

Appendix A- Liberian News Report of Journalist Training

ABA Holds Training For Judicial Reporters Today

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Judicial Reporters in Liberia are today expected to benefit from a day workshop organized by the James A.A. Pierre Judicial Institute at the Temple of Justice in Monrovia.

The Liberian journalists assigned at the judiciary will be trained in 'judicial reportage' by George Jack King who is part of a six lawyer delegation of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) from the United States, who arrived in the country recently.

Making the disclosure at the American Bar Association (ABA) Law Office at the Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law, Mr. Michael Diggs of the Staff Attorney Support Staff to the James A.A. Pierre Judicial Institute, said the workshop runs simultaneously with the quarterly training by the Trial Judges Association of Liberia that is expected to assemble 60 judges and magistrates at the Corina Hotel in Monrovia next week.

Mr. King is an American Lawyer and a journalist who serves as a Legal Media Consultant to the NACDL. He covered two landmark cases in the 90's: the Oliver North trial and Mayor Marion Barry of Washington, DC.

NACDL is an American based organization established in 1958 to advance justice and due process for persons accused of committing crimes. The organization has a total of 12,000 direct members in 28 countries around the world.

The NACDL is in partnership with the James A.A. Pierre Judicial Institute of Liberia, have developed at project to assist in strengthening the criminal justice system in Liberia through an intensive training program for criminal defense lawyers, improve understanding of the unique role of judges, and prosecutors in the adversary system, enhance advocacy skills of public defenders in trial practice, procedure, evidence and techniques.

The workshop is one of a series of three major workshops organized for judges, magistrates and public defenders from around the country.