
STREET LAW EXPERIENCE AND APPLICATION IN GEORGIA

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Legal Clinics in Georgia

LEGAL CLINICS IN GEORGIA

Legal clinics basically include the following in Georgia:

- Street Law Clinic (The Clinic of Practical Law);
- Legal Clinic – Consultations, Court Representations for vulnerable groups;
- Legal Clinic – Activities for students of faculty of law (moot courts, symposiums, etc.)
- Legal Clinic – assignment of students at Common Courts, Legal Aid Service Providers, etc.

Street Law Clinics in Georgia

STREET LAW CLINICS IN GEORGIA

- Nowadays there are roughly 15 legal clinics in Georgia.
- Approximately 6 universities have the Street Law Clinics in Georgia (based on the information we are familiar with), integrated either in bachelor's programmes or in master's programmes.
- A common feature is that the Street Law Clinics are named as the Practical Law Clinics.

Street Law Clinic at Tbilisi State University

STREET LAW CLINIC AT TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

- Established at Tbilisi State University, the faculty of law as a part of master's programme curriculum in 2005.
- It was named the Practical Law Clinic (Street Law Clinic) considering inconvenient literal translation in Georgian language.
- The Faculty of Law at Tbilisi State University cooperates with the public and private schools throughout Tbilisi.

How Street Law Clinic Works at Tbilisi State University

HOW STREET LAW CLINIC WORKS AT TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

- The selected number of students are trained by the manager of the Street Law Clinic (Practical Law Clinic);
- Training is curated on capacity building of the university students and the way lessons should be delivered to the school students;
- The agenda basically includes practical exercises and theoretical materials about domestic legislation; The topic of human rights is also incorporated, however with the limited scale;
- Subsequent to successful completion of the training, the university students are assigned at selected schools.

Guidelines

GUIDEBOOKS USED BY TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

- There are three types of guidelines developed for the Practical Law Clinic with the Support of GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) in 2014, particularly:
 1. Practical Law (Teacher's guidebook);
 2. Practical Law (Student's guidebook);
 3. Practical Law (Student's exercise book in constitutional law).

(for instance, International Black Sea University (IBSU) used miscellaneous guidelines such as the books ordered from the USA)

Cooperation on Working Level

COOPERATION ON WORKING LEVEL

- Rights Georgia NGO (Article 42 of the Constitution) implements the Project funded by UNHCR, within which asylum seekers and refugees are provided with legal assistance;
- The legal clinics as a tool for outreach activities is planned within the project performance;
- The identified universities, will be advised to establish Street Law clinics as well and to integrate the refugee law in the curriculum.

Cooperation within Human Rights Houses

POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITHIN HUMAN RIGHTS HOUSES

- Alongside with practical activities, Human Rights Houses provide various programs to educate population about their rights and ways of how to protect them;
- Human Rights House Tbilisi and Human Rights House Chernihiv have an opportunity to establish cooperation within Street Law Clinics and increase the capacity of existing Street Law Clinics on the one hand, and support establishment of such Clinics on the other hand;
- Within cooperation, Rights Georgia as a member organization of Human Rights House Tbilisi is going to support various universities to establish Street Law Clinics on their base;
- The outcome of the project will be the guideline for the Street Law Clinics curated on school students and covering the theoretical material on human rights, as well as the practical tools on how to conduct successful and fruitful lessons.

Thank you very much for your
attention! 😊