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“Law and Order: Human Rights of Ghana”

In a country where corruption rules, where discrimination can come in any form and where the most trusted government officials can be your worst enemy, comes The Commission of Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ) in Cape Coast, Ghana. This commission strives to live by the ideology of advocating, promoting and enforcing human rights regardless of age, gender, socioeconomic status and religion. As a legal intern at the CHRAJ, Sharon Hwang assisted the commissioner, mediator and investigator in mediations, court proceedings and investigations presented to the commission and actively discussed resolutions with the head mediator of the branch, regarding cases presented by the complainant. This internship provided Sharon with an insight into human rights and international law and allowed her to interact with different cultures of Ghanaian law, providing her with insight and skills of logical thought, problem solving, conflict resolution and legal techniques. She received firsthand experience on several of the major human rights problems Ghana faces daily and effective measures of how to handle a diverse array of conflicts, ranging from child custody hearings to investigations against the Ghanaian police.