



The Legal Clinic of the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, in collaboration with Center for Legal Civic Initiatives (CLCI), continues the implementation of the project **“Empowering the Law Clinic course in the Faculty of Law, by increasing the students’ capacity and practical skills for providing legal service for people in need”** supported by USAID’s Albanian Justice Sector Strengthening Project (JuST).

It is aiming to strengthen the Legal Clinic further and consequently the groups in need, by offering legal service, increasing capacities and practical skills of the students with regard to providing free legal assistance. Several activities were organized (see below):



- **Offering free legal service for groups in need, particularly to victims of domestic violence.** The students have informed, advised and also prepared legal opinions with regard to the cases that were referred to the Legal Clinic by the Center for Legal Civic

Initiatives. In order to conduct these activities, the students have worked under the supervision of the CLCI's lawyers and the corresponding pedagogue. This direct involvement of the students helped them improve their knowledge and practical skills.



- **Organizing trainings with the students of the Legal Clinic.** These trainings have contributed in strengthening the student's capabilities. For this purpose, two trainings (2 days each) were organized: "Strengthening of practical skills of the students of Legal Clinic." The presentations held by Prof.As.Dr. Evis Alimehmeti, Prof.As.Dr.Orjona

Muçollari, Prof. Alban Koçi and CLCI's lawyers, discussed theoretical and practical knowledge of the relevant topics. Moreover, an important part of these trainings were the interactive discussions, which helped the students raise all the issues they encountered during their service in the Clinic.



- **Organizing different meetings with students of the Faculty of Law with regard to the Legal Clinic and its activities.** The organization of these meetings aims to promote all the activities conducted under the framework of this project, in order to increase the information regarding the Legal Clinic and its activities for students. In this context, several informative meetings were organized not only with students but also with certain institutions like: Tirana's Court of Appeal, Tirana's Prosecutor's Office, the Commissioner for Protection against Discrimination etc. It is of major importance that all the students, who participated in these meetings, have expressed a high degree of interest towards the Legal Clinic and its activities.



- **Simulating a debate between two judges of the US Supreme Court.** This simulation was interpreted by students of the Legal Clinic and it's based on the debate between the judges of the Supreme Court, Antonin Scalia and Stephen Breyer, regarding the application of foreign laws in certain cases of the court. This activity was organized on 10th May, the Albanian Day of Justice, in the Legal Clinic facility near the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana.