



# BABSEA 2009 Legal Studies Internship Program



Overview

The BABSEA Legal Studies Internship Program offers an opportunity to make a real contribution to fighting the hardships and legal inequity in Southeast Asia while being involved in a remarkable experience of living and working in the region. This is an experience that is impossible to gain as a simple tourist.



Internship Supervisors

The BABSEA 2009 Legal Studies Internship Program's proposed activities emphasize four main areas: community legal education research and curriculum development, community service, education & culture, and self reflection. During the 12 week experience, activities include a variety of community based legal education teachings, service projects with local & rural communities and many educational events & cultural experiences. The interns will be given the opportunity to work and interact with the BABSEA International Community Legal Education team as well as local lawyers, legal educators and community organizations from BABSEA's in the Southeast Asia region.

The primary coordination of the overall legal internship program will be supervised by Wendy Morrish, BABSEA's Regional CLE Coordinator and US lawyer Bruce A. Lasky who is also BABSEA's Community Legal Education Initiatives Director and an Adjunct Professor at Chiang Mai University.



Additionally, BABSEA Volunteer Coordinators will assist the overall process including preparing the orientation materials, creating a schedule for the interns, coordinating the projects, assisting the interns with any issues (housing, buying food and other necessities, medication, etc), and helping them adjust to life in Southeast Asia.



What does the internship involve?

In order to maximize the experience of the interns and give them the best opportunity to serve, their time in Southeast Asia will be structured around the concepts of the role of Community Based Legal Education, Southeast Asia Education and Culture, Direct Community Service and Self Reflection.



During the internship program, participants will have a number of opportunities to work with Community-based Legal Education (CLE) programs interacting with the local people and the legal issues faced in the Southeast Asia region.

**Currently we are focusing on various issues of law including, but not limited to:**

Advocacy	Contract Law	Khmer Rouge Tribunal
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Criminal Law	Land Law & Housing Rights
Child Rights	Democracy & Human Rights	Legal Advocacy
Civil Law	Family Law	Prisoner Rights
Constitutional Law	HIV/AIDS and the Law	Refugee Rights
Consumer Protection	Introduction to Law	Thailand National ID



Community Legal Education

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When interns are not otherwise engaged, they will be working on the BABSEA Community Empowerment Initiatives – research and development of curriculum for the Community Legal Advisor Training Manuals to be used throughout the region.

The aim of this work is to produce a variety of Community Based Legal Advisor Training and Resource Manuals which community based legal advisors, ‘paralegals’ and Educators will use in urban and rural communities to both assist and teach local people how to effectively access both the traditional and non-traditional legal justice system.

One of the goals of BABSEA is to lend support to a developing network of community based legal advisors and advocates in communities across Southeast Asia who provide legal advice, alternative dispute resolution, referral services, in addition to teaching their respective communities about locally important legal issues.

In writing the various Community Based Legal Advisor Training Manuals, BABSEA is utilizing a dynamic interactive teaching methodology, commonly referred to as ‘Street Law.’

Interns will be engaged in a variety of tasks, including but not limited to legal research, reading curriculum for substance as well as proofreading/formatting lesson plans, helping to create and revise lesson plans with the BABSEA and CLE university teams, joining our teams to assist and monitor provincial trainings, evaluating curriculum through the trainings themselves, and synthesizing the participants’ evaluations and evaluating through direct observations in order to improve and revise curriculum. The interns will also be writing a small-group legal research article on a relevant legal area that BABSEA focuses on. These tasks will all be done in a supportive and progressive atmosphere that is committed to nurturing public service, developing the capacity of local communities, as well as promoting social justice in the Southeast Asia region.

Interns will gain knowledge about BABSEA, the areas we work in, our projects and issues (both legal and non-legal related). The interns will be directly involved with our projects and issues helping them understand the legal work they are doing, the reasons and need for it doing it.

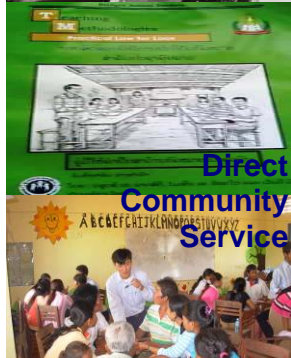
To encourage the volunteer ethic and to keep the Interns focused on human rights issues each intern will be given a volunteer log and will be responsible for completing 50 hours of additional volunteer work with BABSEA projects and with BABSEA partners. The volunteer coordinator/Country supervisor will sign off on the hours after completion. The book will then have a section at the back of the book for officially pledging their donation money. Each intern will receive a “service” certificate stating the number of additional hours they have given to the different projects.

Legal interns will also be encouraged to take weekend trips and volunteer with local law students or legal trainers to teach with some of our partner organizations. Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia has been, and continues to be, involved with partner organizations and universities teaching law, civics and human rights, and a number of related subjects, applying the CLE Street Law methodology, to children, teenagers, and adults in both rural villages and urban communities.

Interns will participate in a Community Immersion week in Northern Thailand. Interns will live and work with marginalized/poor Thai families for one week – commencing on a Sunday and finishing on the following Saturday morning. During this time, the interns will participate and share in the activities with their host family and village. Most of the family homes have limited luxuries, interns maybe living with households who have cold showers, no running water, limited electricity and camping style sleeping arrangements. Interns will share meals with their family eating local foods.

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Interns will be able to choose from a variety of traditional and cultural activities as an optional extra. Depending on the country activities available include language classes, cooking classes, health and fitness programs such as Muay Thai boxing, Yoga, Massage Classes, Giant Kite Flying, Qigong and Thi Chi.

During the internship there will be many opportunities for exposure visits to some of the areas and marginalized communities BABSEA is working with, both formally through the internship or on an intern's own initiative. These may include but are not limited to the following places:

- Chiang Mai Women's Prison CMU CLE Teaching (Thailand)
- Center for Legal Research and Services (LERES) (Vietnam)
- Korsang outreach – harm reduction & needle exchange program (Cambodia)
- Maesai Refugee Camp on the Burmese/Thailand Border (Thailand)
- United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (Laos)
- Vietnam National University CLE Community Teachings (Vietnam)
- Tiny Toones – Education and dance program for street kids (Cambodia)
- Education and Research Association for Consumers (ERA Consumer) (Malaysia)
- Center of Research & Consultation on Policy, Law & Development (PLD) (Vietnam)
- Chiang Mai University (Thailand)
- Vietnam Gardeners Association (Vietnam)
- Sustainable Cambodia in Pursat (SC) (Cambodia)
- Burmese Volunteer Program (BVP) (Thailand)
- BABSEA rural community development project in Kep (Cambodia)
- American Refugee Committee (ARC) (Thailand)
- National University of Law CLE community teachings (Laos)
- Village Focus International (Laos)
- Rural Minority Communities near Chiang Rai and Lamphoon (Thailand)
- Thai Aids Treatment Action Group (TTAG) (Thailand)
- Laos Bar Association (Laos)



By working in the field with the communities and other community-based activities, the legal interns gain a better understanding of our community empowerment programs. This is an opportunity to process the experiences in order to help the interns more fully understand and improve their efforts and connect their work to a greater cause and motivate them to continue their involvement in social justice activities when they return home.

Regardless of whether you are full time in Thailand or splitting your internship between regional partners, your role as an intern is to assist BABSEA in multi-faceted ways with an ability to be flexible and proactive.

***Legal interns will be expected to:***

- ***work a minimum of 40 hours per week for the entirety of the Legal Internship Program***
- ***complete a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer community service with our projects and partners organizations***
- ***participate in all planned BABSEA legal internship activities***
- ***travel on local transport, bus or train when traveling between BABSEA projects and countries - NO FLIGHTS. Many grassroots and local people must travel this way in the region. It is also an opportunity for the Interns to see first hand the diversity and differences throughout the region.***

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# 2009 Legal Studies Internship Program Options



## 5 Options to choose from



The following is a general outline of the proposed program and itinerary for legal studies related students interning with Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia during May - August 2009. The program will be based primarily in Chiang Mai, Thailand; however interns will be offered 5 options.

**“Option T”** - Internship based primarily in Chiang Mai Thailand and may include attending and participating in Community Legal Education (CLE) or Public Legal Education (PLE) Workshops in Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia and Cambodia.

**“Option C”** – Internship starts in Chiang Mai, Thailand, continues in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and finishes back in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Interns must travel overland by bus or train between countries.

**“Option V”** – Internship starts in Chiang Mai, Thailand, continues in Hanoi, Vietnam and finishes back in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Interns must travel overland by bus or train between countries.

**“Option M”** – Internship starts in Chiang Mai, Thailand, continues in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and finishes back in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Interns must travel overland by bus or train between countries.

**“Option L”** – Internship starts in Chiang Mai, Thailand, continues in Vientiane, Laos and finishes back in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Interns must travel overland by bus or train between countries.

The Legal Internship Program will officially begin May 18<sup>th</sup> and run through 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2009<sup>1</sup>.



<sup>1</sup> Dates can be flexible depending on the need of the intern, BABSEA needs and the needs of our partners, who we work with.

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# 2009 Legal Studies Internship Program Draft Itinerary

The program will begin and end in Chiang Mai, Thailand

The program will be a 12 week program (including 1 immersion week, training/orientation in Thailand, transfer time to travel overland directly to partners in the region and returning to Thailand for a final week of activities filled with fun and farewells).




**Please keep in mind that this is a tentative itinerary and may be revised as needed.**

Week	Tentative Activity
Week 1 & 2 18 May - 24 May	<p><b>Weeks 1-2: Introduction &amp; Training workshop in Chiang Mai, Thailand</b></p> <p>These two weeks will focus strongly on the educational component of the program, including social justice readings. During this time interns will also learn lesson plan development writing, legal manual formatting and use of the Virtual Legal Office Internet tools.</p>
Week 2 25 May - 31 May	<p>This section of the program will occur in Chiang Mai, with all of the interns present and supervised by BABSEA Director Professor Bruce A. Lasky, (J.D, LL.M.)</p> <p>There will be a compulsory team building activity at the end of week 1 with everyone joining in on a morning hike/trek (semi-strenuous) to Wat Doi Suthep</p>
Week 3 1 Jun - 7 Jun	<p><b>Weeks 3: Immersion Activity Week for whole group in Chiang Mai</b></p> <p>This will be the Immersion Activity Week with the whole group and will take place with rural Northern Thailand communities. The interns will be live and work with local families for one week. They will participate in the family's and community activities.</p> <p><i>NB This may involve cold showers, no running water, limited electricity, camping style sleeping arrangements and eating local foods.</i></p>
Week 4 8 Jun – 14 Jun	<p><b>Week 4: Interns choosing Options V, C, M or L travel directly to our Regional partners.</b></p> <p>Commencing on the day after the immersion has finished interns going to another country must travel directly to their new "workplace" and contact their supervisors immediately upon arrival. They will have approximately 2-4 days to get there, depending on distance.</p> <p><i>NB Interns <u>MUST</u> travel overland not by Air.</i></p>

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	<p><b>Week 5</b> 15 Jun – 21 Jun</p> <p><b>Week 6</b> 22 Jun – 28 Jun</p> <p><b>Week 7</b> 29 Jun - 5 Jul</p> <p><b>Week 8</b> 6 Jul – 12 Jul</p> <p><b>Week 9</b> 13 Jul – 19 Jul</p> <p><b>Week 10</b> 20 Jul – 26 Jul</p> <p><b>Weeks 5 - 10: Groups continue working, teaching and conducting other activities through the end of Week 10</b></p> <p>These weeks will be spent working as split groups working throughout the Southeast Asia region. These weeks will be devoted to curriculum development, continued legal research, and teaching and training in legal areas with university or civil society partners. Research topic presentations and seminars at partner universities or NGO's, work directly with partner NGO's, project site visits and other activities. All interns will share legal and internship materials by working together using internet resources in a Virtual Legal Office.</p>
	<p><b>Week 11</b> 27 Jul – 2 Aug</p> <p><b>Week 11: Groups complete work product and returning to Chiang Mai, Thailand</b></p> <p>This week will be dedicated to the completion of group work product and wrapping up of projects. All Interns participating outside of Chiang Mai will travel overland directly to Chiang Mai, Thailand.</p> <p><i>NB Interns MUST travel overland not by Air.</i></p>
	<p><b>Week 12</b> 3 Aug – 9 Aug</p> <p><b>Week 12: Activity Week for whole group and Program End</b></p> <p>This will include group farewells, human rights activities week and award ceremonies. Assignment of your communities fundraising efforts with a donation to a BABSEA project.</p> <p>This week will have a “social justice” and “fun” theme.</p>



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# Program Costs

The following is a list of some costs each intern will incur

Program Administration Fee: US\$1800

*(this fee does not include the \$100 Donation below)*

Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia is a grassroots organization where many of the staff and directors receive a very small amount of income for their work. Nevertheless, in order to function, our organization does incur a low level of administration expense. This fee helps us cover these costs to administer the internship while being able to continue our work in the region.

The Program Administration Fee **includes**:

- BABSEA planned and organized site visit transport
- Airport pickup
- Internet (certain restrictions apply in Laos & Cambodia)
- Administration, legal supervision & coordination costs
- Transit between regional partners for Options C,V, M, L
- Support for our CLE partner programs

The Program Administration Fee **does not** include:

- Airfare
- Accommodation
- Visas
- Optional activities such as cooking, exercise and language classes
- Food
- Costs incurred for or during activities to complete the "Volunteer Log"
- Daily transit to and from work

BABSEA Fundraising & Donation Contribution - targeted amount: US\$100

During your stay in Southeast Asia, you will witness first hand the various projects BABSEA is involved with, both legal and non legal. An integral part of interning for a grassroots NGO such as BABSEA is helping others both by volunteering on projects and by fundraising for donations.

We ask that before joining us in Southeast Asia, you try to organize a fundraising activity in your local community to support a BABSEA project that you will see first hand. We suggest you set a target amount of US\$100. This donation will be on behalf of your community and you can choose to support one or a number of the BABSEA programs. Of course, raising more than \$100 would be wonderful, very appreciated, and would go a long way.

If you are a US taxpayer this donation is tax deductible in the USA and you will be in the unique position to see that your fundraising efforts and donation does change the lives of so many deserving people.

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# Additional Costs other than Program Costs

There will be other costs that are not included in the program fees. Below are some estimates of some of these living expenses:

## Accommodation/Food

Accommodation and housing will be a primary expense falling outside the program fees. We request that interns not stay in “grand” accommodations and therefore costs for accommodations should not be more than US \$375 monthly and can be less depending on whether rooms are shared and/or other amenities. Guesthouses will be the most common housing arrangement due to the short term time period of the program. BABSEA staff will be on-hand to assist and make suggestion in finding comfortable housing.

There are BABSEA volunteer houses in both Chiang Mai and Phnom Penh, which are safe, inexpensive, comfortable, and the rooms have air conditioning and hot water. BABSEA does not make profit from your rent; the fees are budgeted in line with the basic running costs of the intern’s needs. However, there is limited space available and requested rooms will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Food is relatively cheap and very delicious in Southeast Asia. An estimated food budget per month ranges from \$150 – 350 USD, depending on how much one cooks or goes out to eat.

## Visas

Depending on the Interns program option, Visas for the 12-week Legal Internship Program will total approximately \$50 - \$200 USD, including incidental costs in obtaining and renewing them. More information will be available upon acceptance or check with the Thai/Cambodia/Malaysia/Vietnam/Laos Consulate in your home country.

## Travel/Incidentals

You will be responsible for paying for any local travel (moto, tuk tuk, taxi, bus, tours, etc.), restaurant meals or shopping that you might wish to enjoy during your stay. Itinerary trips to other towns or provinces are usually by bus, the price will vary between US\$4- US\$20 depending on destination. An approximate cost might average \$100 USD, which depends on the individual person’s desire for travel and comfort.

## Workshop Participation outside Thailand

Interns wishing to attend CLE workshops in countries outside Thailand will be responsible to pay their own way for all costs if they are interested in voluntarily attending.

## Cultural and Traditional Activities Participation

Interns wishing to join with activities that focus on cultural and traditional activities will be responsible to pay their own way; these costs are not included in the “Program Fee”.

There are many options available and Interns will be asked to sign up and pay for the activities during their orientation or first week. Some of the activities available; estimated costs<sup>2</sup> will be included in the “Intern Acceptance Pack”.

Thailand	Cambodia	Laos	Vietnam	Malaysia
Thai Language	Khmer Language	Laos Language	Vietnam Language	Local Languages
Cooking classes	Cooking classes	Cooking classes	Tai Chi	Giant Kite Flying
Yoga	Yoga	Bicycling Club	Qigong	Cooking classes
Muay Thai boxing			Massage	Bikram Hot Yoga

<sup>2</sup> Please note these costs may change

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# Selection & Placement Criteria for the Legal Internship Program

Participation in the program is by competitive application. Applicants are invited to indicate their preference for a fulltime internship in Thailand or participate in a split internship. It is permissible to apply at the same time for one or more internships options, but we request you provide an initial preference.

Selection for an internship will require that applicants have:

- A strong academic record
- An interest and/or showing of work in the area of human rights, social justice and community service
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity
- The willingness to commit to the minimum required period of time in the internship program

Interns are expected to be:

- Well organized
- Self-motivated and able to work within a group and individually
- Able to adapt to a varying workload in a multicultural environment
- Responsible and willing to take ownership of their work product
- Strong team builders
- Able to work and live in a close, communal environment
- Proactive
- Participate in BABSEA community service/volunteer activities
- Able to travel overland when participating in set internship activities, eg if electing to participate in Options V, C, L or M you are required to travel between countries via bus or train.
- Limited to USD 375/month on accommodation

Interns are expected to have competencies of:

- Adaptability and flexibility
- Team work
- Self-initiative and enthusiasm
- Meticulousness concerning accuracy and quality

BABSEA selection & allocation of participants is the joint responsibility of the Program Coordinator and the CLE Initiatives Director. The details of an individual interns' activities are to be determined by their Supervisors in consultation with each intern placement at the commencement of the internship. Interns maybe required to participate in an internet telephone interview.

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**Completion of the Legal Studies Internship Program**

As ambassadors for the BABSEA Legal Internship Program in Southeast Asia, successful applicants will be expected to assist with the exposure of the internship program, completing assigned work product and reflecting on the overall experience.

This will involve:

1. Keeping a weekly individual reflective journal.
2. Writing an overview at the completion of the internship, reflecting on the experience and evaluating it.
3. Writing a collective small group legal research article to be completed prior to the end of the internship program.
4. Committing to prepare and deliver a reflective presentation on your placement experience with Bridges Across Borders in Southeast Asia at your respective law school or a similar institution.
5. Continuing through the internship to the program end date.
6. Completing a community service/volunteer log book.



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# Legal Studies Internship Program Application Details

The following materials need to be submitted by interested applicants before the application deadline:

- Application Form
- Current Resume
- CV/Statement of Purpose
- Liability Waiver
- Photocopy of Valid Passport

Early Application / First Priority: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Application Deadline: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

*\*Please note, late applications may be accepted pending availability and showing of cause.*

Deposit of half the Legal Internship Program Administration Fee Due: \$900 USD  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Full Payment of Legal Internship Program Administration Fee Due: \$900 USD  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

\$100 USD donations should be given to BABSEA no later than two weeks following the commencement of the Legal Internship Program. During the internship you will be able to personally experience a number of the BABSEA programs and decide which program or variety of programs they would like to contribute to. Each intern will be asked by the end of the last week to designate where their community's donation will go to.

(Donations are tax deductible to persons filing USA tax returns – please note the Program Administration Fee is not tax deductible, only the Donation).

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Application Materials



Application Deadlines



Program Deposit Payment and Due Dates

