

***American Judicature Society/Drake Law School
Justice System Series***

***Justice at Home and Abroad:
The Importance of the Rule of Law***

Program Summary

“Developing the Rule of Law in Developing Countries”

Judge John R. Tunheim
United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
President of the American Judicature Society

An overview of efforts to integrate U.S. justice system principles and the rule of law into Eastern European/former Soviet bloc countries, including personal experiences in and observations from Kosovo.

**“Multi-Disciplinary Rule of Law Conferences at Home and Abroad:
What the ABA is Doing and Why”**

H. William Allen, JD
Allen Law Firm, Little Rock, AR
Commission Member of the ABA’s World Justice Project

Domestic and international progress in promoting the rule of law. Covering the ABA’s World Justice Project initiative from Cary, North Carolina, to Vienna, Austria.

**“Reliable Legal Systems and Commerce—
Inseparable pathways for Global Business”**

Elizabeth A. Nelson, JD
Vice President General Counsel and Secretary,
Kemin Industries, Inc.

The rule of law is of paramount importance in maintaining the flow of commerce. Application and enforcement of the rule of law affects the private sector’s ability to thrive in a competitive market-based global economy.

**“Importing and Exporting the Rule of Law:
Opportunities, Bumps, and Unexpected Curves in the Road”**

Roger A. Nowadzky, JD
City Attorney, Marshalltown, IA
Public Policy and Business Consultant, Nowadzky International

Domestic American judicial system version of the rule of law connected with efforts of North American jurists and associations to assist other countries in the adaptation of the rule of law. Discussion of the impact of international law and treaties on American communities and citizens. In all this, there are challenges and surprises, some positive and some negative.

**"Misconceptions about Rule of Law as a Barrier to Law Change:
Lessons from the Immigration Debate"**

Lori T. Chesser, JD
Chair, Davis Brown Law Firm Immigration Department
President, Iowa Counsel for International Understanding

The idea of “rule of law” is still a new concept for many countries or, if accepted as a concept, has not been put into practice. Recent political issues, especially the attempt to address unauthorized immigration, have revealed that the concept is also not well-understood by U.S. citizens or legislators. The misconception of “rule of law” may hinder the process of law change in the federal government of a country of 300 million people.

Program Moderator

Judge Larry Eisenhauer
Iowa Court of Appeals

Welcome Remarks

Russell E. Lovell
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