


Where human
trafficking exists,
the Rule of Law
cannot exist.

—Andy Prozes, CEO, LexisNexis Group

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LexisNexis Supports The Rule of Law— The Ultimate Act of Humanity

The Rule of Law is the principle that no one is above the law. It follows the idea that both truth and law are based upon fundamental standards which cannot be created through an act of will.

The most important application of the Rule of Law is when that governmental authority is exercised only in accordance with written, publicly disclosed laws—adopted and enforced in accordance with procedural steps such as due process. The intention is to safeguard against arbitrary governance, whether by a totalitarian leader or by mob rule. Thus, the Rule of Law is hostile to dictatorship and anarchy.

LexisNexis is committed to playing a positive role in the community and being an authoritative voice in legal and risk management issues that are not only topical, but, more importantly, essential to the stability of governments, the well-being of their citizens and businesses. One example is our initiative regarding the Rule of Law and its role in preserving, protecting and defending the rights and property of individuals and corporations around the world.

Combating Human Trafficking

Estimates show that one million people, mostly women and children, are trafficked around the world each year—lured into involuntary servitude and sexual slavery. The gross and unjust economic exploitation of vulnerable people, especially women and children through trafficking, is a direct consequence of the absence of Rule of Law.



The World's Greatest Crime Often Goes Unrecognized

Human trafficking is the second-largest organized crime in the world. It has become a bigger business than drug trafficking and generates more than \$9.5 billion/year.

—U.S. State Department

Human trafficking victims are subject to rape, torture, forced abortions, starvation and threats to family members.

—Unicef

2 – 4 million young women and children will be sold into prostitution within the next 12 months.

—Somaly Mam Foundation

Profits from sex slavery are estimated at \$7 – 12 billion U.S. per year.

—United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime

Many of these children are sold into sexual slavery for as little as \$10 and some are as young as 5 years old.

—Anderson Cooper 360°

LexisNexis is Committed to Fighting Human Trafficking

We offer direct financial support as well as legal and technical advice to organizations working against illegal human trafficking wherever it exists.

Two organizations we proudly sponsor are the **Somaly Mam Foundation** and **AFESIP Cambodia**, or Acting for Women in Distressing Situations. The Somaly Mam Foundation combats sexual slavery by funding AFESIP and other organizations that work at the grass-roots level to rescue victims from brothels and offer them shelter, safety, counseling, education, vocational skills and assistance in transitioning back into society.

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