

The International Program

U.S. Judicial System II—A Multi-Regional Project



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Guests: Multi-Regional Delegation

Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton met with the international delegation from Africa, Europe, and Asia at its headquarters in Washington, DC, on August 13, 2008, at the request of the Institute of International Education. The visitors were invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP).

The stated program objectives for the Multi-Regional Project, "U.S. Judicial System II," were, in part: "To promote an appreciation for the rule of law and the advancement of fair, transparent, accessible and independent judiciaries around the world."

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As indicated by the country flags, the Multi-Regional delegation hailed from a diverse range of countries across Africa, Europe, and Asia—and each representative held a position of influence in their respective legal community. While in the United States they would be introduced to representatives of civil and criminal justice systems and government and independent watchdog groups in different regions of the United States in order to promote a keen understanding and appreciation for “the rule of law” in American society.

Judicial Watch’s president, Tom Fitton, was invited to discuss the organization’s role as an ethical and legal “watchdog” over the U.S. government’s legal and judicial systems.

As set forth in Judicial Watch’s [Mission Statement](#), “through its educational endeavors, Judicial Watch advocates high standards of ethics and morality in our nation’s public life and seeks to ensure that political and judicial officials do not abuse the powers entrusted to them by the American people. Judicial Watch fulfills its educational mission through litigation, investigations, and public outreach.”

[The International Program](#) is an integral part of Judicial Watch’s educational program. Countries seeking to strengthen or develop democratic institutions often look to America to study its laws and the ingenious balance of powers created by its **Founding Fathers**. Since 2001, Judicial Watch has been meeting with representatives of developing countries who want to learn how they can stop corruption and demand accountability from their judges, government officials and agencies.

The current diplomatic status between the United States and each country represented by this visiting delegation can be viewed in its entirety on the Department of State’s [Internet site](#).