

What Observers Are Saying About IBJ

"If there was functioning rule of law in Rwanda, the 1994 genocide would not have happened. IBJ's commitment to improve the rule of law through effective and competent criminal defense to all persons is enormously important to prevent such tragedies in the future."

— Ms. Anne Gahongayire, Secretary General of the Supreme Court of Rwanda

"It is wrong to assume all suspects are criminals. In fact in India most people accused of crimes are innocent people. Thus, they have become victims of an unfair justice system. Therefore, what IBJ wants to achieve through early access to counsel and creating a robust system of criminal defense could prevent suffering to many ordinary people."

— Hon. K. G. Balakrishnan, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India

"God bless you and wish you more successes in the wonderful initiatives you promote. It makes such a huge difference that I am not sure you know its rippling effects in the globe. Small initiatives like yours can make a bigger difference than the hugely invested initiatives we have seen characterized by mismatched resources to promoting justice in communities."

-Amadu Sidi Bah, JusticeMakers Competition Finalist, Sierra Leone

IBJ's Founder - Karen Tse

Karen Tse, an ordained minister, was a public defender before she went to Cambodia with the UN in 1994 to assist in the rebuilding of its devastated legal system. Recognizing that Cambodia's needs were not unique, she was inspired to create International



Bridges to Justice. "I remember peering through a prison cell and talking with a boy who had been arrested and tortured. He was just a boy who had tried to steal a bicycle and he had no one to defend him." Since then, Karen has worked to implement existing laws prohibiting torture and systematic abuses of prisoners.

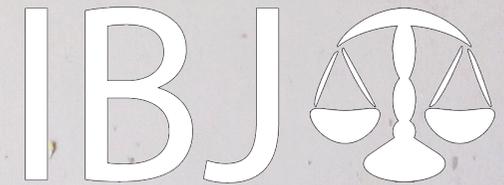
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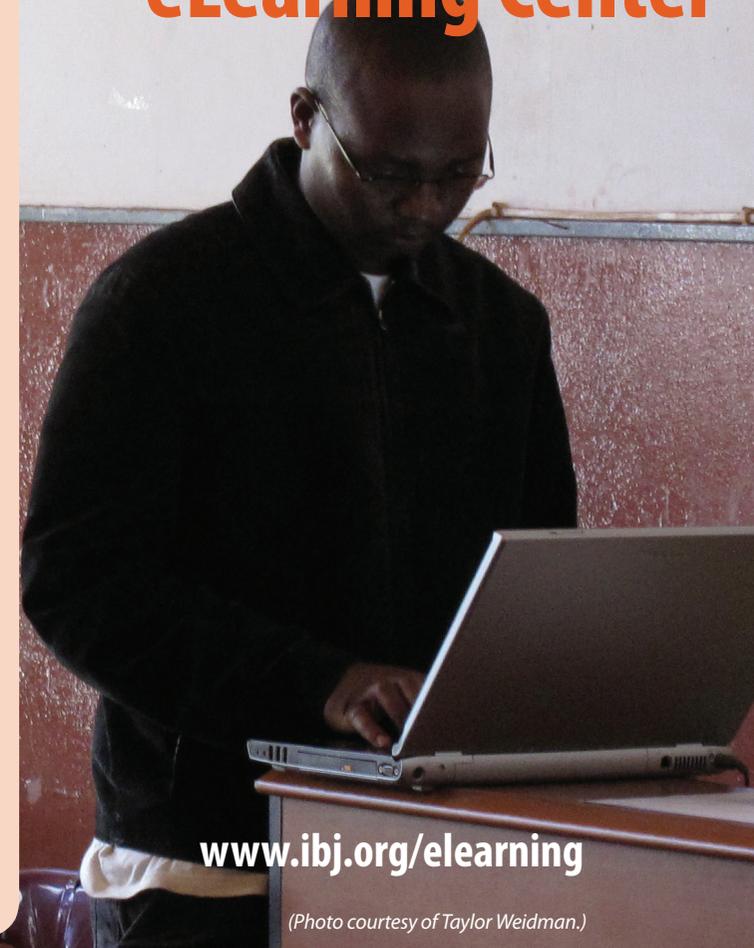
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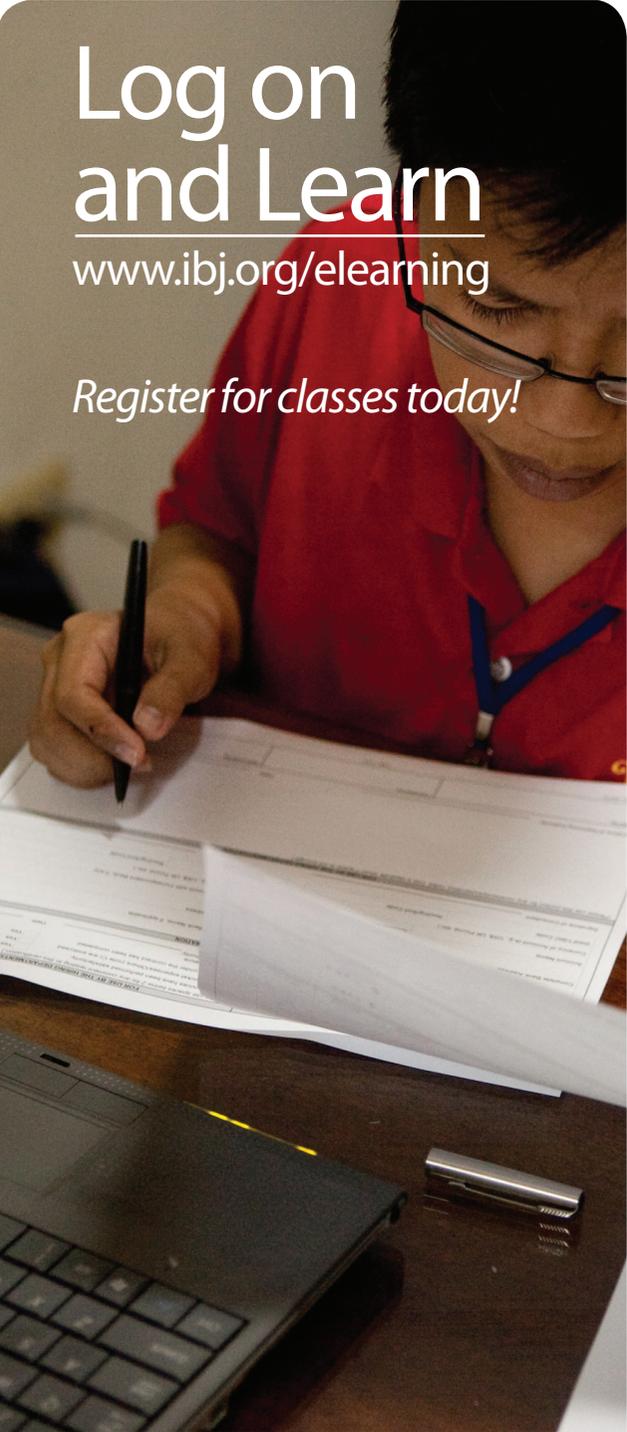
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IBJ eLearning Center and Accreditation Program

The objective of IBJ's eLearning Center and Accreditation Program is to increase public defender capacity in IBJ's program countries through the creation of on-demand web-based eLearning courses that will give lawyers the crucial skills necessary to represent defendants in the criminal justice system.

The eLearning courses present defenders with multimedia training courses on the basic tenets of criminal defense, focusing on lawyering skills applicable worldwide that teach lawyers how to protect their clients' rights. The most effective and universal moments of IBJ's physical trainings are captured through online video, narrated slideshows, and other multimedia tools. The platform also includes a series of short exams where trainees can demonstrate their mastery of the content. The curriculum provides relevant training on domestic laws relating to the criminal procedure in target countries, enabling defenders to understand the implications their domestic statutes have for the practice of criminal law.

This program will assist attorneys in obtaining training and enable them to command respect for the rights of the accused, while enhancing their professional credentials and reputation. The initiative specifically targets defenders and legal aid centers living beyond the reach of, or without the resources to participate in, IBJ's current portfolio of programs. With an emphasis on common legal defenses, trial skills, and the interviewing of clients, the program brings the crux of IBJ's pragmatic approach to a global audience