



Call for Papers

To discuss the international experience in providing legal aid, we are organizing an international conference in Moscow (Russia) December 3-4 2010, entitled

**“Legal Aid in Civil Matters –
Models of Interaction between State and Civil Society:
International and Russian Experience”
Moscow, Russia**

The conference will bring together leading international experts and scholars specializing in legal aid, as well as stakeholders in the sphere of providing legal aid. Participants will include representatives of governmental entities, legal aid bureaus, legal clinics, and NGOs. The purpose of the conference is to discuss the most common problems arising in the field of providing legal aid, and to share good practices.

The following subject-areas are scheduled for discussion during the conference:

- Does the state have a constitutional duty to provide legal aid to the poor?
- What models of state-provided legal aid are effective, and what challenges are presented by legislative regulation?
- What is the legislative and financial basis for the NGO participation in providing legal aid?
- Are there standards for providing legal aid, and what possibility is there for developing a unified standard?
- What issues impact the quality of legal aid?
- What proposals for improvement of legal aid laws are currently in play in Russia?

In case you are interested in participation, please fill in a registration form and submit a paper (apx. 5 pages) in English or Russian covering one of the proposed subject-areas. The **Registration form** and paper should be submitted before July 1, 2010 via email marina.agaltsova [at] mail-ilpp.ru. Decisions regarding selection of papers will be communicated by August 1, 2010.



The working languages of the conference are **Russian** and **English**. Participants from different jurisdictions are encouraged to apply. For those selected, the Organizing Committee will cover the cost of accommodation and transportation to Moscow. More information on the Project “Strengthening Access to Justice for the Poor in the Russian Federation” is available on www.ilpp.ru .

*Kind regards,
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