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MLWG Hosts Webinar on Press Freedom

Last month, ten Palestinian human rights lawyers in Ramallah participated in a Skype webinar hosted by ISLP. They discussed relying on press freedom case law

from the European Court of Human Rights in their domestic litigation defending bloggers and journalists. Dick Winfield, chair of our Media Law Working Group, led the discussions using the ISLP amicus curiae brief which had recently produced the acquittals of six Palestinians on trial for publishing criticism of public officials.

Two Arabic-speaking lawyers from the Washington-based American Bar Association Center for Human Rights handled the translation, making it a split-screen New York-Washington-Ramallah training session.

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ISLP and HSF Collaborate on Kenya-Based Projects to Prevent Bribery and Corruption

ISLP was approached by Transparency International for specialist advice on the development and implementation of regulations and guidelines for public and private entities in relation to Kenya's 2016 Bribery Act. With the assistance from solicitors at [Herbert Smith Freehills](#) ("HSF") and [Norton Rose Fulbright](#) ("NRF"), who have expertise on such matters, the teams produced a detailed draft of regulations and guidelines that highlighted areas for improvements. They also prepared an overview of international best standards and practices in this area.

Separately, ISLP and HSF also assisted Transparency International Kenya to analyze the draft of Kenya's 'Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering (Criminal Assets Recovery Fund) (Administration) Regulations, 2019' (the "Draft

Regulations"). The Draft Regulations are intended to establish a Criminal Assets Recovery Fund to receive monies and property obtained from confiscations and forfeitures made under the Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2009 and Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, 2003, and use these resources to build capacities for law enforcement and criminal justice in Kenya.

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ISLP's Reading Recommendations

- ["Italy's Statute-of-Limitations Reforms: A Helpful But Incomplete Step Toward Ending Impunity"](#)
 - In its efforts to fight corruption within the judicial system, Italy's new anticorruption law, popularly referred to as "Spazzacorrotti," has the potential to make a real difference.

This piece from the Global Anticorruption Blog argues that, while the law holds promise, it will take more than it alone to eradicate corruption given the constitutional and systemic challenges that have yet to be resolved.

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