

OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION

- OBJECTIVE I Develop international legal research skills.
- METHODS
1. Use a variety of international legal research sources, including local and European law libraries, institutions located in London, computerized legal data bases, sources available on the internet, and IBA member lawyers who are available for consultations.
 2. Conduct research on select international issues such as global competition laws, multidisciplinary practices, cross border practices, constitutional reform, judicial independence, legal systems and the rule of law, pretrial and trial practices, and human rights.
- OBJECTIVE II Develop legal writing and analytical skills.
- METHODS
1. Prepare written analyses of research findings on specific issues, as assigned.
 2. Assist in the drafting of articles for IBA journals, newsletters, conference papers, policy papers, booklets, manuals, and website copy.
- OBJECTIVE III Learn how the IBA's Human Rights Institute (HRI), an international non-governmental organization dedicated to the promotion of human rights worldwide, is structured, and how it plans and implements projects.
- METHODS
1. Become familiar with the activities and actions of the HRI by reviewing its Action Plan, publications, organizational structure, and funding.
 2. When available, attend meetings where activities of the HRI are reported on and discussed, including future and current projects, budgeting, grant writing, follow-up evaluation of projects, and coordination and cooperation with other groups.
 3. When available, attend workshops, meetings, and conferences, arranged by the University of London and other human rights organizations, on topics of relevance to the work of the HRI.
- OBJECTIVE IV Learn how the HRI promotes the international development of human rights, an independent judiciary and legal profession, and the just rule of law through education, investigation and documentation, intervention, technical assistance, and cooperation with other human rights organizations. Depending upon the current projects being undertaken, the student may provide research and writing support for any of the following activities:

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1. Investigative fact-finding missions and follow-up missions to assess compliance with internationally accepted standards.
 2. Observation teams assigned to trials or hearings.
 3. Constructive examination of legal systems (including reviewing constitutions, laws and rules, procedures followed and standards achieved), assessment of compliance with internationally accepted norms, and formulation of recommendations for change.
 4. Intervention through representation when persons involved in the operation of legal systems are mistreated or the independence of the legal profession is jeopardized.
 5. Coordination and cooperation of other international and regional human rights organizations.
 6. The development of “Rule of Law” booklets, training manuals for the teaching of human rights, and HRI newsletters and conference papers.
 7. The development of HRI proposals for international model standards (for example, for pre-trial and trial procedures, rights of suspects and accused persons, and an independent judiciary.)
 8. Analyzing and reporting on comparative international surveys.

OBJECTIVE V Maintain awareness of progress in the externship program.

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1. Make regular entries in journals, write papers, and regularly discuss progress with faculty supervisor.
 2. Complete all reports required by the IBA Educational Trust and the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights.