



SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NETWORKS OF MEDIA LAWYERS GLOBALLY

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Want to start a media lawyers' network? The Centre for Law and Democracy, which has worked with such networks in countries around the world, is currently offering support to individuals and groups which are interested in this. Support is being provided through the Promoting the Establishment of Networks of Media Lawyers Globally project, funded by the Global Media Defence Fund, which in turn is run by UNESCO.



WHAT IS A MEDIA LAWYERS' NETWORK?

- An organisation which brings legal professionals together to deepen their understanding of and to advocate for media freedom and freedom of expression.
- Focused nationally (or potentially regionally) as a forum for professional collaboration, knowledge sharing, advocacy and capacity building.





WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A MEDIA LAWYERS' NETWORK?

- To be a force for the development of human rights compliant media law.
- To provide opportunities for members to communicate, collaborate, build their capacity and undertake joint advocacy.
- To help develop media law as a recognised professional legal specialisation.
- To equip lawyers to defend media freedom, such as through strategic litigation, providing pro-bono services, advocacy and knowledge exchange.
- To provide a forum for engaging with like-minded lawyers from around the world.



WHAT WE CAN OFFER:

- Introductory webinars on how to form a media lawyers' network and their benefits.
- Legal webinars on freedom of expression topics such as content moderation, media regulation and digital rights.
- Ongoing advice and mentorship for those that move forward to create a network.
- Small grants for selected groups to move forward with creating a network.
- Resources such as a Background Note on Establishing a Media Lawyers' Network, a Model Constitution for a Media Lawyers' Network and background materials for the webinars.



NEXT STEPS:

- Contact toby@law-democracy.org or www.law-democracy.org if you want to learn more about this.
- Visit our resources page at: <https://www.law-democracy.org/live/projects/media-lawyers-networks>.

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