

The Role of Elites in a Democratic Society

LEADERS FOR JUSTICE

-March 3, 2010-

Opening Conference of the 1st Leadership Program for Romanian Junior Jurists

Location: „Athénée Palace” Hilton Hotel
„Le Diplomate” Ballroom
1-3 Episcopiei Street
Bucharest Sector 1

Working languages: Romanian, German, English

Partners:



14:30 - 15:00

Arrival and registration of participants

15:00 - 15:30

Opening and welcoming speeches

***Dr. Stefanie Ricarda Roos**, Director, Rule of Law Program
South East Europe, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung*

***H. E. Andreas von Mettenheim**, Ambassador of the
Federal Republic of Germany*

***Ștefan Deaconu**, Department of Constitutional and
Legal Affairs, Senior Advisor to the President for Legal
Issues, Presidential Administration*

15:30 - 16:00

**Introduction: Leaders for Justice - 1st Leadership
Program for Romanian Junior Jurists**

***Dan Stoica**, Co-initiator of the „Leader for Justice” Program,
Vice-president So-Just*

***Dr. Gisbert Stalfort**, Stalfort Legal.Tax.Audit.*

16:00 - 16:30

**Elites in the Romanian Justice System. Their Role and
Responsibilities**

***Cătălin Marian Predoiu**, Minister of Justice*

16:30 - 17:15

The Role of Elites in a Democratic Society

***Prof. Univ. Elena Simina Tănăsescu**, Faculty of Law,
University of Bucharest; member of the Superior Council of
Magistracy*

17:15 - 18:00

Discussions

18:00 - 19:30

Reception



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1st Leadership Program for Romanian Junior Jurists 2010

- The primary **goal** of the leadership program which is the first of its kind in Romania, is the creation of a pool of young individuals who understand the importance of values and integrity, and who are ready to take the lead in promoting rule of law principles and enforce them through their work in Romania.
- The project's **objectives** are to train Romanian talented junior jurists to become leaders in their field, to equip them with essential leadership skills, project management abilities, as well as substantive knowledge about democracy, rule of law, justice and especially professional ethics. They will also be involved in individual and group projects in order for them to have a practical understanding of what being a leader means.
- The **target group** of this program is made of 20 law students in their last year of university studies, master or doctoral law students, and recent law graduates in the first two years of their professional career, who prove leadership potential. The participants, coming from all over Romania, need to be genuinely interested and committed to play a pro-active role in the evolutions in the legal and socio-political system of Romania.

- The **activities** envisaged by the project will comprise three main components: learning, seeing and doing. Each of these components focuses on the development of key abilities foreseen for the participants in the program. The program consists of six training sessions throughout 2010, meetings with experts, seminars, project development and internships as well as a one-week study trip to Berlin.
- The main **result** of the leadership program will be the sustained training and support of 20 young jurists. We envisage an attitudinal and behavioral change of the participants, whom we expect to develop leadership skills, capabilities and modes of action, and thus become agents of change. The participants shall serve as multipliers and pass on their experience to a wider spectrum of young legal professionals. Through this, they are expected to create a national network of young legal professionals, and to contribute to the strengthening of civil society organizations in the field.
- The six **training sessions** will take place over six weekends with legal experts, role-models, and foreign guests. The training sessions are:

The vision of humanity: a critical perspective	4-7 March 2010
How to plan justice: a tough decision to make	15-18 April 2010
Is the morality of law a matter of persuasion?	6-9 May 2010
Writing. Supervision. Mentorship.	26-30 May 2010
I dream! I inspire! I trust!	3-6 July 2010
A final review of the previous sessions	9-11 July 2010