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ABA ROLI, British High Commission Organize Anti-Money Laundering Training in Belize



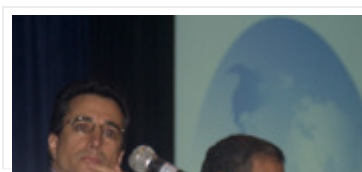
From July 4–5, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) and the British High Commission in Belize cosponsored an anti-money laundering training for 42 judges, prosecutors and Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) staff. The workshop, which was held in Belize City, supports efforts to combat organized crime in the country.

The interactive training, which employed case studies from other countries, covered various topics, including the history of money laundering, its economic impacts, and regional and global mechanisms for preventing and combating money laundering. [Click to read more »](#)

MULTIMEDIA: 2011 LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

Audio: The Role of Lawyers During Times of Transition

On August 6, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative hosted a luncheon panel



discussion on the role of lawyers during times of transition.



The panel featured Mr. Samir Annabi, Director of Tunisia's Higher Institute for the Education of Lawyers and Mr. Gerardo Nieto, President of the Mexican Corporate Counsel Association.

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EUROPE AND EURASIA

Class Action Benefits More Than 70 Households in Four Armenian Villages

In the spring, students working at an ABA Rule of Law Initiative-supported legal clinic in Armenia received a number of complaints from residents in Marmarashen and Ayntap. A major water supply company—the Water Supply Company of Armenia—had asked a court to order villagers to pay for services the company claimed to have provided between 2002 and 2010.

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ASIA

US Ambassador Harry Thomas Visits a Local Small Claims Court



On June 9, United States Ambassador to the Philippines Harry Thomas, accompanied by U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Mission Director Gloria Steele, visited the Hall of Justice in Iloilo City and met with local judges, who explained how small claims cases are handled. [Click to read more »](#)

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Program Expands Training Opportunities for Practicing Algerian Lawyers

Algerian lawyers have limited opportunities to participate in professional training after they have entered practice. They face challenges in remaining informed on new developments in the profession, as they lack formal opportunities to continue to develop and hone their practical skills or to learn about current trends in areas such as law practice management.

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EUROPE AND EURASIA

Street Law Essay Competition Winners Recognized

ASIA

Court of Appeals Automation System Strengthens Transparency in the Judiciary

In July, Gloria Steele, U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID's) mission director in the Philippines, and Andrew Plitt, Asia director of





For the past seven years, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) has supported Azerbaijani law-student visits to primary school classrooms in Baku and Sumqayit with the goal of teaching children and teens about their rights and increasing their awareness of the country's legal system. ABA ROLI's street law program, in which 260 law students participated, has reached more than 4,000 school children. In the 2010–2011 academic year, 12 schools around the country hosted in-class programs and ABA ROLI developed an online component for students in the other regions of Azerbaijan.

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its Strategy and Planning Office, made several visits to the Philippine Court of Appeals to observe the recently launched case-status inquiry system. [Click](#)



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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Juvenile Justice Reform Takes Center Stage in Nicaragua

In recent weeks, controversial reform suggestions to Nicaragua's *Juvenile Criminal Code* have sparked widespread protests and marches throughout the country. Some sectors of society believe that reforms in response to rising violence should increase incarceration time for minors who commit violent crimes. Others recommend alternatives to incarceration, such as rehabilitation and reintegration. [Click to read more »](#)

EUROPE AND EURASIA

145 Georgian Attorneys Take Part in Trial Advocacy Skills Trainings

The ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) has broadened training opportunities for practicing Georgian attorneys to help improve the quality of legal representation and the administration of justice. [Click to read more »](#)

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

D.C. Panel Highlights Morocco's Constitutional Reform Efforts

On July 13, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) hosted a panel on constitutional reform in Morocco at its headquarters in Washington, D.C. Driss al Yazami, president of Morocco's National Human Rights Council and a member of the constitution-revision advisory committee, which authored the recently adopted Moroccan constitution, and Saloua Karkri-Belkeziz, a Moroccan parliamentarian, offered remarks with commentary from Ambassador Aziz Mekouar, the representative from Morocco in the United States, and William Zartman, professor emeritus at Johns Hopkins University.

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