

OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

ABA ASIA INITIATIVE

- OBJECTIVE I** Develop international legal research skills and gain substantive knowledge of international law.
- METHODS**
1. Use a variety of international legal research sources, including sources available on the internet, and Council and Advisory Board members and ABA member lawyers who are available for consultations.
 2. Conduct research on select international issues related to the substantive focus areas of ABA-Asia: judicial and legal profession development, fighting corruption, and citizens' rights advocacy.
- 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 materials for legal workshops and training programs, background materials and analysis on legal topics, grant proposals, formal assessments of reform efforts and compliance with international treaties.
- OBJECTIVE III** Learn how ABA-Asia promotes the international development of the rule of law through in-depth technical assistance projects: legal workshops and training programs conducted in the host country; specialized training programs conducted in the U.S.; assessment and advice on proposed laws; preparation of background materials and analysis on requested legal topics; formal assessment of a country's judicial reform efforts, of its legal profession reform efforts, and of its compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
- METHODS**
1. Depending upon current projects being undertaken, students may provide research and writing support for any of these projects.
- OBJECTIVE IV** Learn how ABA-Asia, an international non-governmental organization dedicated to the promotion of the rule of law in the countries of Asia, is structured, funded, and how it plans and implements projects.
- METHODS**
1. Become familiar with the activities and actions of the ABA-Asia by reviewing its mission statement, action plan, publications, organizational structure, and funding.
 2. When available, attend meetings where activities of ABA-Asia 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 ABA-Asia.

OBJECTIVE V Maintain awareness of progress in the externship program.

- METHODS**
1. Make regular entries in journals, write papers, submit student reports, obtain supervisor's evaluations and regularly discuss progress with faculty supervisor.