

Strengthening the Work of Chinese Legal Aid Centers: Internships in the United States February 27-April 2, 2005

Participant Bios

Mr. CHEN Bulei, 38 years old, is assistant professor at the Institute of Industrial Relations of China. He was previously a policeman in Bengbu, Anhui Province; senior secretary to the Standing Committee of the Anhui Province People's Congress; and a judge on the First Intermediate Court of Beijing. He has written widely on labor law rights and jurisprudence. Mr. Chen will be placed at the Region 2 office of the National Labor Relations Board in New York City. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from Peking University.

Ms. GUO Jianmei, 43 years old, graduated in law from Peking University. She has worked at the Ministry of Justice, in the judicial department of the All China Women's Federation, and the All China Lawyers Association. After the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, she gave up her government job to establish the Center for Women's Law Studies and Legal Services at Peking University, which she has directed since its founding. Ms. Guo directed the drafting group of the Women's Protection Law, about which she also wrote a book; she also was in charge of a research project on "Problems Existing in the Implementation of the Women's Law and Counter-measures" conducted in collaboration with the Institute of Law of the Chinese Academy of Social Science. More recently she has been involved in providing legal aid to victims of domestic violence. Ms. Guo will divide her time in the United States among the Asian Outreach Unit of Greater Boston Legal Services; the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence and the Battered Asian Women's Project (Boston); and law clinics at the Northeastern University Law School and the Boston College School of Law.

Mr. HE Hairen, 38 years old, received his bachelor's and master's degrees in law from the Northwest Institute of Politics and Law in Xi'an, and his doctorate in jurisprudence from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Institute of Law. He now works at the Feifan Law Firm in Zhuhai, Guangdong; after his return to China from the United States, he will join the Dongfang Public Interest and Legal Aid Law Firm in Beijing, an affiliate of the CASS Institute of Law. He has published articles on public law and human rights. He will be placed at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs in D.C.

Mr. TONG Lihua, 33 years old, graduated from the China University of Political Science and Law. He is director of the Beijing Zhicheng Law Firm and works at the Beijing Child Legal Aid and Research Center, the largest non-governmental children's legal aid organization in China. He also serves as Director of the Special Committee for Child Protection of the National Chinese Lawyers' Association. Mr. Tong is interested in the protection of migrant children's rights, and asked to work with migrant workers in the United States. He will be in the Modesto office of California Rural Legal Assistance.

Mr. WANG Haiyan, 30 years old, received his bachelor's and master's degree in law from Anhui University and his doctorate from the China University of Politics and Law in Beijing. He is interested in the role of lawyers and legal service agencies in criminal justice systems around the world, and in the protection of the rights of the accused.



Since 2000 Mr. Wang has worked at the Center for Criminal Law and Justice at the China University of Politics and Law, and since 2003 has taught criminal law and evidence at the university. He also works part time for the Criminal Defense Department of the Ministry of Justice Legal Aid Center where he provides free legal advice to the poor. Mr. Wang will spend his internship at the Office of the Public Defender in San Francisco.

Mr. WU Ge, 37 years old, has two master's degrees, one in law from People's University and one in finance from the Economics Institute of Peking University. He is co-director of the Constitutional and Human Rights Center of Tsinghua University. His legal practice has included cases in corporate and securities law, intellectual property law, and litigation. He is interested in constitutional law and human rights, including farmer's rights, miner's rights, and rights of the ill. He will join Mr. He at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs.

Ms. ZHANG Jingjing, 35 years old, received her bachelor's degree in law from Wuhan University and her master's in law from the China University of Politics and Law. She works at the Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims at the China University of Politics and Law. She is interested in legal aid for pollution victims and environmental torts litigation as well as legal aid for HIV infected people. Before moving to Beijing in 2000 to work at the Center and for the Beijing Minghai Law Office, Ms. Zhang worked for the Sichuan branch of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), and as in-house counsel for the Sichuan Chemical Group Corporation. Ms. Zhang is also a competitive swimmer and kayaker. She will intern at Communities for a Better Environment in Oakland, California.