

KJI NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

The Kosovo Judicial Institute has been given the mandate to train the magistrates of the Kosovo judiciary and prosecution. In August 1999 the Judicial Training Section of the Department of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the OSCE began to present its Continuous Legal Education Programme (CLEP) to the magistrates in Kosovo. The KJI's CLEP includes education activities both in Kosovo and abroad. Through 2002, the KJI has sought to address the needs of magistrates working in Kosovo through the CLEP.

In an effort to more fully inform the magistrates of Kosovo of the training activities offered by the KJI, this newsletter has been formed. It will be sent out to judges and prosecutors throughout Kosovo.

Project activities for January

- A Practical Skills Training
- B Induction Course for newly appointed judges and public prosecutors
- C Training on Criminal Substantive Law
- D Training for the Bar Exam

A. Professional Skills Training 8 - 10 January and 13 – 15 January 2003

KJI, in conjunction with the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), formerly IDLI, has organised a series of Professional Skills Training Courses. This series of training will focus on development of essential skills necessary in the work of judges and prosecutors.

- The first day of training will have discussions on the introduction on the role of courts in a modern democracy, the role of the judge in a modern democracy, the concept of “fair trial”, judicial and prosecutorial skills and practical aspects of pre-trial process.
- The second day will cover an introduction to case flow management, international standards and local practice, handling of evidence, relevance of evidence and recording of evidence.



- The third day covers questioning of witnesses, relevance of witness statements, recording of witness statements and courtroom management. This three-day training will be held from 8 – 10 January 2003 and from 13 – 15 January 2003 for Civil Judges Up to date, a half of judges and prosecutors working on Criminal cases and Minor Offence Court Judges attended this training focussing on the same topics. Begging from the 29 January and continuing up to March 2003, another half of the judges and prosecutors were be invited.

B.

Induction Course for newly appointed judges and public prosecutors 20-24 January 2003

The Kosovo Judicial Institute will hold and Induction Course for newly appointed judges and prosecutors in Kosovo, during the week of 20 – 24 January. All participants are invited to be trained on the applicable law in Kosovo, including domestic law, International Human Right Standards, UNMIK Regulations, UNSC Resolution 1244, the Provisional Constitutional Framework, Ethics of judges, lay judges and public prosecutors. KJI judicial trainers as well as both international and local experts will present these topics.

C.

Training on Criminal Substantive Law 28 January 2003

On 28 January, the Kosovo Judicial Institute will offer a training on Substantive Criminal Law. This will be a second regular course offering in KJI's Yearly Programme for 2003. This session will cover the criminal act and criminal responsibility. Specifically, the topics will focus on the time and place of the criminal offence, preparation and attempt, mens rea, actus rea, the continuous offence and the criminal responsibility for grave criminal offences. The KJI judicial trainers and two presidents of District Courts will present these presentations. The participants will be judges dealing with criminal cases and public prosecutors from all the regions.

D.

Training for the Bar Exam 10 January - 1 March 2003

Judicial Training Officers of the KJI are providing ongoing support to the Legal Community Support Section of OSCE, giving lectures in the training for the bar exam review course held each Friday and Saturday at the KJI. The first class for 2003 began on 10 January and will conclude on 1 March 2003.

