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Counter-Racism Programs in Ukraine Defend Refugees



Early this year, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) awarded advocacy grants to seven Ukrainian non-governmental organizations as part of its program to combat xenophobia and racism. The ABA ROLI-supported programs—some of which are in full swing while others are coming to a close—have been successful. [Click to read more](#)



MULTIMEDIA: MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Video: Discussion on Constitutional Reform in Morocco 

EUROPE AND EURASIA

ABA ROLI Organizes an Appreciation Event for Its Partners in Kosovo

On June 27, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) organized an event in appreciation of its local partners



in its almost 12 years of programming in Kosovo. ABA ROLI Director in Kosovo Gina Schaar, Deputy Director of the U.S. Agency for International Development Mission in Kosovo Azza Al Abd, Kosovo's Minister of Justice Hajredin Kuci, Kosovo Chamber of Advocates (KCA) Vice President Nushe Kuka-Mekaj, University of Pristina Law Faculty Vice Dean Osman Ismaili and representatives of other local partners and the donor community attended the event.

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On July 13, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative hosted a panel discussion on constitutional reform in Morocco. Click on the link below to view remarks by Driss El Yazami, President of the National Human Rights Council of Morocco. [View the 20-minute video »](#)

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Study Tour Supports Legal Education and Legal Profession Reforms

Continuing its support of legal education and legal profession reforms in Mexico, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) brought a 24-member Mexican delegation on a June 27–July 1 study tour to observe the U.S. legal system.

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Training on Working with Victims of Torture Held in Moldova

In April 2009, crowds of Moldovans protested what they believed to be a fraudulent parliamentary election. The large gatherings in Chisinau led to wide-spread beatings and mass arrests by law enforcement. In response, a group of public attorneys sought to represent those beaten during the protest and to file criminal charges against the offending police officers. Throughout the process, the

FEATURED PHOTO: ASIA

Photo: Promoting Women's Rights in Bangladesh

attorneys faced significant procedural barriers.

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As part of its program to promote women's rights and combat violence against women, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative partnered with LIFD, a local Bangladesh non-governmental organization, to provide basic legal literacy to women in rural villages. Specially trained community trainers shared information on a range of legal rights relevant to the women's daily lives. [Click here to learn more about our work in Bangladesh](#)

EUROPE AND EURASIA

Ukraine Training Highlights International Best Practices in Combating Child Trafficking

From June 16–17, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) trained 11 investigators from the Ministry of the Interior's offices in Sumy, Poltava, Kharkiv, Kirovograd, Kyiv and Chernivtsi on the framework of its one-year program to combat child trafficking in Ukraine. The three regional trainings were held in Kharkiv, Donetsk and Lviv. Ukrainian investigators, who had previously attended two ABA ROLI-organized training-of-trainers seminars in Kyiv, led the training.

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