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Ivan Saquicela, an Ecuadorian prosecutor from the town of Cuenca, never thought he would find himself in Tennessee learning about “therapeutic justice”. Theoretically, the notion that the law promotes people’s physical and psychological well-

being made sense to him. Yet, he never knew that this was the basis for how some courts conduct their business. [Read more >>>](#)



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Rule of Law Award Dinner
October 10 • Washington, DC

Join us in honoring our 2012
Rule of Law Award Recipient

Navi Pillay

UN High Commissioner
for Human Rights



Ticket information

Audio: LexisNexis, Microsoft and the ACE Group Present During a Panel on Private Sector Support for the Rule of Law



Draft Mining Legislation Seeks to Protect the Interests of Local Guinean Communities



In July 2012, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI), with support from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, began to work with the *Centre du Commerce International pour le Développement (CECIDE)*, to provide technical support to the legislative drafting efforts

Board Chair Stephen N. Zack kicked off the ABA Rule of Law Initiative's (ABA ROLI's) luncheon panel at the ABA Annual Meeting by recognizing the dozens of overseas visitors in the room. Lawyers, judges and bar association leaders from France, Vietnam, the Bahamas and other nations attended the event, along with scores of US

the legislative drafting efforts of relevant Guinean ministries.

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[Continuing Legal Education Consortium Offers Courses in the Arabian Gulf States](#)




In the absence of mandatory continuing legal education (CLE) requirements for attorneys practicing in the Gulf region, few organizations offer opportunities for lawyers to boost their practical skills and to stay abreast of trends in the legal field through such programs. To address this need, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) has supported the creation of a Gulf CLE Consortium to leverage regional resources with the aim of improving access to CLE by Gulf lawyers.

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attorneys. After

opening remarks by ABA President Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III and ABA House of Delegates Chair Linda Klein, representatives from the private sector shared their firms' approaches to strengthening the rule of law. [Listen to the presentations »»](#)

[Tunisian Lawyers Engage in Comparative Legal Discussions](#)

As Tunisia's National Constituent Assembly prepares the country's new constitution, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) is supporting efforts by the Tunisian Bar Association (TBA) to engage the legal profession in comparative constitutional discussions and to

make recommendations to the NCA on behalf of the legal profession.

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[Moot Court Helps Mexican Students Prepare for Accusatorial System](#)



Fernique Cruz will

— soon graduate with a law degree from Mexico's *Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez* in the State of Oaxaca. While Enrique was excited to become a lawyer, his training did little to build his practical lawyering skills, which he'd particularly need to practice under Mexico's new accusatorial justice system. [Read more >>>](#)

[Young Lawyers in Bahrain Prepare to Practice Law](#)

In July 2012, the Bahrain Judicial and Legal Studies Institute (JLSI) graduated another class of young lawyers from its Young Lawyers Skills-Building Course, an effort supported by the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) and the U.S. Department of State's Middle East Partnership Initiative.

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