

Caribbean Law Institute Announces New Federal Grant Supporting

Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Caribbean

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has awarded FSU's Caribbean Law Institute an \$285,557 grant to support the implementation of alternative dispute resolution in the jurisdictions of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS). The CLI alternative dispute resolution (ADR) project is the latest in a series of highly successful Caribbean law reform projects managed by CLI in its 12-year history.

Existing plans call for CLI to conduct workshops which highlight the emphasis placed on ADR by the forthcoming OECS Supreme Court Rules. Particular focus will be placed on the ADR mechanisms to reduce case backlogs and improve access to the legal system by potential litigants. The workshops will provide members of the legal community with the relevant information on the new Rules of Court and will discuss and analyze the new ADR systems.

Founded in 1988, CLI has been a partner with USAID since its inception. In its 12-year history, the CLI has developed model bills in areas such as insurance, banking, the widely-adopted companies law, insolvency and consumer protection. CLI is a joint project between the University of the West Indies and Florida State University.