

BRINGING TOGETHER THE TWO GEORGIA'S



OPEN WORLD GEORGIAN DELEGATION VISITS

Atlanta-Tbilisi Sister City Committee (ATSCC) collaborated together with World Services of La Crosse, Inc. of La Crosse, WI., through Open World program to host a Georgian Delegation with specific interest in Legal Education. The delegation arrived on May 15th for one week and stayed at homes of ATSCC volunteers.

Gaga Gabrichidze, Associate Professor at Tbilisi State University, Zaza Maruashvili, Dean of Caucasus Law School in Tbilisi, Manana Mosulishvili Professor and Dean of Faculty of Grigol Robakidze University, Tea Jugeli, Vice Dean of the Law Faculty at Tbilisi State University, and Irina Arabidze the facilitator.

The delegation had an intensive schedule of visits at State Court of DeKalb county, meetings with judges while learning the process of the court system in the United States; as well as visiting Georgia Court of Appeals. The delegation visited law schools around Georgia: Emory Law School, meeting with Professors; University of Georgia in Athens Georgia where they met with the Associate Dean of the Law School and enjoyed lunch with professors, and John Marshall Law School where they met with professors of Law department. The visit was not all full of busy work and meetings, but also full of fun activities around Atlanta. The delegation visited Atlanta Aquarium, Coca-cola Enterprises, National Museum of Patriotism, enjoyed dinner with Hall Booth Smith & Slover attorneys, and visited Georgian families. The visit was a great success and many wonderful friendships and business opportunities were established.



Visiting Delegation at the DeKalb Court



Zaza Maruashvili & General
McCollough visiting
National Museum of Patriotism

Nursing Program in Georgia

Emory University has been awarded a \$2 million federal grant to develop a nursing program in the country of Georgia.

The two-year grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development will be used to pay teachers, provide supplies and build classroom space, a simulation lab and a clinical skill laboratory at a hospital to be selected in Georgia's capital, Tbilisi.

Doctors and nurses from Emory will travel to Tbilisi over the next two years as they build the program. "During the program, we will be developing a template for Emory to use for nursing education in other transitional countries," Kenneth Walker, a physician and professor of medicine at Emory.

Upcoming Events:

SEPTEMBER 19

2ND ANNUAL

"TASTE OF GEORGIA"

FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 6-14

OPEN WORLD

DELEGATION-RULE OF

LAW, CLERKS/JURY

TRIALS

Easter Celebration April 19th

Majority of Georgians practice Orthodox Christianity. The Easter Celebration is one of the most important dates in Orthodox Christianity. It is customary among Orthodox Christians to greet one another during Easter season with the Paschal greeting. The salutation begins with the phrase, "Christ is Risen!" The response is "Truly, He is Risen!"

In Georgian: ქრისტე აღსდგა! ჭეშმარიტად!

St. Mary of Egypt Church welcomes you to celebrate Orthodox Easter Sunday .

1765 Woodstock Road,
Roswell, GA 30075

*REMINDER: ATSCC Meeting on Wednesday,
August 13 at 6:30 PM @ 1180 West Peachtree
Street, Atlanta, GA 30309*

We are on the WEB at

WWW.ATSCC.ORG



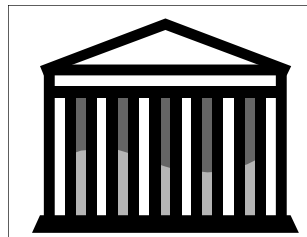
On teaching Seminar:

Teaching Seminar in Tbilisi

W. Scott Henwood, head of the Appellate Practice Group at HBSS together with Judge Herbert E. Phipps of the Court of Appeals of Georgia and Professor Paul J. Zwier, II of Emory University School of Law led a teaching seminar on Appellate Review under "The Rule of Law" in Tbilisi, Georgia.

The primary objective of this training seminar was to give Georgian judges the tools they need to conduct efficient and zealous review of cases on appeal. With a focus on appellate writing techniques, oral argument, and legal research, the seminar will impart essential methods and raise the standard of advocacy at the appellate level in Georgia. The teaching seminar was a

first time initiative where a law firm partnered with a major American University and with a renown jurist for teaching Appellate Review under "The Rule of Law".



Georgia is on the verge of adopting its new Criminal Procedure Code and implementing jury trials in 2009. The teaching seminar provided an essential role in the development and accurate growth and establishment of the Appellate process within the country. While the primary function of the seminar was

to offer insight into effective legal writing and appellate argument, the medium for the training was mock appeals from the jury trial process, such as an appeal based on juror nullification or improper voir dire. Participants experienced hands-on training and individual instruction during workshop sessions as they learned effective appellate advocacy techniques.

ATSCC received funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to achieve these goals. USAID recognizes that advancing of the Rule of Law is a key objective to ensure the long-term capability of Georgia's democratic transition.