Prof. Dhorni Kule
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Tirana University
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Tirana

Dear Prof. Kule:

On behalf of the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Tirana, I would like to express our appreciation for the collaboration we have had for many years with Tirana University in implementing educational exchange and outreach programs.

It was a pleasure to meet you in person and discuss the efforts and work of the faculty and leadership of the university to strengthen the higher education in Albania and internationalize academic life.

I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Embassy will be hosting Ambassador Keith M. Harper, Representative of the United States to the United Nations Human Rights Council. His schedule includes meetings with non-governmental organizations, government leaders, and others. Ambassador Harper is an experienced human rights lawyer, and we thought it would be nice to arrange a lecture with university students in Albania.

We would greatly appreciate the cooperation of Tirana University to host Ambassador Harper on Friday, January 15, 10:30 at the Law Faculty to present a lecture to law students on Legal Issues and how they relate to Human Rights.
For further details, our Public Affairs staff is available to answer your questions. Please feel free to contact Ms. Mirela Cupi at 0682029829 or cupim@state.gov or Erjona Kurti at 0684051219 or kurtie@state.gov.

Sincerely,

Ryan Roberts
Chief
Public Affairs Officer

Cc: Prof. Altin Shegani
Dean
Faculty of Law
Tirana University
Ambassador Keith M. Harper  
Representative of the United States to the United Nations Human Rights Council

Ambassador Keith M. Harper was nominated by President Obama to serve as the Representative of the United States to the United Nations Human Rights Council. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 4, 2014.

Previously, Mr. Harper was a partner at the law firm of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, where he was chair of the Native American Practice Group. He currently serves as a Member on the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships. Previously, Mr. Harper served as Senior Staff Attorney for the Native American Rights Fund from 1995 to 2006.

From 2007 to 2008, he served as a Supreme Court Justice on the Supreme Court of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and from 2001 to 2007, he served as an Appellate Justice on the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court. From 1998 to 2001, he was an adjunct professor at the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, and from 1999 to 2001, he was a Professorial Lecturer at the American University Washington College of Law. Mr. Harper was a Law Clerk to the Honorable Lawrence W. Pierce on the Second Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals. He began his career as a Litigation Associate with Davis, Polk & Wardwell in New York. He is a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. He received a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley and a J.D. from New York University School of Law.