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Malian Program to Combat Descent-Based Slavery Gains Momentum



Ouleymatou*, a Malian woman who lived the majority of her life as a slave, describes how she was inherited by her master when his mother died. She lived in her master's camp, herding his camels and doing other menial chores without compensation. When she had children, they were viewed as being born into servitude, and were eventually taken from her and given to members of her master's family. Eventually she managed to flee her master with two of her children; however, her other children remain in slavery.

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Video: Season's Greetings from the ABA Rule of Law Initiative 



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Trainings Promise to Enhance Legal Professionals' Contributions in Ongoing Judicial Overhaul

In an effort to address public demands to overhaul a judicial system long viewed as soft on crime, corrupt and inefficient, earlier this year, Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa initiated a complex governmental reorganization process that includes restructuring the Judicial Council, an overarching body that oversees all judicial operators. [Read more »»](#)



Morocco's Anti-Corruption Agency Hosts High Profile International Events

In late October, the *Instance Centrale de la Prevention de la Corruption (ICPC)*, Morocco's anti-corruption agency, hosted two high profile anti-corruption events in Marrakech. More than 700 delegates from 80 countries attended the annual conference of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Agencies, while the Conference of State Parties of the United

Interactive Teaching Techniques Make an Impact in Egyptian Law Schools

Until a few months ago, Egyptian public international law professor Dr. Salwa El-Ekiaby routinely felt mentally and physically exhausted. Between her courses at Benha University and those at Zagazig University, she taught more than 1,000 students. In keeping



Nations Convention against Corruption drew representatives from dozens of international organizations and non-governmental organizations and was attended by nearly 2,000 delegates from more than 150 countries. [Read more »»](#)

with standard practice, each class consisted of more than an hour of uninterrupted lecture, and student questions were answered after class. Ultimately, this technique proved taxing—Dr. El-Ekiaby's energy was sapped after each lecture, and many students found it difficult to focus with so few opportunities for interaction.

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ABA ROLI Re-Launches Its Uganda Program to Continue the Fight Against Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a long-standing problem in Uganda that has affected tens of thousands of people. Trafficking victims are sold to, or abducted by, traffickers and exploited as sex workers and laborers. More recently, there are more frequent occurrences of human trafficking for purpose of organ removal. To address this phenomenon, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) re-launched its Uganda program in October 2011. [Read more »»](#)

Third Annual Asia-Pacific Symposium Discusses Regional and Inter-Regional Corruption, Illicit Trade

Since 2009, several Asia-Pacific economies, along with the 21 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members, have convened at the annual Trans-Pacific symposium on dismantling illicit transnational networks to discuss best practices to combat illicit trade and criminal activity in the Asia-Pacific region. [Read more](#)

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Ukrainian Investigators Learn New Techniques to Combat Cyber Crime

In late November, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) offered two trainings on cyber crime investigation to 28 Ukrainian investigators. Supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement and conducted in cooperation with the Microsoft Corporation, the training allowed participants to familiarize themselves with the latest technology and to learn technical computer skills from certified Microsoft experts.

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Revamped Criminal Justice System Good News to Victims, Defendants and Courts

Fernando, a 24-year-old college student and resident of Veraguas Province in Panama, acted impulsively after a night of drinking. An unattended motorcycle caught his attention, and without thinking, he decided to take the vehicle for a weekend of fun. Fernando's plan ended abruptly when police officers stopped him for a routine traffic violation the next day.

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Guatemalan Prosecutors, Police Trained in Oral Trial Skills



In the midst of a bloody conflict that claimed the lives of more than

Newly Accredited Online Education Expands Professional-Development Opportunities for Lawyers

In November, Ukraine's Higher



400,000 citizens and seriously jeopardized Guatemala's democratic institutions, the nation became one

of the first in Latin America to introduce comprehensive reforms to its *Criminal Procedure Code* and *Criminal Code* in 1992 and 1994, respectively. [Read more »»](#)

Qualification Commission of Advocates accredited a distance learning program for lawyers. Supported by the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), the newly introduced program will create more continuing legal education (CLE) opportunities for lawyers, especially for those in remote areas. [Read more »»](#)

Criminal Law Encyclopedia Published in Moldova

While Moldova amended its *Criminal Code* in 2009, legal professionals did not have a resource providing comprehensive analysis of the updated code. To fill this gap and to help enhance legal professionals' knowledge and understanding of the code, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) supported the publication of a criminal law encyclopedia. [Read more »»](#)



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