

The World Bank and German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation

**The Justice System of the Federal Republic of Germany:
Lessons for Developing and Transition Countries**

May 28, 2002, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
World Bank, 701 18th Street, N.W., Room JB 1 -075

All legal systems must find ways to ensure that cases are processed expeditiously, that lawyers' fees and other expenses are kept at reasonable levels, and that judges and other court personnel perform their work diligently. Experts in comparative judicial systems generally give the German judiciary high marks for the solutions it has crafted to these problems, and surveys show that the German public rates its court system very highly. In partnership with the World Bank, the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation will present a workshop describing how the legal system of the Federal Republic of Germany addresses these issues and what lessons its experience may offer developing and transition countries. In addition, the Bank will host a discussion with Professor Dr. Klaus Roehl who will provide a critical analysis of German legal institutions.

Program

9:00: *Welcome*, Christian Hueck, German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation;
Richard Messick, World Bank

9:30 – 11:00: *Moving Cases through the Courts Expeditiously and at Reasonable Cost*, Judge
Ruediger Dietrich Tönnies, President of the Bremen District Court

11:00 – 11:30: Break

11:30 – 1:00: *Paying for Justice*, Judge Ruediger Dietrich Tönnies, President of the Bremen
District Court

1:00 – 2:00: Lunch

2:00 – 3:30: *Performance Standards for Judges & Court Personnel*, Judge Rainer Voss,
Presiding Judge at the Duesseldorf Regional Court and Honorary President, German Judges
Association

3:30 – 4:00: Break

4:00 – 5:00: *Reflections on Key Features of the German Judicial System*, Professor Dr. Klaus
Roehl, Chair for Legal Sociology and Legal Philosophy, Ruhr-University Bochum