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NGO Workshop Helps Solidify a Chinese Environmental Advocate's Vision



Zhou Xiang is the director of Green Anhui, a non-governmental organization (NGO) that has improved environmental protection in China's Anhui Province by documenting illegal dumping, gathering citizen grievances, organizing petitions, providing environmental education and engaging in policy advocacy. To further his efforts, he has long wanted to develop a manual to help citizens respond to environmental disasters. Despite his belief that the manual was needed, Zhou had postponed development believing that he would need to partner with other advocates and groups to create the most useful publication. Thanks to a workshop co-sponsored by the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) and the China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO), Zhou was able to transform the manual development idea into a reality. [Read more »»](#)

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

ABA ROLI Offers Continuing Legal Education in Arabic



Continuing legal education (CLE) is an important resource for practicing attorneys, allowing them to expand their legal skills and to keep abreast of new developments in the legal profession. While Egypt is home to a large and vibrant community of lawyers, opportunities for CLE remain scarce. [Read more »»](#)



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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Culture of Lawfulness Training for Panamanian Police



In mid-January, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative's (ABA ROLI's) Panama program conducted a week-long workshop for 45 representatives from the National Police, the Public Ministry, the Forensic Medicine Institute and the judiciary. The Panama City training emphasized the role of police and other officials in promoting a culture of lawfulness within the

EUROPE AND EURASIA

Members of the Moldovan Judiciary, Prosecutors and Lawyers Discuss Legal System Reform

On February 17, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, hosted a roundtable addressing future reform priorities for the Moldovan legal system. About 50 people, including leaders of the judiciary, prosecutors, other legal professionals and international donor representatives, attended the event. Gheorghe Susarenco, the deputy minister of justice, was also in attendance. [Read](#)

ASIA

Cambodia Holds Third Annual Client Counseling Competition



A team from the Royal University of Law and Economics won Cambodia's third annual client counseling competition (CCC). The competition was held from January 28–29 in Phnom Penh, with 12 teams from eight Cambodian law schools taking part. The competition—organized by the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), East-West Management Institute and the Bar Association of the Kingdom of

Panamanian justice sector. Some participants were designated trainers and will replicate the workshop for police officers in the future. [Read more »»](#)

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Cambodia and supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development—was held at the Sunway Hotel. [Read more »»](#)

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Freedom of Information Advocacy Campaign Extended to Northern Lebanon



With support from the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), the National Network for the Right of Access to Information is expanding its advocacy campaign for greater freedom of information in Lebanon. [Read more »»](#)

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ASIA

Workshop Enhances Civil Society Engagement with the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights

In January, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) held a three-day workshop on ensuring the effectiveness of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN's) Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR). More

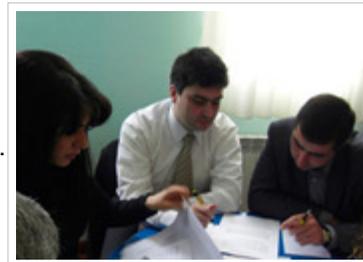
than 35 people gathered in Chiang Mai, Thailand, to explore opportunities for civil society engagement with the recently established regional human rights body. [Read more »»](#)



EUROPE AND EURASIA

Armenian Attorneys Participate in a Trial Advocacy and Legal Writing Training

From January 29–31, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) conducted a trial advocacy and legal writing training for 53 Armenian attorneys in Tsakhkadzor. Participants included newly licensed advocates and public defenders from throughout Armenia. [Read more »»](#)



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