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Chinese Legislators, Advocates Examine U.S. Domestic Violence Legislation and Its **Implementation**



From November 8-16, 2011, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), in partnership with UNICEF, brought a 10-person Chinese delegation on a study tour to Washington, DC, and Boston, Massachusetts. The tour focused on combating domestic violence through legislation and coordinated community response. Participants included scholars, advocates, judges and experts from China's National People's Congress and Women's Federation.

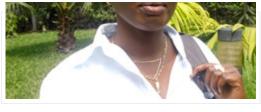
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Individual Donor Provides Scholarships to Female Congolese Law Students

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Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) began a scholarship program for female Congolese law students in October 2011. After viewing the mini-documentary about ABA ROLI's work in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the donor was moved to give to ABA ROLI, with the express intent of providing scholarships to female law students. Click to read

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Defense Attorneys in Kyrgyzstan Attend Workshops on Their Safety and Protection



ince the June 2010 ethnic violence, attorneys in Kyrgyzstan have increasingly become the target of threats and physical attacks for representing politically unpopular defendants.

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Belizean Police Prosecutors Trained in Trial Skills and Rules of Evidence

n most countries, when a uniformed police officer enters a criminal courtroom he does so as a witness. But in the small Central American country of Belize, police corporals, sergeants and inspectors also



serve as prosecutors. This is a practice that Belize inherited from the British and although the United Kingdom has long abandoned the method, police prosecutors remain an integral part of Belize's criminal justice system. Click to read more »

Ask an Alum: Q&A with Anthony H. Barash, 2002–2004



In 2002, as I was looking forward to my life post-retirement from my job as General Counsel of a large multi-national company, and several friends who had contacts with ABA CEELI (the predecessor of ABA ROLI) suggested that an assignment might be the right next step for me. After meeting with headquarters staff in Washington, I decided that volunteering offered a unique opportunity for me to combine my professional experience and contribute in some meaningful way to the alleviation of poverty and the promotion of human rights and the rule of law in the developing world. Click to read more »

Asia-Pacific Anti-Corruption More than 400 Conference Emphasizes Multi-Dimensional

Tajikistani Law

Libertas Releases Findings of its Study of Enforcement Officers Post-Election Disputes

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Approach

rom September 28–29, 2011, Mary Greer, ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) senior criminal law advisor, representing ABA ROLI's regional anti-corruption advisor in Asia, attended the seventh conference of the Asia-Pacific anti-corruption initiative. The initiative is led by the Asian Development Bank and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and it provides critical leadership and infrastructure to member countries to garner and target limited resources to address corruption.

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Trained on Criminal Procedure Code

rom June to November 2011, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) trained 437 Tajikistani law enforcement officers on the country's *Criminal Procedure Code (CPC)*. The nationwide trainings focused on increasing trainees' knowledge of the code, which was adopted in April 2010, and on equipping participants with the practical skills they need to better implement it.

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n anticipation of disputes related to the first nationwide automated elections in 2010 in Philippines, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), through its subgrantee Libertas, worked with courts to prepare judges for potential litigation, including by developing a primer for judges and lawyers on the automated election rules. Following the elections, Libertas conducted year-long study of election litigation, analyzing how courts and lawyers confronted the legal issues surrounding automated elections. Click to read more »

Street Law Program Helps Unite Multi-Ethnic Communities

ulipa Kozhogulova is a resident of Yuzhny neighborhood in the southern city of Osh, Kyrgyzstan. A retired artist and chair of the Female Council of her neighborhood, she is fully engaged in raising her grandchildren. Her neighborhood is a community of low-income families with some daunting challenges. Over the years, playgrounds, a staple of youth, have been disappearing from the neighborhood, depriving local children of an area to play and fomenting delinquency among them.

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ABA ROLI Country Director in the Philippines Speaks at a Public Attorneys Convention

ttorneys who represent clients accused of criminal activity face unique ethical dilemmas. What do you do if your client asks you to hold on to the murder weapon? How do you reconcile that you may sometimes represent people who you know are guilty? What if your client tells you he or she will lie in court? Click to read more »

In the News: Magistrates, Police Prosecutors Trained In Money Laundering

ower Belize City was virtually inactive as magistrates and police prosecutors were busy attending an ABA Rule of Law

Aspiring Tajikistani Journalists Trained in Investigative Reporting



o strengthen journalists' role in providing accurate and comprehensive information about and increasing public awareness of the rule of law, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) organized an October 31 to

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Initiative seminar on money laundering and other white collar crimes—the kind that is very rarely prosecuted in Belize's courts. Click to read more »

November 2, 2011 workshop on investigative reporting for 11 aspiring Tajikistani reporters.

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