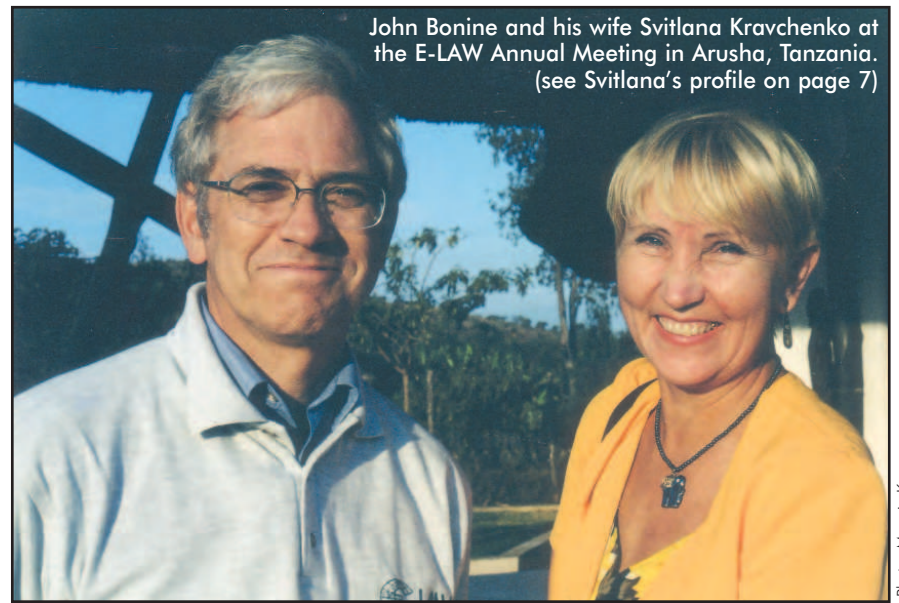
Lifetime Passion for the Earth

John Bonine is passionate about (at least) three things:

- 1) The potential of citizen lawyers to protect the environment
- 2) Exploring the world
- 3) Using computers to connect people

These three passions converged in John's vision for the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide. Long before most of us had ever dreamed of electronic mail, John was torturing modems and telephones to help environmental lawyers collaborate across distances. Early on, John recognized that emerging electronic communication tools could magnify the impact of grassroots lawyers, a group of people to whom he has devoted his career.

As a professor at the University of Oregon School of Law, John knew the power of law to protect the environment. A tireless world traveler, John had encountered lawyers in all corners of the globe working to protect the environment. He saw that these lawyers were often fighting lonely battles, with little access to legal precedents or scientific help. John recognized that if these pioneering lawyers could tap legal and scientific resources from around the world, they could better protect the environment.



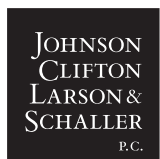
John Bonine and his wife Svitlana Kravchenko at the E-LAW Annual Meeting in Arusha, Tanzania. (see Svitlana's profile on page 7)

Photo: Maggie Keenan

Along with advocates in nine other countries, John and Eugene colleagues Mike Axline and Mary O'Brien conceived and launched the E-LAW network. Fifteen years later, the network is a formidable corps of skilled, committed, and effective environmental defenders.

John's vision and persistence in bringing E-LAW to life have paid off for the planet, again and again. Thank you, John, from everyone at E-LAW U.S.!

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