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FEATURED STORY

Middle East Conference Addresses Continuing Legal Education



From November 1–5, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), in cooperation with the Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA), hosted a conference on creating and administering a continuing legal education (CLE) program for administrators and practitioners. The conference, held at CRCICA's offices in Cairo, included in-depth training on core aspects of CLE programming and administration. A total of 31 legal professionals representing nine countries from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region attended the program. [Read more »](#)

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Kyrgyz Street Law Programs to Begin Independent Operation

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DRC's Mobile Courts Strike a Blow Against Rape and Related Crimes



The ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) is working toward a smooth transition to local centers operation of its Kyrgyz street law programs by February 2010. Over eight years of programming, ABA ROLI helped establish and operate five street law centers throughout the country. [Read more »](#)



October 29 marked an important achievement in the fight to end rape and sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). As part of a mobile court program operated by the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), a military tribunal in Kalima, Maniema Province, sentenced a military police officer to 12 months imprisonment and imposed a \$1,000 fine for his role in facilitating the escape of an alleged rape perpetrator. As a result of his actions, the alleged perpetrator, accused of raping a two-year-old girl, remains at large. [Read more »](#)

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D.C. Roundtable on Criminal Justice Reform in China

On November 13, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative's (ABA ROLI's) Asia Division hosted a roundtable on recent developments and future trends in criminal justice reform in China.

Prof. Bian Jianlin, dean of the Procedural Law Research Institute at China University of Political Science and Law, and Judge He Qi, vice-president of Sheyang County District Court, highlighted ongoing criminal justice reform efforts, including those involving exclusionary rule procedures. The speakers were part of a 10-member delegation of Chinese criminal justice professionals and academics participating in a U.S. study tour that ABA ROLI and New York University's U.S.-Asia Law Institute organized. [Read more »](#)

Ukraine Conference Marks the End of Pre-Trial Detention Program



To conclude a pre-trial detention program that began in 2006, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) in Ukraine—in cooperation with the ministries of justice and interior, and the Academy of Judges—conducted an October 20 conference on the use of preventive measures and alternatives to incarceration in criminal proceedings. [Read more »](#)

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Moldovan Judges, Prosecutors and Defense Attorneys Trained on Pre-Trial Detention Laws and Standards



From October 21—22, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) in Moldova, in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy resident legal adviser and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), organized two day-long trainings on local pretrial detention laws and associated international standards. A total of 36 judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys attended the trainings, which were supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. [Read more »](#)

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Kosovo's Constitutional Court Holds its First Session



Ecuadorian Jurists Gain Knowledge About U.S. Legal System

The ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) hosted a week-long study tour for a 17-judge Ecuadorian delegation. The purpose of the late October visit to Houston, Texas, was to allow the judges to observe multiple components of the U.S. criminal justice system and to support their understanding of, and involvement in, Ecuador's transition to an accusatorial system. In addition, the trip was designed to foster relationships between U.S. and Ecuadorian legal professionals. The delegation was led by Benjamin Cevallos Solórzano, president of the Council of the Judicature of Ecuador, and organized by Al Amado, ABA ROLI country director in Ecuador, in partnership with Houston-area law schools, courts and the district attorney's office. [Read more »](#)



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International Collaboration Hallmark of Asian Anti-Corruption Efforts

In recent months, anti-corruption efforts have taken center stage in Asia, with international cooperation a continuing point of emphasis. The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), whose 21 economies generate 45% of global trade, actively combats corruption through its Anti-Corruption and Transparency Task Force (ACT). In October, ACT-supported workshops in Beijing and Bangkok gathered stakeholders to address various anti-corruption phenomena, while the November APEC summit provided an opportunity for leaders, including President Obama, to underscore their commitment to combating corruption. The ABA Rule of Law Initiative's (ABA ROLI's) Regional Anti-Corruption Advisor (RACA) program provided substantial support to the workshops, which addressed APEC codes of conduct and methods for increasing international collaboration with regard to corruption-related money laundering. [Read more »](#)



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Armenian Legal Education Event Attracts Students, Professors and Advocates

From November 6–8, the ABA Rule of



On October 6, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo held its first session in the moot court facility of the University of Pristina's Law Faculty. Eight students from the legal clinics the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) supports, law professors, U.S. Agency for International development (USAID) representatives and ABA ROLI staff attended the session. [Read more »](#)

FLaw Initiative (ABA ROLI) in Armenia held a legal education reform conference featuring clinical training, training of street law trainers, and discussions on forming an association of legal clinics and on the implementation of a human rights course. A total of 50 third and fourth-year law students, who provide *pro bono* services at five ABA ROLI-supported law school legal clinics, along with clinic directors, supervising advocates and law professors, took part in the trainings and discussions in Tsakhkadzor. [Read more »](#)

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