

CALL FOR APPLICATIONFOR III AND IVLAW STUDENTS AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AT THE LAW FACULTIES IN SARAJEVO AND BANJA LUKA

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Under the auspices of the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative's (ABA ROLI's) *Program on Legislative Assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina's Criminal Procedure Codes,* and in partnership with the Lincoln Memorial University Duncan School of Law and with participation by the Law Faculty of Banja Luka (LFBL), and the Law Faculty of Sarajevo (LFSA), **ABA ROLI is issuing a call for applications** for III and IV year Law Students and Postgraduate studies at the Law Faculties in Sarajevo and Banja Luka.

We seek a total of twenty (20) students from Bosnia and Herzegovina to participate in an online course that will run from February 17 – April 21, 2021 and be comprised by law students in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United States. Students can apply by 22 January, 2021 through this link: https://forms.gle/JmQ6CaC1neX7Y9wp9. Applications will be reviewed by LFSA and LFBL by January 29, and information on students selected to take part in the course will be released on the website of the LFSA and LFBL by the first week of February 2021. Students enrolled in the course will receive materials necessary for preparation of their presentations.

The course will focus on the study of criminal procedures in these legal traditions. The eight (8) topics will be based on analysis of criminal cases from the US and Bosnia and Herzegovina. In terms of the course format, two students from Sarajevo and Banja Luka will make a team that will jointly analyze one topic from Bosnia and Herzegovina. A US student will concurrently analyze a comparative case under the US legal system. Both student teams will present in class, followed by active class discussions, which will be joined by law school professors and legal practitioners from BIH and the US (depending on availability). Students in the course will be led by Prof. Melanie Reid from the Duncan School of Law, Prof.HajrijaSijerčić-Čolićfrom the LFSA, and Ms. Olivera Sevo, Teaching Assistant at the LFSA/LFBL, and each student will receive certificates issued by ABA ROLI for their participation in the course. Students will also be given an opportunity to be present at, and conduct research for, the online meetings of the ABA ROLI Programmatic Working Group (WG), established to harmonize Criminal Procedure Codes in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and comprised of prominent judges, prosecutors, and academia.

Participation in the course through work on concrete cases and in the activities of the WG will strengthen students' legal and legislative skills and practical implementation of their theoretical knowledge following the completion of their studies.

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