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Haitian Justice Sector Operators Trained to Combat Sexual and Gender-Based Violence



From March 7�9, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI)�in cooperation with the Haitian Ministry of Justice, the National Police Academy, the Magistrate School and the Medico-Legal Research and Action Unit (Unit� de Recherche et d�Action Medico-L�gale, or URAMEL)�conducted a workshop on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) for 37 judges, justices of the peace, investigative magistrates, prosecutors and police officers. Held at the Magistrate School in Port-au-Prince, the training focused on effective investigation, prosecution and adjudication of SGBV cases, and covered local and international laws. Click to read more »

ABA ROLI Publishes its Access to Justice Assessment Tool

ABA ROLI Hosts a Rule of Law Conference



fter two years of intensive development, testing and vetting, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) released its Access to Justice Assessment Tool (AJAT) during a March 21 event in Washington, DC. About 50 people, including representatives of the U.S. departments of state and justice, international development organizations, law firms and universities attended the event.

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he ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) hosted a rule of law conference on March 28 at the Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center in Washington, DC. The conference allowed ABA ROLI and external experts to explore trends in the promotion of the rule of law.

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### Tajikistani Legal Professionals Recommend Criminal Procedure Reforms

ontinuing its support of criminal law reform in Tajikistan, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) hosted a February 29-March 1 conference on the country's Criminal Procedure Code (CPC), allowing legal sector stakeholders—including defense attorneys and representatives of the General Prosecutor's Office, Supreme Court, the Ministry of Justice and the President's Office—to build consensus around specific proposed changes to the CPC. Click to read more »



# Philippine Judges Trained on Using a New Unifies Anti-Human Trial Benchbook

n March 5, the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) and the Philippines Judicial Academy (PHILJA) held the sixth of a series of trainings to familiarize judges with the revised and expanded edition of the benchbook for trial courts. Held at Fort Ilocandia Resort in Laoag City, the latest training was attended by 75 judges from the northernmost part of the Philippines. Click to read more »

# Stakeholder Meeting Trafficking Civil Society in Uganda

uman trafficking in Uganda is systemic and far-reaching. Hundreds of children, primarily from the post-conflict districts in the north, have been trafficked in recent years. Adult and child victims alike are recruited, abducted or sold into situations of forced labor as either manual laborers, domestic workers, sex workers, or as street beggars whose money are extorted from them.

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# Cambodia's 5th Annual **Client Counseling** Competition

rom January 26-27, the Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE) in Cambodia hosted the 5th annual client counseling competition with the support of the ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ABA ROLI) and East-West Management Institute (EWMI). About 100 students took part in this year's competition, counseling an actor posing as a client in a simulated legal dispute between an employee and an employer. Click to read more »

# APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group Adopts Plans to Strengthen its Efforts

rom February 2-3, delegates from the 21 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) economies met in Moscow for the 2012 inaugural senior officials meeting. During the meeting, Russia assumed the position of Anti-Corruption and Transparency (ACT) working group chair. The ABA Rule of Law Initiative's (ABA ROLI's) regional anticorruption adviser assisted David Luna, the 2011 chair of the ACT working group and director of Transnational Criminal Threats and Illicit Networks at the U.S. Department of State, in developing the group's agenda and initiatives, which shaped discussions during the 2012 inaugural meeting. Click to read more »





## Ask an Alum: Q&A with Mary Noel Pepys

"I was moved to join ABA CEELI (an ABA ROLI predecessor organization) in 1993, after the crumbling of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of Communism—something I never thought I would witness in my lifetime." Click to read more »

Court of Tax Appeals Holds Focus Group Discussion on Improving Court Personnel's Tax and Accounting Knowledge

# India Hosts Interpol's First Training on Anti-Corruption and Asset Recovery



ndia's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) hosted the first Interpol Global Training Program on Anti-Corruption and Asset Recovery in New Delhi, India, from February 12-15.

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here's nothing like a conversation about taxes to get your blood moving. The conversation is as lively as ever in the Philippines, where gaps in tax collection have resulted in many disputes before the Court of Tax Appeals. This special court hears the full gambit of tax cases, from disputes over property taxes to criminal prosecutions against tax evaders. Click to read more »





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