

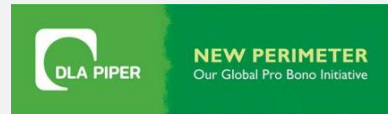


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LEGAL ETHICS, PRO BONO,  
ACCESS TO JUSTICE, AND  
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

**PROJECT**



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# Project Developers



Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative (BABSEA CLE) is an international access to justice and legal education organization that focuses on ethically oriented legal capacity development and community empowerment. BABSEA CLE has been working collaboratively with universities, law students, law-faculties, lawyers, members of the legal community and justice related organizational partners since 2003 to develop Clinical Legal Education (CLE) programs throughout Southeast Asia.



Herbert Smith Freehills (HSF), a long-standing international law firm partner of BABSEA CLE, is a leader in the international pro bono movement. The firm provides pro bono legal services to non-governmental organisations operating in the field of international development with a specific focus on helping them to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals. This includes supporting rule of law initiatives which contribute to curriculum and training development with many of the BABSEA CLE Southeast Asian country partners. [www.herbertsmithfreehills.com](http://www.herbertsmithfreehills.com)



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**NEW PERIMETER**  
Our Global Pro Bono Initiative

New Perimeter is a nonprofit organization established by global law firm DLA Piper and provides pro bono legal assistance in underserved regions around the world to support access to justice, social and economic development, and sound legal institutions. Founded in 2005 as a result of the firm's commitment to support legal advancement worldwide, New Perimeter's vision is to draw on the skills and talents of more than 4,200 DLA Piper lawyers to further a more just world for all.



Australian Government Solicitor

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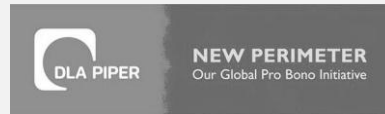
BABSEACLE Singapore Ltd. is a not for profit, charity, incorporated and domiciled in the Republic of Singapore. The principal activities of BABSEACLE Singapore are those of conducting legal education training program/workshops in collaboration with the Singapore Law Society, Singapore Management University, the National University of Singapore and members of the Singapore legal community.



BABSEA CLE Australia is an Australian registered non-profit organization established to further strengthen legal education and access to justice collaborations between Australia and the Southeast/South Asia region. BABSEA CLE Australia aims to build bridges by raising awareness about the issues faced by the communities we serve, by facilitating people-to-people and institutional exchanges, volunteer programmes and legal trainings, and by building a network of legal professionals and community leaders to address the root causes of access to justice issues.

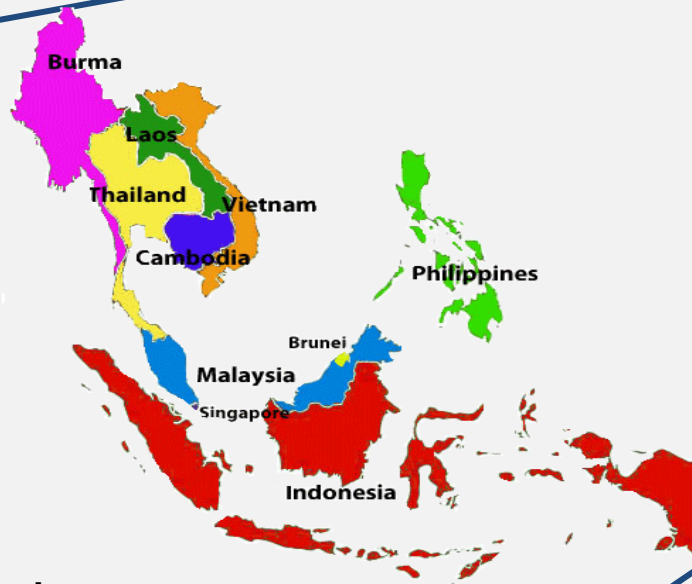


BABSEA CLE Foundation is a Thailand non-profit, non-governmental organization that was founded in 2010. This organization, which developed from a program of BABSEA CLE, grew into an independent organization to pursue its own individual yet complementary mission. Throughout Thailand, BABSEA CLE Foundation currently works and develops Clinical Legal Education and Community Empowerment Initiatives. Internationally supporting and connecting other CLE programs to develop strong collaborations, synergies and best practices in CLE methodology.



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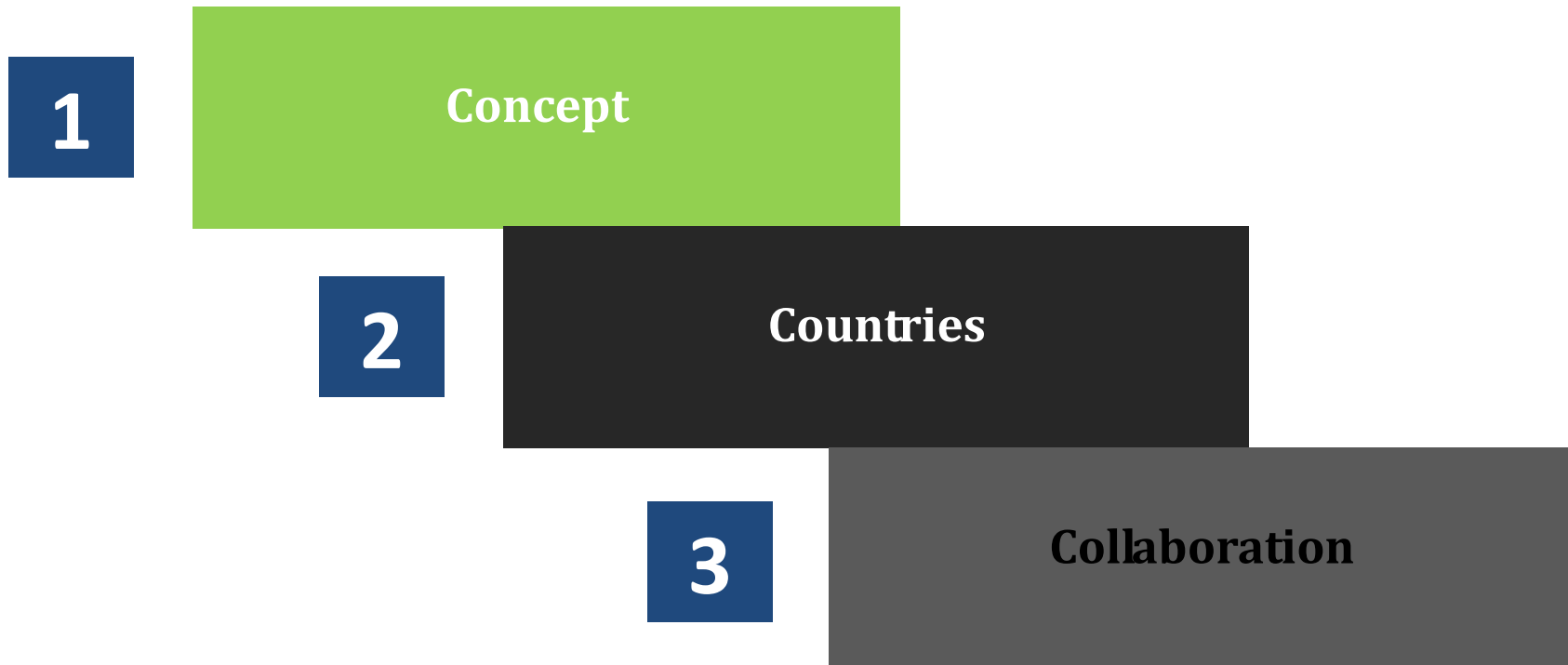


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## Concept

Through its work with partner universities, BABSEA CLE identified a need to develop practical curriculum on legal ethics, pro bono, access to justice, and professional responsibility. BABSEA CLE found that most universities in Southeast Asia either do not teach legal ethics or teach legal ethics in theory or as part of another subject. In countries where these topics are taught they are usually taught by lecture, making it difficult for students to engage with the issues in a practical manner. The teaching usually does not emphasize on the role that lawyer can play in promoting access to justice and engaging in pro bono work.. BABSEA CLE also found that there was a lack of textbooks and curriculum on legal ethics,

This project responds to that need, by developing practical curriculum on these topics. Legal ethics, access to justice and pro bono (largely) cross jurisdictions, meaning that one curriculum can be developed and used as a template by partners in numerous countries. This template can then be tailored to each jurisdiction, and taught by lawyers, clinicians, lecturers and other legal professionals.

### Overview of Legal Ethics Curriculum in Southeast Asia

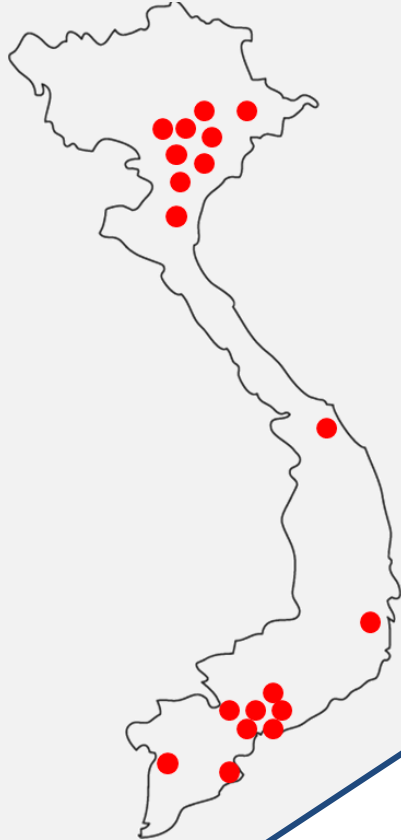
							
Is legal ethics taught?							
Is it a separate course?				Not standard	Not standard		
Compulsory	Not standard			Not standard	Not standard	Not standard	
Cover various aspects of legal ethics							
Content & consistency of curriculum	Not standard	Not standard	Not standard	Not standard	Not standard	Not standard	Not standard



## Countries

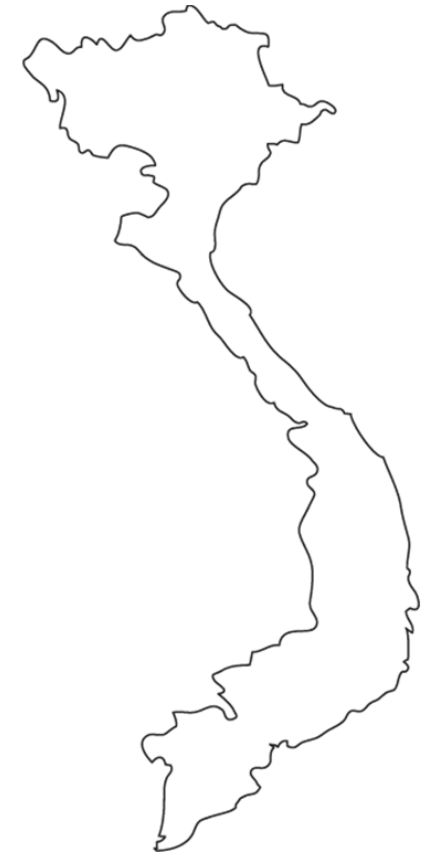


Number of law schools in Vietnam



Number of law schools teaching

- Legal Ethics,
- Pro Bono,
- Access to Justice, and
- Professional Responsibility



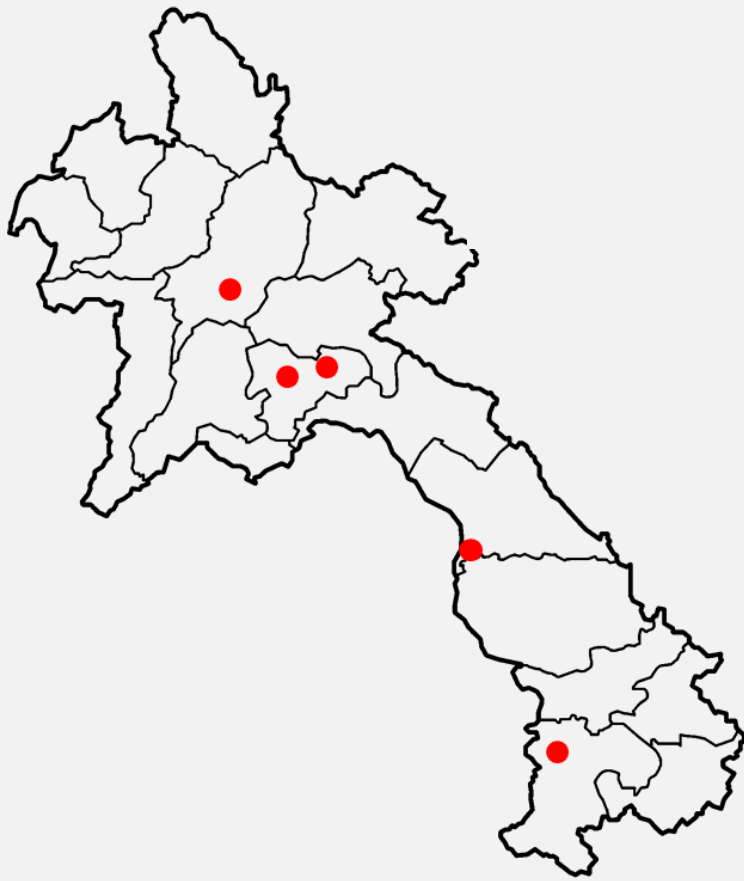


Number of law schools in Myanmar

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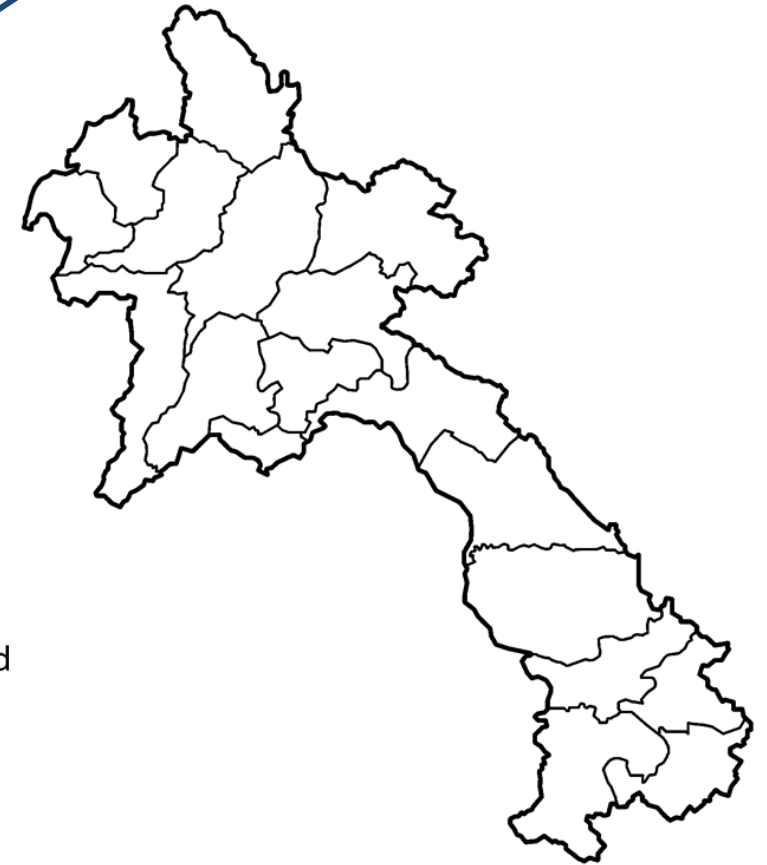




Number of law schools in Laos

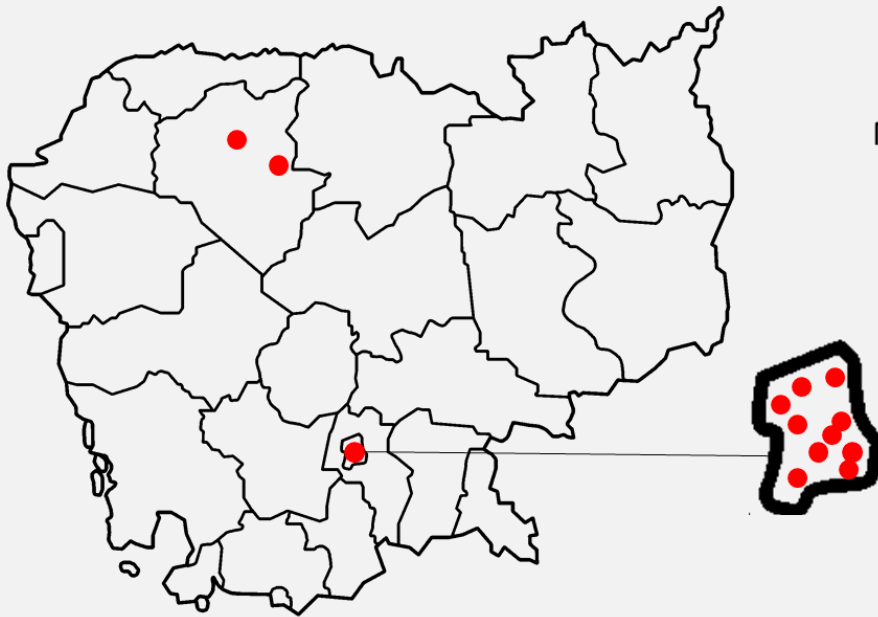
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Number of law schools in Cambodia



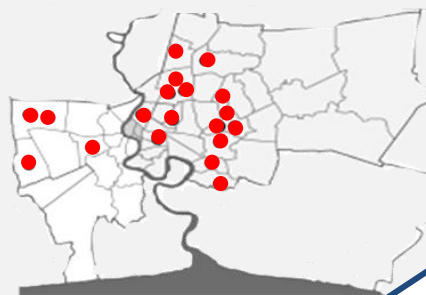
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- Legal Ethics,
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- Access to Justice, and
- Professional Responsibility





Number of law schools in Thailand



Number of law schools teaching

- Pro Bono,
- Access to Justice, and
- Professional Responsibility and uniformed and consistent in course and content on Legal Ethics



## Collaboration

In July 2013, Herbert Smith Freehills, DLA Piper / New Perimeter, the Australian Government Solicitor, BABSEA CLE, BABSEA CLE Australia, BABSEACLE Singapore and CLE Foundation commenced a collaboration to develop a training curriculum on Legal Ethics, Pro Bono, Access to Justice and Professional Responsibility.

The course materials, which are being designed using a clinical legal education methodology, are intended to be incorporated into existing university courses across South East Asia.

The project aims to foster the professional ethics of upcoming generations of lawyers and promote a legal culture that values the important role that lawyers play in providing pro bono services to enhance access to justice for the poor, the marginalized, the disadvantaged and the unpopular. By strengthening the culture of ethics and professional responsibility we hope to enhance the professional reputation and pride of young lawyers; and by expanding equal access to justice we hope to contribute to the further development of equal societies which respect and uphold the rule of law.







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### Contact Our BABSEA CLE

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### Identify Country and Possible Dates

For example

- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar
- Thailand
- Vietnam

### Universities confirm

BABSEA CLE works with its university partners to confirm your requested dates



## Connecting to the local team

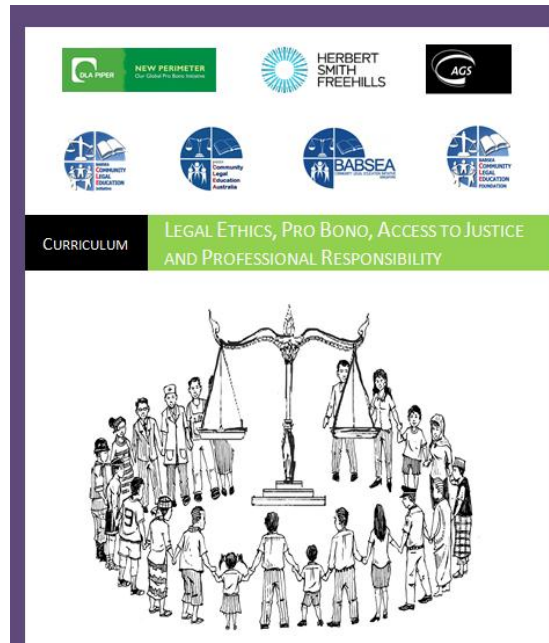
Our BABSEA CLE local team and volunteers from your chosen country will contact the pro bono lawyers to provide guidance on accommodation, training and workshop logistics including budget.

## Training Materials

Once the dates are confirmed, BABSEA CLE develops an agenda of the sessions to be covered in workshop. Pro bono lawyers are then given materials to review for the training including the chapters, related code of conducts and training tips.

## Itinerary

Pro bono lawyers book flights, visas (if needed) and accommodation and inform the project coordinator about arrival & departure times, accommodation place and any other special requirements.





## Workshop Planning

Before the training, BABSEA CLE local team connects via Skype or conference call to the Pro Bono lawyers and discuss the training sessions in detail as well as discussing logistics in-country.



## Conduct a Workshop

A workshop can be 1 – 3 days and usually is held at the university. BABSEA CLE local team members facilitate and provide support throughout the workshop to ensure a successful and smooth training for all.



## Direct Costs you will incur:

- BABSEA CLE Coordination
- Accommodation and Meals
- Flights and Local Transportation
- Training Supplies & Certificates
- Networking Dinner

## Another ways to support and get involved:

You can help in a variety of ways:

- Cover the costs for regional training for law lecturers on how to use the curriculum
- Sponsor the transport cost to have people attend workshops throughout the region
- Offer your time and expertise as a trainer
- Assist with translation of the curriculum into each of the languages where the curriculum is being used i.e Laos, Thai, Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnamese
- Provide funding to enable translations to be done
- Test and review the new chapters as they are developed
- And any other ideas





**For more information please visit:**

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