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EMPOWERING LAWYERS TO EFFECTIVELY UPHOLD THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED IN INDONESIA

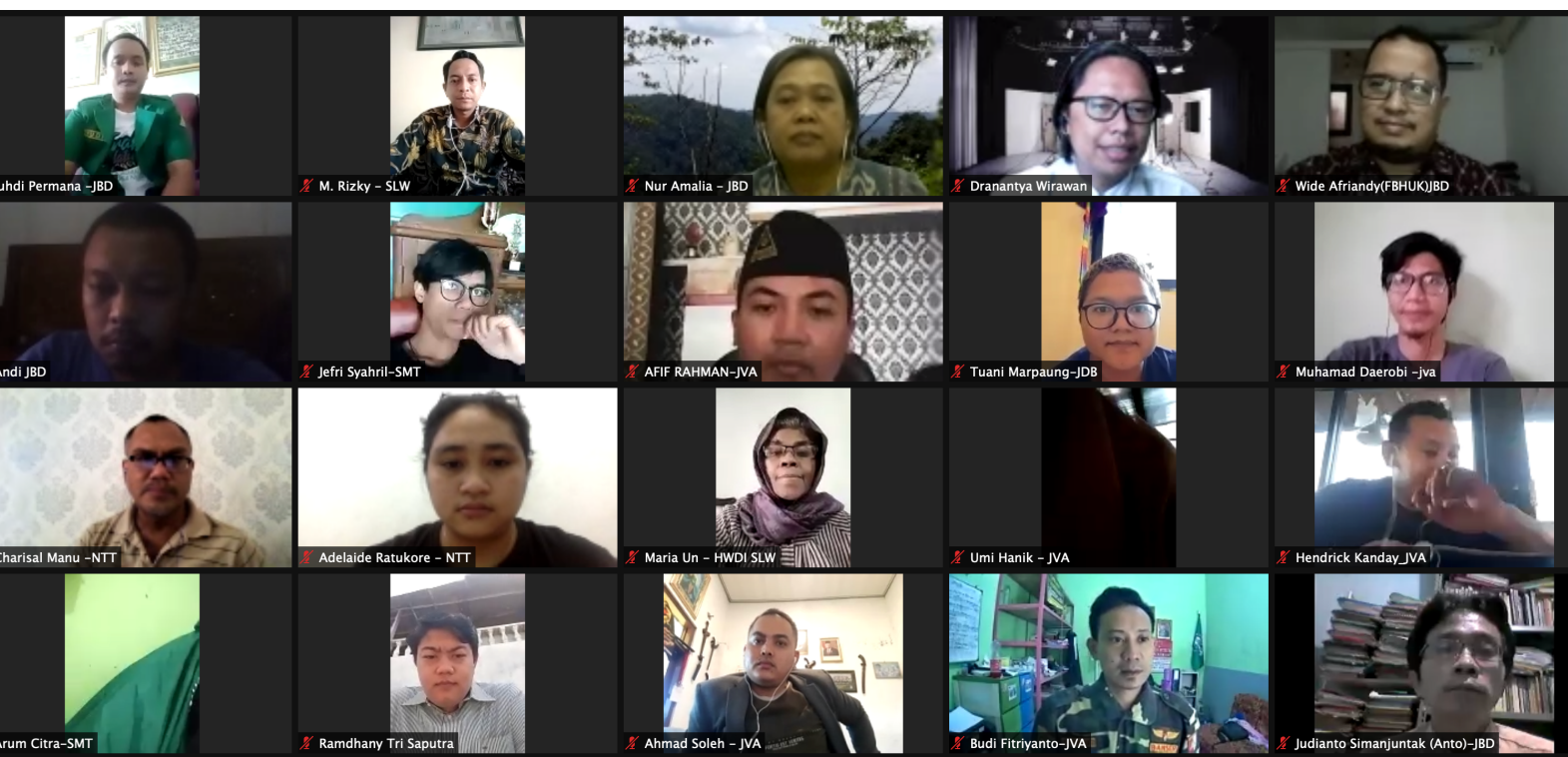
2-4 July 2021, Indonesia

From Friday July 2 to Sunday July 2021, International Bridges to Justice (IBJ) hosted our first **Criminal Defense Skills Training Workshop** for lawyers across Indonesia. IBJ partnered with local NGO, LBH APIK Jakarta to host the event which was **attended by 121 defense lawyers** from across the world's largest archipelago. The training workshop was planned as part of the European Union supported project, 'Advancing Access to Justice for Women in Indonesia', and was initially expected to take place as a live workshop, however, given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the decision was taken to host the event online. The unexpected benefit of this decision was commented on by a number of participants, and it was highlighted that by enabling more lawyers from across the country to engage in such trainings and discussions on how to best protect the rights of the accused, there is a greater opportunity to improve standards universally throughout the criminal justice system.

The training was officially opened with remarks from **IBJ's Founder and CEO, Karen Tse**, who thanked the lawyers for their commitment, dedication, and courage to defending Indonesia's most vulnerable. Her remarks were followed by **Director of LBH APIK Jakarta, Siti Mazuma**, and **Kartiko Nurintias S.H M.H, Head of the Center of Legal Aid and Education** from the **Ministry of Law and Human Rights** (Badan Pembinaan Hukum Nasional / BPHN).

The lawyers brought with them to the training a varied range of experience, some with over 25 years of experience practising law, and others newly qualified and just beginning their careers.

Photo 1: Group shot of a selection of participants.



The training team was made up of both local and international expert trainers including lead trainer, **Mr Robert Burke**, alongside **Ms Sri Wiyanti Eddyono, Ms Fredilyn Sisson, Ms Nur Amalia, and Ms Lidwina Inge Nurtjahyo**. The trainers between them brought together a vast amount of experience, from Nur Amalia who has over **30 years of experience practising criminal defense** in Indonesia and has trained for organizations including World Bank, UNDP, and the American Bar Association, to Robert Burke who is the **Former Chief of the Training Division for the US Defender Services Office** in Washington DC.

Training topics covered a broad spectrum, of topics, including effective client interview skills, examination of witnesses, and challenges facing female lawyers in Indonesia. The training also include a module exploring what is unfortunately a common problem in the Indonesian justice system; **when female victims find themselves as defendants**. This module aimed to highlight the kinds of circumstances in which females who are victims of crime, unjust laws or unfair social norms end up as defendants in criminal cases, as well as strategies for addressing those situations in individual cases and more broadly.

PARTICIPANT COMMENTS*

'Thank you very much for what has been presented by all involved in organizing this extraordinary workshop. Thank you IBJ & LBH APIK. Hopefully we can apply the knowledge and share experiences that have been discussed for the past three days.' - Muhamad Vikram

'Thank you to all trainers who have provided knowledge and enlightenment, as a provision in upholding justice, may it be useful.' - Ali Wasiin

'Thank you very much to all the speakers, I got a lot of knowledge from this training that I didn't know until now' - Nur Lailatus Syafa'ah

'Thank you speakers for this useful workshop, hopefully one day we can get face-to-face training to strengthen these online trainings. Thank you presenters, LBH APIK and IBJ'. - Dody Zulfan

*Comments translated from Bahasa Indonesia

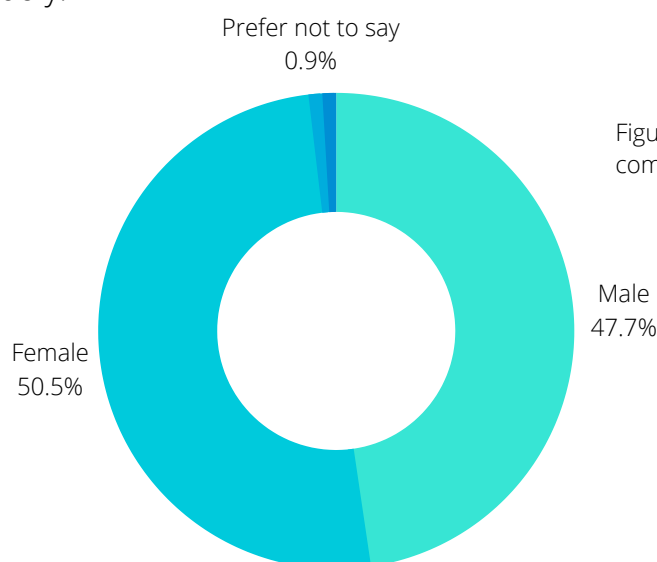


Figure 1: Gender breakdown of the 107 participants who completed the pre-training survey

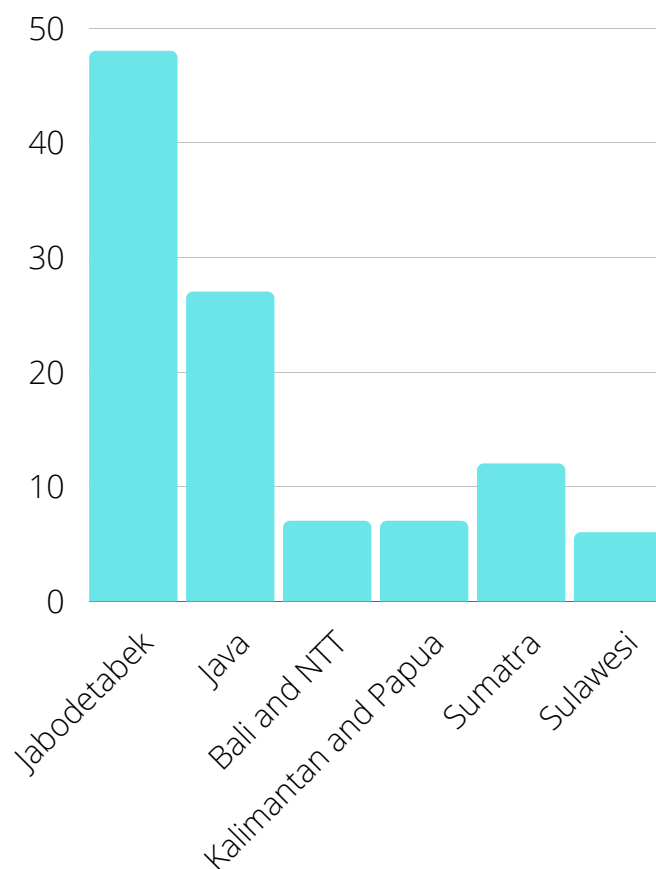
Throughout the training, participants engaged in breakout groups in which discussions were facilitated around a hypothetical case and the lawyers were asked to discuss possible solutions. A representative from each group then presented their ideas and follow up questions to the trainers and we're given feedback on their strategies.

Participants were given copies of all training materials and **IBJ Indonesia's newly published Criminal Defense Practice Manual**. The Manual is designed as a tool for practicing lawyers in Indonesia to use as a legal reference during their day-to-day work. Significantly, **100% of the participants who responded to the post-training survey said that the training had helped them to feel more confident in their ability to represent female criminal defendants** and that their knowledge of due process rights had increased.

Following the training **IBJ, LBH APIK and BPHN have met to discuss future partnerships** and collaborative efforts to strengthen the access to justice and legal aid in Indonesia.

Photo 3: Local trainers Sri Wiyanti Eddyono and Nur Amalia train alongside international trainer Fredilyn Sison.

Figure 2: Location of 107 participants who completed the pre-training survey



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