Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative



BABSEA CLE helps to support community legal education programs, educating pro bono champions of tomorrow as they serve the legal needs of marginalized communities today.

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Thailand – Australian QUT students attended a Legal Studies Externship Clinic that included an introduction to CLE² and a lesson about the use of puppets as a teaching method.

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Thailand - The Fifth Trio For Justice is a half-marathon run/walk, 10K run/walk, 5K run/walk, and free 3K for kids, to raise funds and promote the many BABSEA CLE ¹ access to justice projects, in the region.

Laos – The FLP CLE³ inaugurated the first university based In-House Consultation Clinic in Laos, which is run by law students, who are guided and supervised by law lecturers and volunteer lawyers. The Clinic aims to help disadvantaged people access the law, develops in law students and ethic to pursue probono work, and advises law students about how they can strengthen their legal skills.

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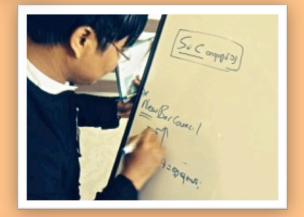
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Thailand – The Khon Kaen University Faculty of Law organized a workshop, "Incorporating Clinical Legal Education Methods Into Law Course/Teaching," with more than 20 CLE trainers, and conferred with KKU⁴, FLP law Lecturers and international trainers about how to accredit CLE courses.

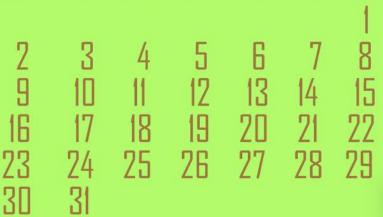
Myanmar – The International Bar Association's "Regional Best Practices", an international/regional seminar, was held in Nay Pyi Taw, where 180 participants shared expertise, discussed law practitioners' needs, and identified and drafted recommendations to strengthen developing bar associations.





Laos – Bounleuth Xaphakdy, a law lecturer from the National University of Laos, was placed at the Kingsford Legal Centre at the University of New South Wales, where he received mentoring on academic CLE programme development. While there he also visited both the Herbert Smith Freehills and DLA Piper law offices, thanking them for their cooperation and support of the FLP² CLE in Laos.

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Laos – The National University of Laos Faculty of Law and Political Science held a two day workshop on the Essentials of Legal Drafting⁶, where participants had the opportunity to discuss key points of contract drafting that were presented by lawyers from White & Case.

Holland America Cruise Line⁷ invited Bruce A. Lasky and Wendy Morrish, BABSEA CLE¹ Co-directors to present and to inspire others, about making a difference in the world.





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Vietnam – International legal trainers assist in the training of Vietnamese university law lecturers and students at a legal ethics / professional responsibility / pro bono workshop, at the University of Economics and Law, Ho Chi Minh City¹¹

Laos – Trainers and a support team⁸ conducted a workshop⁹, on Legal Ethics, Pro Bono and Access to Justice, at the National University of Laos Faculty of Law and Political Science on the lawyer/client relationship and confidentiality, where they tested curriculum related to these topics¹⁰.



Thailand – Through the 2014 BABSEA CLE Legal Studies Externship Clinic, 7 interns from Thaksin and Kasetsart Universities (Thailand) worked with BABSEA CLE to learn CLE management and administrative systems building.

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Turkey – For the third consistent time BABSEA CLE¹ attended the Annual Middle East CLE Conference, to share its experience in developing social justice related CLE programmes.



Myanmar In Taunggyi, Myanmar, international CLE trainers taught participants, from all 18 Myanmar law departments, about CLE models³ at the Inaugural National CLE Summer School.

Cambodia – Cambodian and Vietnamese law practitioners, lecturers and students along with lawyers from Herbert Smith Freehills and MasterCard, participated in a legal ethics/pro bono/access to justice workshop, conducted at Pannasastra University of Cambodia in Phnom Penh¹².

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Myanmar – Students at Dawei University Department of Law demonstrate their own CLE³ lessons as part of the National CLE development programme in Myanmar supported by BABSEA CLE, UNDP, Herbert Smith Freehills. DLA Piper and New Perimeter.





Thailand – Marking 10 successful years of the BABSEA CLE's¹ International Legal Studies Externship Clinic, interns from throughout the globe ranked the order of effective learning methods, as a teaching technique, and participated in lessons about "How People Learn" and "CLE Methodologies".

Thailand – As part of a community outreach programme, BABSEA CLE¹ interns use interactive teaching methods, through weekly classes with the children at Wat Sai Moon, a Myanmar temple, in Chiang Mai.

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England – BABSEA CLE¹, Herbert Smith Freehills and DLA Piper/New Perimeter presented on their legal ethics, professional responsibility, pro bono and access to justice curriculum project at the VI International Legal Ethics Conference held in London, UK.

Thailand – Australian law students from the University of Newcastle attended Khon Kaen University's Nong Khai campus, for two days, to work with others, teach and learn, on a variety of CLE³ related lessons.





Myanmar – In groundbreaking fashion, BABSEA CLE¹, in partnership with UNDP¹³, DLA Piper/New Perimeter and Herbert Smith Freehills, began signing Memorandum of Understandings with many partner universities in Myanmar as part of the National CLEs development programme ¹³.

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Thailand – At the Prince of Songkla University Faculty of Law CLE³ training workshop, students and teachers¹⁴ participated in CLE related lessons, including themed energizers, CLE teaching methodologies, introduction to CLE, the nature of pro bono, and how lawyers promote access to justice.

Laos – The National CLE Training of Trainers Workshop-To-Build-Capacity, held in Vang Vieng, Laos, focused on assisting Laos law lecturers to improve their CLE training ability and to assist in building a national network of CLE trainers.

Myanmar – Many Myanmar universities conducted mock trial training sessions, in preparation for the February 2015 Inaugural National Mock Trial event.

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Singapore – Ashurst LLP Singapore law office hosted an event, with BABSEA CLE, BABSEA CLE Singapore and the Law Society of Singapore on pro bono opportunities for in-house and foreign licensed lawyers.

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Thailand – BABSEA CLE¹ Foundation, with the pro bono support of Thai lawyer, Preeda Saiupparat, conducted a training workshop at University of Phayao

focusing on ways and means to develop and teach curriculum on legal ethics, pro bono, access to

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Singapore – The 3rd Asia Pro Bono Conference, co-organized by BABSEA CLE¹/Singapore and the Law Society of Singapore, with the support of the National University of Singapore, was attended by more than 350 participants worldwide, and focused upon creating vibrant pro bono ecosystems and strengthening access to justice throughout Asia and globally.

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Myanmar – In November 2014 BABSEA CLE¹ organized an Upper Myanmar university workshop held at Yadanabon, University which was attended by many university partners, pro bono lawyers and educationalists. focusing on Incorporating CLE Methods into the general Law Department curriculum.

Laos – In November 2014 the BABSEA CLE¹ Laos and Regional Team assisted in organizing a National Introduction to CLE Programmes and Methodology Workshop which was attended by representatives from the different Laos law teaching institutions and held at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Vientiane.



Vietnam – In November 2014 BABSEA CLE¹ attended, and provided input, at a UNDP supported National CLE Evaluation meeting held at Vietnam National University, Hanoi which analyzed the past five year development of CLE in Vietnam and sought recommendations for ways to move forward.



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Globally – BABSEA CLE¹ works globally to improve access to justice and strengthen legal education through the development of justice education initiatives and supporting the global pro bono movement.



Nepal – BABSEA CLE¹ presents on What is CLE to Nepal lawyers representing vulnerable and marginalized persons as part of the Nepal Bar Association and UNDP¹³ Nepal "Professional Capacity Building - Legal Internship Program"



Myanmar – BABSEA CLE¹ and pro bono lawyers from DLA Piper/New Perimeter assist in training Law Officers (Prosecutors) from Mandalay on Mock Trial techniques and legal ethic practices, at a UNDP¹³ supported workshop. They used curriculum created through their collaborative efforts and other pro bono partners including Herbert Smith Freehills and the Australian Government Solicitor.



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End Notes

- 1 Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative
- 2 Clinical Legal Education
- 3 National University of Laos Faculty of Law and Political Science, Clinical Legal Education
- 4 Khon Kaen University
- 5 Donald Peters, Professor Emeritus, Former Director of the University of Florida Civil Law Clinic Program (USA) and Martha Peters, Professor Emerita of Legal Education, Elon University (USA), Dr. Panarairat Srchaiyarat, Bruce A Lasky, and Wendy Morrish
- 6 Attended by FLP law lecturers, local intern lawyers, NGO members and students from the FLP; organized by the Laos Bar Association and the FLP; and co-supported by Lux-Development, White & Case and BABSEA CLE
- 7 Holland America Line MS Amsterdam
- 8 BABSEA CLE, DLA Piper, Herbert Smith Freehills, University of Florida, Laos Bar Association, Lux Development
- 9 Attended by lawyers from the Laos Bar Association, Village Focus International and the Asia Foundation
- 10 Created by BABSEA CLE, DLA Piper/New Perimeter, Herbert Smith Freehills, the Australian Government Solicitor and other partners
- 11 Trainers from BABSEA CLE, DLA Piper/New Perimeter, and Irish Rule of Law International
- 12 Trainers from BABSEA CLE), Herbert Smith Freehills and MasterCard (Singapore)
- 13 United Nations Development Program
- 14 From Prince of Songkla University, University of Malaya, University of Pancasila, Oxbridge College and National University of Laos

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