



## Center for International Legal Education

## From the Director

By Ronald A. Brand



Professors Ann Sinsheimer and Teresa Brostoff teach English for Lawyers at Sultan Qaboos University in Oman.

As the G-20 Summit comes to Pittsburgh, we look back on the past year at CILE and consider how the University of Pittsburgh School of Law has gone to the world. Through our students, faculty, and programs, Pitt Law has played important roles in the development of law and legal education in many corners of the world. We hope you will take the time to consider the stories of that involvement, which are shared in the pages that follow.

Our focus in this issue of *CILE Notes* is on three aspects of the past year's activities. First, we focus on the global nature of CILE programs. This includes projects for the Department of Commerce in the Persian Gulf; courses for U.S. Steel in Slovakia; the Pitt Vis Moot consortium in Vienna, Austria, a grant from the European Union to enhance courses at Pitt Law; and

new publications on important treaties—and on the export of legal education.

Our second focus is on the package of activities Pitt Law students experience during their three years with us and the ways in which these experiences prepare them for productive international careers. Our graduates, as well as current students, share in their own words how that three-year experience has helped each of them to develop the knowledge and skills to make them ready to step into challenging and rewarding positions.

The third focus is on the unique combination of courses and programs available to Pitt Law students to combine the study of law and language. These opportunities enhance the legal preparation of our JD students, prepare foreign students for our LLM program, and take the CILE experience

to other countries. The result is not only the development of language and legal skills but the identification of strong students at many partner institutions who will participate in further CILE programs and return to their home countries to lead in legal developments of the future.

These pages also catalog the many programs and achievements of our students and faculty during the past year. We invite those who have been a part of those programs and achievements to continue the journey

with us and those new to CILE to join us as we continue to work to change the world for the better by shaping legal education and the law to the benefit of everyone.

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## Third CLDP Contract and 2010 Summer Program in Croatia Expand CILE Use of Vis Moot as a Legal Education Tool

Few programs demonstrate the organic development of the Center for International Legal Education (CILE)'s programs as well as CILE's use of the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vis Moot) to develop partnership relationships and to enhance international commercial law and arbitration curricula at law schools in transition countries. The Vis Moot culminates each year in a spring competition in Vienna, Austria, that, in 2009, involved 228 law schools from 57 countries. Eight of those law schools were part of the Pitt Law consortium. These are schools at which CILE has helped to establish the Vis Moot process, with many of the programs now being supervised each year by Pitt Law LLM graduates. Each year, the consortium teams meet in Vienna to engage in practice arguments and get to know each other better prior to the competition. The result is a supportive atmosphere during intense work.

The Pitt Law consortium began with CILE partner law faculties under state department grants in the late 1990s. These included the Universities of Donetsk (Ukraine), Kyiv Taras Shevchenko (Ukraine), Belgrade (Serbia), and Pristina (Kosovo). Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Ukraine) was added when Professor Ronald Brand served as

an international scholar under an Open Society Institute program to support its young professors.

Recent years have seen further benefits of CILE's use of the Vis Moot as a teaching and curriculum development tool. The University of Belgrade, under the leadership of Professor Milena Djordjevic (LLM '02) and her colleague, Vladimir Pavic, has used the Vis Moot both to develop its international commercial law and arbitration curriculum and as the foundation for an annual arbitration conference and pre-moot. The Pitt Vis Moot team participated in the second annual Belgrade Open Pre-Moot in 2009 along with 16 other teams, providing a valuable and supportive environment in which to prepare for Vienna. Brand spoke at the accompanying arbitration conference. These programs have established the University of Belgrade as a leading player in international arbitration education.

This process has continued in the Persian Gulf region, where CILE has partnered with the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), using the Vis Moot to guide curriculum development. Brand traveled twice to the University of Bahrain (UB) with Pitt Law students and former Vis Moot team

members to select and prepare the UB team for the 2008 Vis Moot. This process was repeated for the 2009 Vis Moot with Sultan Qaboos University in Oman. These teams brought the Pitt consortium at the Vis Moot up to eight teams in 2009 and added further diversity to the competition. CILE has received a CLDP contract to continue this process in the coming year, working with the School of Law at the United Arab Emirates (UAE) University in Al Ain, UAE.

CILE's next step in the development of legal education, using the Vis Moot as a platform, will be a 2010 summer school program in international commercial law and arbitration in Croatia. CILE will partner with the University of Zagreb and Touro Law School—two consistently high performers at the Vis Moot competition—to create a four-week program in July and early August. Students will receive a week of introduction to basic international business transactions in Zagreb followed by three weeks in Zadar, with instruction on the United Nations Sales Convention and international arbitration. The final week will include skills training with students preparing and presenting a case in arbitration. Students will come from both the United States and southeastern Europe.

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Pitt Law Vis Moot consortium teams in Vienna, April 2009





# The Institute in International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution

Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

July 11–August 6, 2010

Pending final ABA, University of Pittsburgh, and law school approvals, a joint venture of CILE, the University of Zagreb, and Touro Law Center, the first Institute in International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution, will be held in Zagreb and Zadar. The program will include the following:

- A four-week, five-credit program
- A broad introduction to international business transactions
- Focused examination of the law governing the international sales of goods and international commercial arbitration
- The study of key UNCITRAL legal instruments

Three weeks of doctrinal instruction are enhanced by a final week of skills training, applying students' newly acquired legal expertise to the arbitration of a simulated dispute.

A focused and innovative legal education program—all in a perfect venue:

- **Week 1:** Zagreb, Croatia, the vibrant capital. Zagreb is the cultural center of the country as well as its largest city.
- **Weeks 2, 3, and 4:** Zadar, on the Adriatic Sea's Dalmatian coast. Zadar is a walled city of fewer than 100,000 people situated on a peninsula steeped with history.
- **Weekends:** Group excursions to other Dalmatian coast locations and a nearby archipelago and its surrounding waters.

Get a head start on the Vis International Arbitration Moot with:

- **Professor Ronald A. Brand**, director, CILE;
- **Professor Harry M. Flechtner**, editor of the fourth edition of Honnold's treatise, *Uniform Law on International Sales Under the 1980 United Nations Convention*;
- **Professor Jack Graves**, the only Vis coach to have taken two different schools to the finals of the Vis Arbitration Moot; and
- **Dr. Davor Babić**, **Dr. Siniša Petrović**, and **Dr. Nina Tepeš**, from the University of Zagreb.

Students attending law school in North America should contact Kate Anderson at the Touro Law Center at [kanderson@tourolaw.edu](mailto:kanderson@tourolaw.edu) or 631-761-7055. Others should contact Gina Huggins at CILE at [cile@law.pitt.edu](mailto:cile@law.pitt.edu) or 412-648-7023.

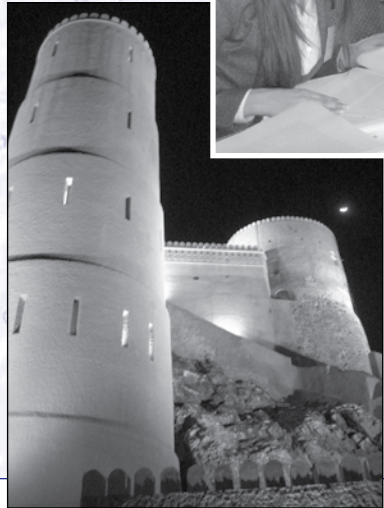
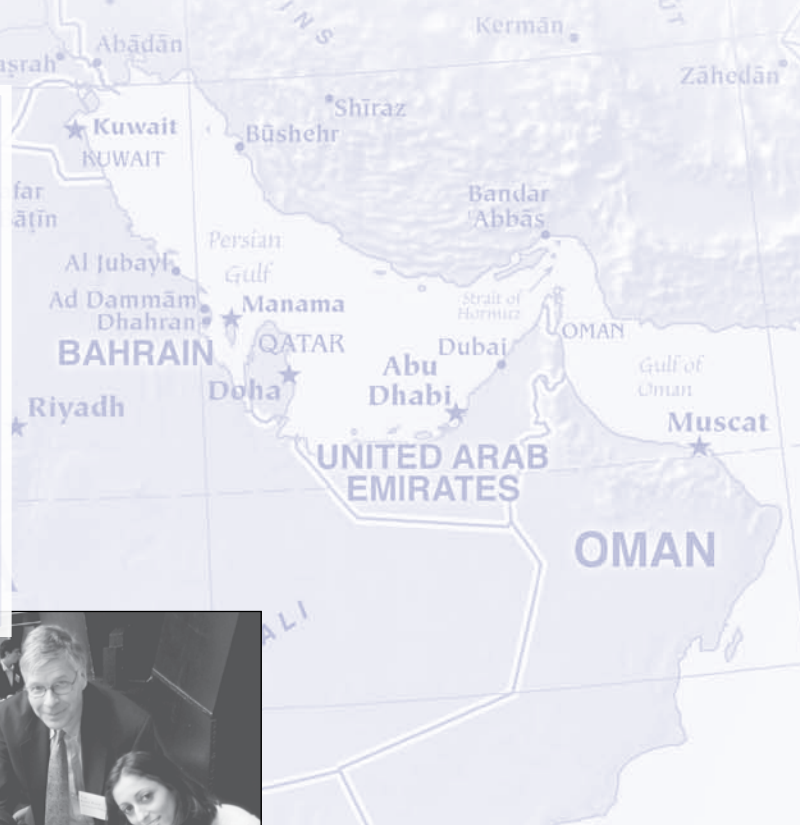




# CILE and CLDP Bring International Commercial Law and Arbitration Training to the Persian Gulf Region

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“The CLDP project collaboration between Sultan Qaboos University College of Law and the CILE team has done a great deal to help our students improve their legal skills. They learned the value of hard work and a keen sense of organization and applied both to understanding recent developments in international commercial law and arbitration.”

Dr. Amal K. Abdallah, assistant professor, College of Law, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman





CILE has partnered with the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) to help law schools in the Persian Gulf develop their curricula in the areas of international commercial law and arbitration. Using the Vis International Arbitration Moot as a platform, teams from Pitt Law have worked with the University of Bahrain, Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) in Oman, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) University to select and prepare student teams for the moot competition. The process began in Bahrain, which became the first team from the Persian Gulf region to participate in the Vis competition in spring 2008. SQU became the second joining the 2009 competition, and UAE University will bring the number to three by having a team at the 2010 competition.

Preparation begins in October, when Professor Ronald Brand and a team of Pitt Law students who have participated in past Vis Moots travel to Gulf State University and participate in a week of team selection and training. At the end of this week, the new Vis team has a solid start on the memoranda required for the competition. The CILE team then continues to work with the Gulf State students through submission of the required memoranda in December and January. The CILE team then returns for a week of training in oral argument skills. For this week, the group is joined by the Vis Moot teams from the Gulf region schools. Both have participated in past years, so the teams gain skills together. The week of oral argument preparation is followed

by the one-week English for Lawyers course, taught by Pitt Professors Teresa Brostoff and Ann Sinsheimer, an experience that helps to identify and prepare students likely to be members of future Vis Moot teams. The process ends with the Vis competition in Vienna, Austria, in the spring.

Once a Gulf region school has had its year of intensive training, it is responsible for sustaining the Vis Moot process among its students. This may include the addition of new courses in international commercial law or arbitration in the curriculum as well as the development of new skills components for existing courses. The CILE team remains in contact with each school, continuing to provide memoranda-writing assistance and feedback in preparation for each Vis Moot. When the teams arrive in Vienna, they become part of the Pitt Law Vis Moot consortium—a group that now includes Vis Moot teams from three law schools in Ukraine, one in Serbia, and one in Kosovo, as well as the teams from Bahrain, Oman, and UAE.

Like many CILE projects, this is an organic one that relies on seeds well planted and continuing human resource support from CILE. The excitement generated by

All of us at CLDP have been extremely pleased with the leadership and innovation shown by Professor Ron Brand and his team of experts from the University of Pittsburgh law school on the start-up and expansion of teams from Bahrain, Oman, and UAE to participate in the Vis International Arbitration Moot Court. Professor Brand has shown a remarkable ability to convey salient principles of brief writing and oral presentations to students and professors from many countries. Pitt's work with CLDP on these programs under the state department's Middle East Partnership Initiative will inevitably have some of the most long-lasting impacts on the region, as it has not only brought new, more interactive ways of teaching students from the region, it also has exposed a broad group of legal scholars and budding lawyers to international commercial topics that will be critical to their careers and the development of their respective economies. The groundbreaking work that Pitt has done has ranked it among the best of the best in terms of CLDP's relationships with law schools to deliver legal education technical assistance to developing countries.

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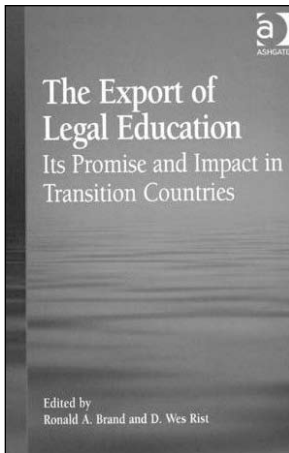
the students on the Vis teams has resulted in a new impetus for commercial law and arbitration curriculum development at law schools that, less than a decade ago, were departments of Sharia law. The students who participate in the Vis Moot and take the new course offerings will be better prepared to represent their clients in countries where knowledge of international commercial law and arbitration is increasingly important.



Professor Brand and the CLDP team meet with Her Highness Dr. Mona Fahad Al-Said (right) and other Sultan Qaboos University administrators.



## Brand and Rist Publish *The Export of Legal Education*



A compilation of stories demonstrating the impact that Pitt Law LLM grads are having throughout the world can be found in *The Export of Legal Education: Its Promise and Impact in Transition Countries*,

edited by CILE's director and assistant director. Growing out of a roundtable pro-

gram of Pitt Law LLM graduates in January 2007, the book, published by Ashgate Press, presents an effort to learn from those who were educated in an American law school and then returned to their home countries to apply the lessons of that experience in nations experiencing social, economic, governmental, and legal transition. Written by an international group of scholars and practitioners, its chapters provide unique insight into the ways in which legal education impacts the legal system in the recipient's home country, addressing such topics as efforts to influence the current style of legal education in a country, the resistance faced from entrenched senior faculty, and the use of U.S. legal education methods in

government and private legal practice. Two chapters from a U.S. perspective demonstrate the important development impact of an LLM education in furthering the interests of the United States. Mark Ellis, executive director of the International Bar Association, notes that the book "goes a long way" in filling the void of attention to "the role of legal education" in the debate on globalization. The book, he says, states "a compelling case for increasing the use of legal education as an indispensable tool for the transfer of skills, social reform, and greater integration of diverse ideas."

Further information on the book is found on page 23 of this issue of *CILE Notes*.

## Jean Monnet Grant for European Law Enhances Curriculum



Visiting Professors Andreas Ziegler (Lausanne) and Volker Behr (Augsburg)

The 2009–10 academic year will once again bring visiting professors from around the globe to enhance the Pitt Law curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to take classes from four different professors in a variety of subject areas. In the fall term, three European professors will return to teach: Professor Andreas Zeigler from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, will teach Introduction to European Union Law; Professor Volker Behr from the University of Augsburg, Germany, will teach Comparative Conflict of Laws in Contractual and Noncontractual Obligations; and Judge

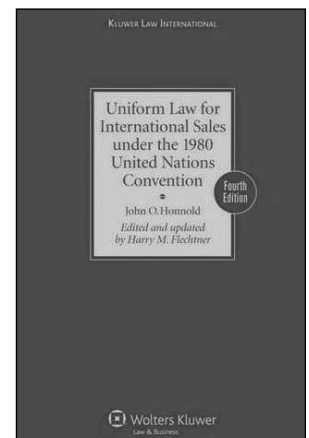
Alexander Mooy of the Court of Appeals in 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, will teach Criminal Aspects of the European Court of Human Rights. Vjosa Osmani (LLM '05), legal advisor to the President of Kosovo, will teach State Building and the Law: The Kosovo Experience in the spring term.

CILE's efforts to provide an expanded international and comparative law curriculum at Pitt Law will be enhanced over the next five years, thanks to a Jean Monnet Grant from the Lifelong Learning Programme of the Education,

Audiovisual, and Culture Executive Agency of the European Commission. The three-year grant will allow expansion of the existing European Union Law course, offered annually at the School of Law, with CILE to provide the matching funds to continue the expanded course coverage after that time. In addition to the course, the grant will facilitate the Jean Monnet Annual Lecture Series that will utilize the visiting professors brought in to teach the course as special speakers on European Union integration issues.

## Flechtner Publishes Fourth Edition of Honnold Treatise on CISG

The recent publication by Professor Harry Flechtner of the fourth edition of John Honnold's treatise, *Uniform Law on International Sales under the 1980 United Nations Convention* (Wolters Kluwer), serves to enhance the role of Pitt Law and CILE in international commercial law even further. Flechtner is known as one of the top scholars on contracts for the international sale of goods (CISG) in the world. Flechtner's work on the major English language treatise on the U.N. Sales Convention, along with the Vis Moot consortium, the new Croatian summer program, and Pitt Law's leading role in scholarship on the U.N. Sales Convention, demonstrate clear global leadership.





## CILE Training for U.S. Steel Lawyers in Slovakia

By C. James Bond, senior general attorney-international and Elena Petraskova (LLM '09), general attorney-international, U.S. Steel Corporation

For five days in late September 2008, CILE taught several courses for U.S. Steel in Medzev (near Košice), Slovakia. The main courses were Commercial Transaction Simulation and International Antitrust and Competition Law. A session on conducting discovery in common law countries also was presented. U.S. Steel has a major steel plant in Košice, Slovakia, that employs approximately 25 native Slovak lawyers; it also has a plant in Smederevo (near Belgrade), Serbia, that employs 11 native Serbian lawyers. The fall 2008 program was the fourth legal training session conducted by CILE in Slovakia in the last several years for the 17 English-speaking lawyers of U.S. Steel Košice and U.S. Steel Serbia.

The Commercial Transaction Simulation course presented by CILE Professors Ronald A. Brand and Harry M. Flechtner consisted of an interactive commercial negotiation and dispute simulation that culminated in a moot court session. The participants worked in teams of four to prepare for simulated client counseling sessions, contract negotiations, and arbitration case presentations. The bases for these presentations were commercial documents that are commonly used in the sale of steel products. The presentations consisted of making recommendations to clients regarding contract formation and negotiating a dispute arising from the executed contract. The course culminated in moot arbitration proceedings, in which each participant had to present either substantive or procedural issues in support of either the buyer's or seller's case. Each participant was then provided with constructive feedback about his or her performance by the professors and other participants.

The International Antitrust and Competition Law course was presented by Professor Spencer W. Waller of the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Waller presented a series of lectures on U.S. and European antitrust and competition laws. The overview and comparison of U.S. antitrust laws and European Union (EU) competition laws raised a lot of probing questions from the participants during the



Professor Ronald Brand with C. James Bond (center) of U.S. Steel and Professor Harry Flechtner

discussions related to such topics as agreements between competitors, single firms of dominance, mergers and acquisitions, and state aids.

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To assist U.S. Steel's European lawyers in understanding and cooperating with the parent company's discovery obligations in litigation conducted in the United States, CILE professors also presented a lecture on common law discovery and evidentiary rules and practices.

This fourth training for lawyers was extremely well received by all participants. The interactive commercial transaction simulation afforded them an opportunity to learn and apply properly important international commercial law concepts while using legal documents and materials that are related to the participants' day-to-day work duties. The participants also greatly

benefited from practicing their counseling and negotiating skills and using legal terminology in English. The sessions on U.S. and EU antitrust and competition laws and on common law discovery and evidentiary rules and practices further enhanced the participants' understanding of legal requirements emanating from their U.S.-based parent company that differ from their own civil law practices and traditions.

U.S. Steel is very grateful for its relationship with the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, especially CILE. Professors Brand, Flechtner, and others have been a wonderful resource over the years to the company in its ongoing efforts to improve legal skills, enhance communication and understanding, and build cultural bridges across its multinational enterprise.

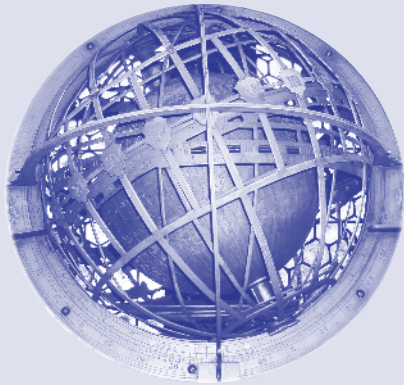
### International Law Society 2009–10

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## THE THREE-YEAR PITT LAW EXPERIENCE



From the beginning, the CILE approach has been to assist students in planning and carrying out the best possible three years of legal education based on individual goals and objectives. While this may have meant that other law schools have larger numbers of formal programs, it also means that, at Pitt Law, we seek to avoid channeling our students into our own programs when something elsewhere fits them better. It also has brought an expansion of the number of Pitt Law students studying overseas at foreign law schools—often earning LLM degrees with their JD—and engaging in internships abroad. The articles that follow are the stories of graduates who took advantage of this approach to legal education and made their three-year Pitt Law experience as valuable as possible to their future careers and of current students who are following the path of individual adventure in their own three-year experience at Pitt Law.

### Three Years through the Eyes of Graduates

#### Charles Kotuby Jr. (JD '01)

While a first-year law student at Pitt Law in 1998–99, I was awarded a Rotary Scholarship to study abroad in the United Kingdom. With the help of Professor Ronald Brand (for whom I was a research assistant at the time), I chose to attend the University of Durham in northeast England and study for an LLM in international and European law. Part of that program required me to write a lengthy dissertation on a topic of my choosing. With Professor Brand's guidance (along with supervision from Professor Colin Warbrick at Durham), I managed to write a timely article on the negotiation of the Hague Conventions that was subsequently published in both the United States and in Europe. Again with Professor Brand's assistance, I spent a long summer

at the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law to research this article and, after it was published, spent six months on a research fellowship at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and Private International Law in Hamburg, Germany, to write a follow-on piece. Professor Brand and CILE allowed me to make the best use of the opportunities that were placed before me and create proactively a substantive niche of expertise early in my legal career.

I am still practicing in this specialized field today. After a clerkship with the Honorable Joseph Weis in the Third Circuit, I joined the firm of Jones Day in Washington, D.C., where I maintain an appellate and significant motions practice that focuses on matters of foreign, interna-

tional, and transnational law. In five years of practice, I have authored or coauthored more than 20 briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court (many of which concerned some element of international law), argued before three courts of appeal, and am currently involved in some of the most cutting-edge international litigation in U.S. courts. I constantly work on issues of judgment recognition, international comity, choice of law, personal jurisdiction, extraterritorial application of U.S. laws, private international treaties, forum non conveniens, and proof of foreign law in national courts. This daily practice would never have been possible, at such an early stage in my career were it not for CILE at Pitt Law.

#### Katerina Ossenova (JD '08)

My Pitt Law CILE experiences led me to unique opportunities that took me all over the world, including Kosovo, Bahrain, Oman, and Austria. While I started out with a strong interest in international law, CILE allowed me to pursue that interest with a truly international law school curriculum that included travel and work abroad. After my first year of law school, I spent the summer in Prishtina, Kosovo, working for the Legal Policy Division of

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the United Nations Mission in Kosovo's Department of Justice. My internship allowed me to work on requests for international legal assistance, including requests from the Belgrade War Crimes Council and the

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, as well as extradition requests, international child abduction applications, and the issuance of international wanted notices. In my second year, I was selected for the four-member team to represent Pitt in the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, held in Vienna, Austria. That challenging experience led me to work on a project with Professor Ronald Brand in Bahrain and

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## Three Years through the Eyes of Graduates *continued*

### Katerina Ossenova (JD '08) *continued*

Oman. Funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), the project allowed me to travel to Oman and Bahrain to introduce the Vis Moot to law school students and help to recruit, train, and coach a team from each country for the Vis Moot. Last, but not least, I was awarded a Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, and I graduated with a Certificate in International and Comparative Law.

I can honestly say that my experiences at Pitt Law, and most notably the opportunities offered by CILE, had a very direct impact on my professional development and career. I am now working as an international attorney-advisor at CLDP, the very agency that funded the Vis Moot projects that I worked on as a law school student in Oman and Bahrain. While working on these projects for two years, I was able not only to gain valuable, practical, and unique knowledge and skills, but I also established great contacts

that led to my current position. I am now the program manager for Eastern Europe and Eurasia and implement commercial law technical assistance programs in Kosovo, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Armenia, Ukraine, and Kyrgyzstan. On a daily basis, I draw on the lessons learned in my international law classes; the knowledge and skills learned from my international work; and the friendships I forged with professors, colleagues, and students all over the world.

### Lisl Brunner (JD '08)

As a law student at Pitt, I pounced on every opportunity to gain experience in international law. During my first summer, a CILE grant allowed me to go to Argentina and work for a human rights organization. While I was there, I attended the trials of Miguel Etchecolatz and Julio Simón, the first defendants to be tried for crimes committed during the military dictatorship after the amnesty laws were struck down. The experience inspired my independent study project on the decision to prosecute crimes against humanity in Argentina. The paper fulfilled the writing requirement for my degree and my Certificate in International and

Comparative Law, and having it published proved to be useful during my job search.

During my second year, I competed in the Jessup Moot Court, an experience I strongly recommend to anyone who has an interest in public international law. Both as a participant and later as a judge, I was exposed to issues that have consistently arisen in my current position. The courses I took in Latin American Legal Systems, Comparative Law, and International Humanitarian Law—all purely for personal interest—also turned out to be extremely relevant.

I am fortunate that my first job out of law school, at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, has combined all of these interests and builds on my internship

here during my second law school summer. My position involves evaluating claims from people throughout the Americas that allege torture, the impunity of state agents for crimes against humanity, and violations of due process as a result of counterterrorism laws. I also make written and oral presentations on complex legal issues, a task that reminds me how useful the Jessup competition was. Because many of my colleagues have completed an LLM, I often wish that I had taken advantage of that opportunity at Pitt Law. At the same time, because public international law involves extensive research and writing, my work at Pitt gave me a solid foundation that I use daily in a job I thoroughly enjoy.

## Three Years through the Eyes of Nordenberg Fellows

### Richard Grubb (Class of 2010)

As a Nordenberg fellow for the summer of 2009, I worked at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany. During my stay at the institute, I split my time between research on the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts (UPICC) and editing a volume on European law to be published in English by the institute. During my editing work, I was exposed to a broad array of topics within European law and to basic legal concepts from a European understanding.

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Complementing this exposure, my research into UPICC provided a specific opportunity to analyze the differences between American common law and continental civil law.

As my stay at the institute came to a close, I decided to continue to assist in the editing project, so I will continue to correspond with the team members in Hamburg. In this way, I will be able to help finish the project, increase my familiarity with topics in European law, and continue to sharpen my editing skills.



## Three Years through the Eyes of Nordenberg Fellows *continued*

### Kerry Ann Stare (Class of 2010)

The Nordenberg Fellowship allowed me to spend a very busy summer of 2009 in Kyiv, Ukraine. I had a legal internship at the Kyiv branch of CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz, an Austrian business law firm, and was a research assistant to Dr. Andrey Meleshevich, dean of the National Academy of Kyiv-Mohyla School of Law. My legal internship at CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz gave me a great opportunity to get experience dealing with international business

matters and international contracts. The skills and knowledge I acquired as a member of Pitt's 2009 Vis Moot team proved to be invaluable; one case I was assigned had many parallels to last year's Vis problem! Working with Dean Meleshevich, I was able to assist in evaluating and developing research methodology for a book about the Constitutional Court of Ukraine and, at the same time, got a head start on my upper-level writing requirement—a study about

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the Constitutional Court’s role in establishing the rule of law in post-independence Ukraine.

### Amelia Mathias (Class of 2011)

The two and a half months I spent as a visiting researcher at the Institute for European Studies (IES) in Brussels, Belgium, were some of the most intellectually challenging and stimulating months I have ever spent in my life—rivaled only by my first few months at law school. In addition to navigating a city I had visited only briefly years ago, I had to perfect my understanding of a legal system foreign to my own in order to conduct in-depth research. I also had to expand my knowledge of a topic I had only studied from a historical and political perspective, not a legal one. Luckily, I

was welcomed at IES with open arms and was included in all academic and social activities—from an academic conference in nearby Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to a “team-building” day in Ghent, Belgium, where everyone had to pass a gauntlet that included letting tarantulas walk across their hands, *Fear Factor* style.

During the summer, I also was able to write most of an article examining the efficacy of laws against money laundering and financing terrorism from a European Union perspective. With a profoundly different approach to terrorism, viewing it as

a criminal rather than a military problem, Europe may have a lot to offer the United States about living with the threat of terrorism. Yet, at the same time, the directives the European Union has in place now against the financing of terrorism do little against a threat that is cheap—so cheap that it can easily be funded out of a student’s diligent saving of his pocket money or out of the disposable income of a drug dealer or cell phone shop owner. My fellowship at IES gave me the tools to examine both these issues effectively.

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2009 Nordenberg Fellows: Amelia Mathias (Class of 2011), Richard Grubb (Class of 2010), Kerry Ann Stare (Class of 2010), and Erin Pennabecker (Class of 2010).

### Erin Pennabecker (Class of 2010)

During the summer of 2009, I interned in Milan, Italy, at the law firm Bryan Cave LLP. This opportunity gave me the chance to experience another legal system firsthand. I was able to learn and compare many different aspects of the Italian legal system to the American legal system. While working at Bryan Cave, many of my tasks involved reading and editing legal documents. I was able to read and translate many documents for the firm’s English language clients. This allowed me to follow many of the cases developing at the law firm. I also attended several hearings in local court.

The fellowship allowed me to participate in a great experience. I learned how to adapt to a new work environment and to be very flexible while still learning a lot about the European Union and a different legal system.





## Three Years through the Eyes of Students

### Amy DiBella (Class of 2010): A Year in Utrecht

I arrived in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on August 6, 2008, sans luggage and a little concerned about that but full of excitement for what was to come. I was an LLM student, studying international law of human rights and criminal justice in Utrecht, the Netherlands, a beautiful city I had seen once before. In class, we debated the applicability of the European Convention of Human Rights and the Turkish regulations against women wearing headscarves in universities. Over pizza that evening, we argued about women serving on the front lines in the United States and the artistic representations of women's rights in a local museum. The program comprised a diverse group of intelligent, curious, passionate, and compassionate students. Their intelligence came from, among other things, past experiences; my peers had worked with the

International Labor Organization, street children in South Africa and Cambodia, the Red Cross in Indonesia, and the Louisiana Police. We also had an Australian nurse who had worked in Saudi Arabia, a Ugandan prosecutor, and a former school teacher. Not to mention our instructors: We were led by eager professors, professionals straight from Amnesty International, the United Nations, the ICC, the ICTY, the Dutch police force, and more. My best days were filled with group discussions, debates, and dinners with all of these friends.

My experience in Utrecht taught me the importance of surrounding oneself with interesting friendships and the myriad possibilities for jobs in international law. In the future, I hope my educational and professional paths lead me toward equally stimulating coworkers, bosses, and friends.

And after learning of the plethora of organizations out there to protect our rights, I have become more committed to international advocacy efforts. I eventually hope to be an element of change, strengthening and developing the supranational legal system, which, before Utrecht, I barely knew existed.

Nearly 370 days later, in the weeks leading up to my departure, my friends and family continually asked me to sum up my experience: "What was the best part?" "Were you happy with your program?" My final answer was as follows: Although the national dishes—raw herring coated in onions, mashed endive potatoes, and the ironic Belgian French fries—have earned a special place in my heart, the best part, without a doubt, was the people.

### Eric Linge (JD '09): Two Semesters in Singapore

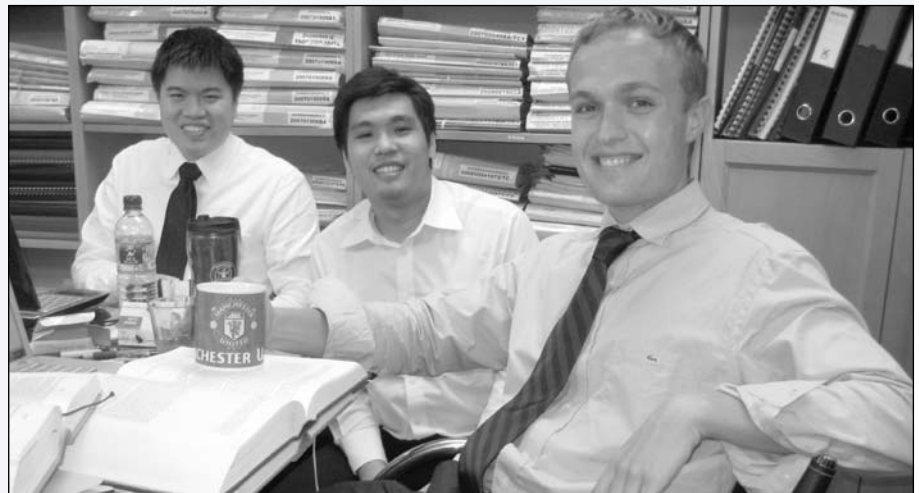
When I think of the reasons why you shouldn't study abroad for a year in law school, all that comes to mind is that this one year of classes abroad will help little in passing the bar exam of an American state. I spent 12 months in Singapore, where I earned an LLM from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and engaged in an internship at a local law firm. The average life does not offer many chances to live abroad for a year. Unless you're a lucky soul, you won't get a law job that sends entry-level lawyers for long stays to exotic locales around the world. Pitt Law makes this opportunity available to you. Seize it. Everything is on your side. Well, everything except that your classes at your foreign university may be very hard, and 90 percent of the local students may study like they're ranked in the top 10 percent. And, consequently, the professors may expect all students to study like that and do not think it is unreasonable to assign you to read and be familiar with 10 cases by class the next morning. A grade of C could be considered average and nothing of which to be ashamed.

School at NUS was tough, but my classes were interesting. Course offerings were diverse and, yes, exotic. I was

taught to think about law in ways that few Americans do, and I was exposed to laws and theories with which few Americans care to engage. Of course, I learned things outside class, too, though I didn't have much time during the semester for anything except studying; an LLM was not like my fun-filled and carefree undergraduate "study" abroad experience. I learned how to speak some Chinese and Malay. I became very good (in my opinion) at bargaining at shops and restaurants. I learned tricks on

how to ingratiate myself to locals; rule number one: eat everything they eat (this can be hard sometimes, but usually the young and modern people don't like the gross stuff either), say you like it, and ask for more.

If you want to live abroad for a year, Pitt Law offers a unique opportunity to do so. If you don't do it now, when you find yourself in three or 30 years stuck at a desk and buried in boxes of documents at 8 a.m., you may wish you had.



Eric Linge (right) studies with colleagues at the National University of Singapore.



The combination of the study of law and the study of languages has assumed a role at Pitt Law unlike that at any other law school in the United States. With Language for Lawyers courses a part of the regular JD curriculum, the U.S. Law and Language (formerly English for Lawyers) course provided each year in Pittsburgh, and over time in more than a dozen other countries, and Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships available to law students through the area studies centers of Pitt's Center for International Legal Education, few law schools can match the emphasis on combining law and language study found at Pitt.

## Pitt Law Continues Unique Languages for Lawyers Courses

Languages for Lawyers, the creation of Professor Vivian Curran, is entering its 18th year at Pitt Law, offering unique courses in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish. Each is taught as part of the JD curriculum, with a focus on legal terminology dialogues in legal settings. The first French for Lawyers course was offered by Curran in 1992, with other languages added over time. While European languages are offered each year, Chinese and Japanese are offered in alternate years. Students are allowed to enter each language at any level of previous study, providing for individual development of language skills.



Professor Vivian Curran and French for Lawyers Adjunct Professor Cecile Desandre

## English for Lawyers becomes U.S. Law & Language in Its 12th Year

What had been the very successful English for Lawyers program is now U.S. Law & Language, renamed in order to reflect more accurately the content of the three-week July course that provides preparation for LLM study. Over the past three years alone, 52 students from 26 different countries have

attended the program. Students participate in classroom exercises, designed by Pitt Law Professors Teresa Brostoff and Ann Sinsheimer, that build comprehension and language skills while introducing students to the basics of the American legal system. Students also visit local institutions

during the three-week course, including meetings with members of the Pittsburgh City Council, local judges, law firms, and even the local jail. CILE also hosts several social events for the students, giving them a chance to develop their English language skills in a nonclassroom environment and

helping them to forge connections that often last long beyond the end of the program. The course also has been taught in a one-week version in more than a dozen foreign countries.



U.S. Law & Language students visit with Dennis Unkovic at Meyer, Unkovic, & Scott LLP.







## Pitt Law Students Receive Language Study Funding

CILE congratulates those Pitt Law students who are recipients of Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships. Five students were awarded the coveted fellowship funds for the 2009–10 academic year. The four University International Studies centers (Asian Studies Center, European Studies Center, Center for Latin American Studies, and Center for Russian and East European Studies) which are designated National Resource Centers by the U.S. Department of Education, all receive funding to encourage students to combine language and disciplinary studies. The competition for these fellowships is University-wide and very competitive. Pitt Law students routinely do well, however, and this year's recipients will each receive full tuition and a \$16,000 stipend. The total value of this year's fellowships is \$201,840. Last academic year, five Pitt Law students received FLAS Fellowships, with a total value of \$202,804.

### Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship recipients

#### 2008–09

- **Amanda Fisher** (Class of 2010): Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian
- **Esther Mosimann** (JD '09): Italian
- **Caitlin Price** (JD '09): Arabic
- **Mark Sanofsky** (JD '09): Portuguese
- **Aleksandra Williams** (Class of 2010): Ukranian

#### 2009–10

- **Amy DiBella** (Class of 2010): Portuguese
- **Melissa Dougherty** (Class of 2010): Portuguese
- **Amanda Fisher** (Class of 2010): Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian
- **Richard M. Kyle** (Class of 2011): German
- **Kerry Ann Stare** (Class of 2010): Ukranian

## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### Niagara Team Wins Best Team Memorial Award



2009 Niagara team (left to right): Levy Minharo, CILE Assistant Director Wes Rist, Eric Sutton, Aleksandra Williams, and Robin Belinsky

The 2009 Pitt Law Niagara International Law Moot Court team of Robin Belinsky (JD/MPIA '09), Levy Minharo (Class of 2011), Eric Sutton (JD '09), and Aleksandra Williams (Class of 2010) came home with the award for Best Team Memorial for the

Applicant. Pitt supports teams each year for the Niagara and Jessup International Moot Court competitions and for the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. CILE Assistant Director Wes Rist served as faculty advisor for the Niagara team.

### James Stockstill on Nontraditional Careers

James Stockstill (JD '05) returned to Pitt Law on November 17, 2008, to speak about non-traditional career paths in the international field. Stockstill is a project coordinator with Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders) and has worked in Ethiopia, Sudan, Nigeria, and Nepal on a variety of projects. He discussed his own overseas experience during and after law school and addressed many fields related to law that offer opportunities for students to gain international experience outside a corporate or governmental context. He also provided an evaluation of the job market in international development work and how students can prepare for it while in law school.

## CILE and ILS Bring Serbian Perspectives to Pittsburgh

CILE and the Pitt Law International Law Society (ILS) provided students with a unique perspective on Serbian law and society on March 26, 2009, at Belgrade Experiences: U.S. and Serbian Perspectives. Two Pitt Law students, Nelson Berardinelli (JD '09) and Chan Braithwaite (Class of

2010), recounted their summer 2008 experiences in Belgrade, Serbia, as interns with the Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights and Lawyers for Democracy. Both talked about the work they did and their view of Serbian reactions to major human rights news that broke while they were in the country. They

were joined by Ana Nikodijevic, a faculty member at the University of Belgrade and Junior Faculty Development Program fellow at Pitt. Nikodijevic spoke in particular about challenges facing Serbia in the realm of legal education and rule of law development.

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## 2009 Graduates Complete Law Certificate Program

Twenty-one members of the Class of 2009 graduated with a Certificate in International and Comparative Law. The certificate is granted to students completing approximately 20 credit hours of specific courses in international and comparative law. This year's recipients were Robin Belinsky, Nicholas Botta, Sarah Drinkwater, Jennifer

Echemendia, Tabitha Fish, Jerilyn Gardner, Jonathan Hill, Alexander Howard, Derek Illar, Brendan Keller, Frederick Kim, Chase LoVerde, Julia Moore, Mary Pancoast, Rachel Rosnick, Robert Salera, Sarah Strauss, Michael Sung, Elizabeth Tuccillo, Bradley Tuttle, and Matthew Wendler.

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## Rule of Law Series Highlights Global Perspectives

During the 2008–09 academic year, CILE hosted the first Rule of Law Lecture Series, providing information about global legal issues with a rule of law context. Six events provided the perspectives of professors from within and outside Pitt Law, Pitt Law alumni, visiting lecturers, and the 2009 LLM class. The first lecture was held as part of the University of Pittsburgh's annual International Week and featured Associate Professor Haider ala Hamoudi and U.S. Marine Corps Colonel Paul Amato (JD '93), discussing their experiences in Iraq, working with rule of law development projects. Other lectures examined the role of women in the judiciary in South Africa, the effect of personal and professional ethics on



Professor Haider ala Hamoudi and Colonel Paul Amato

crisis moments in history, issues surrounding mixed marriage laws in Nazi Germany and their potential impact in modern legal systems, and the rule of law experiences and opinions of the 2009 LLM class.

### 2008–09 CILE Rule of Law Lecture Series

- September 25, 2008: "The Rule of Law in Modern Iraq: Personal Perspectives" by Professor Haider ala Hamoudi and Paul Amato (JD '93)
- October 14, 2008: Film Review of *Courting Justice*, with commentary by Ruth Cowan, scholar in residence at American University, and Lithemba Velleman, Pitt Law LLM student and South African lawyer
- October 23, 2008: "The Rule of Law Around the World I" by members of the Pitt Law LLM Class of 2009
- February 19, 2009: "The Rule of Law Around the World II" by members of the Pitt Law LLM Class of 2009
- March 19, 2009: "Crises of Conscience" by Professor Peter Karsten
- April 16, 2009: "Mixed Marriage Prohibitions in Nazi Germany and Their Rule of Law Implications for Past and Future" by Professor Vivian Curran

## Choudry Speaks on International Investment Agreements

Visiting Professor Barnali Choudry, from the Charleston School of Law in South Carolina, who taught International Trade Law during the spring term, spoke on April 23, 2009, to students about "International Investment Agreements and the Public Interest." Choudry's talk focused on the little-explored area of international investment law and the growing impact bilateral investment agreements can have on issues of public interest. She addressed concerns of human rights groups and environmental organizations that have had legal complaints ignored or rejected because the resulting effect would have violated protections for foreign investors contained in international investment agreements.

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## CILE and Embassy Partner on Iraqi Jessup Team Visit

For the second year in a row, CILE and Associate Professor Haider ala Hamoudi partnered with the U.S. embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, and the International Law Students Association to bring a group of Iraqi law students and their coach to the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. The students competed at the international rounds of the Jessup with the support of their Iraqi coach and Hamoudi. After the competition in Washington, D.C., the team traveled to Pittsburgh, where CILE arranged a tour of the School of Law; a tour of the Nationality Rooms; and meetings with Pitt Law JD and LLM students, including Pitt Jessup and Niagara moot court team members.



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## Victor Mosoti (LLM '01) Delivers 18th Annual McLean Lecture

Victor Mosoti, special legal advisor in the cabinet of the director-general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, gave the 18th Annual McLean Lecture on World Law on April 14, 2009. Mosoti spoke on “Biofueling Our Future: Balancing Food and Fuel in a Global Economy,” addressing the current tension between growing bio-fuel sources and agricultural staples. Mosoti identified the growing use of arable land in developing nations to produce biofuel crops and the impact those crops have on the availability of food supplies, the long-term impact on issues like climate change, and the potential economic impact rising food prices could have on developing nations’ economies. Mosoti also addressed international trade issues arising out of disputes over the appropriate tariffs applied to biofuel products and the issues they raise in the current economic climate.



Victor Mosoti (LLM '01); Rosemary Coffee, director of the Global Solutions Education Fund—Pittsburgh; and Professor Ronald Brand

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## CILE and ABA Bring International Career Advice to Students

CILE partnered for the second year with the American Bar Association’s Section on International Law to provide a forum for students interested in a career in international law. This year’s panelists included A. Bruce Bowden, partner at Duane Morris LLP; Robert W. Brown, corporate counsel for PPG Industries Inc.; Richard Fruehauf, senior counsel for Westinghouse

Electric Company; and Frank Kerber, a retired foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State. More than 50 students came to the November 2, 2008, event to hear the panelists speak about their own career paths into the international field and to answer student questions about how to prepare for an international career.

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## Jalloh Strengthens International Faculty

CILE welcomes Assistant Professor of Law Charles C. Jalloh to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Jalloh comes to Pitt from his position as judicial clerk for Judges Erik Mose and Jai Ram Reddy of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Prior to that, Jalloh was the legal advisor to the Office of the Principle Defender in the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the first such office in an international criminal tribunal. He has served as legal counsel in the Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section as well

as the Trade Law Bureau of the Department of Justice of Canada, where he is a member of the Ontario Bar. Jalloh is the founding editor in chief of the *African Journal of Legal Studies*, and his research focuses on international criminal and international human rights law. At Pitt Law, he will be teaching courses in international law and international criminal law. Jalloh’s wife, Janewa OseiTutu, will be a visiting professor during the 2009–10 academic year, teaching International Intellectual Property Law and International Trade Law.

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## In Memoriam: Henry T. King Jr.

In 2002, Professor Henry T. King Jr., of Case Western Reserve University School of Law became the second person ever to be designated a fellow *honoris causa* of the Center for International Legal Education. King, who was one of the junior members of the prosecution team at the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, went on to be a chair of the ABA Section on International Law and Practice, a member of the ABA Special Task Force on War Crimes, chair of a special joint working group on the settlement of international disputes, and chair of the Canada-U.S. Law Institute. King also created and sustained the Niagara International Moot Court Competition. King passed away on May 9, 2009, at his home in Cleveland, Ohio. He will be remembered as a true friend of international legal education.

## Fifteenth LLM Class Continues Tradition of Strength and Diversity



Above: The LLM Class of 2010 at the annual trip to Fallingwater  
Right: Max Laun (JD '88) of Alcoa and Caroline West (JD '94) of Franklin West Inc. with LLM students Olga Dmytriyeva and Myroslava Savchuk, recipients of Alcoa and Franklin West fellowships.

The LLM Class of 2010 brings the flags of new home countries but follows in the traditions of diversity and strong academic credentials. The new class includes Fulbright, Muskie, Ford Foundation, and Palestinian Rule of Law scholars as well as top graduates from law faculties with strong ties to CILE and Pitt Law.



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**Ellina Aleynikova (Russia)** received her first law degree from Rostov State Economic University in Rostov-on-Don, Russia, in 2006. She worked as a legal advisor to the Union of Lawyers of Don during her final year of study and before accepting a position as a legal advisor in the Priroda Agricultural Holding Company. In 2007, she was promoted to head of the legal department at Priroda. Aleynikova also served as president of a Rostov charity nongovernmental organization called Support and Sympathy. She is the recipient of an Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship.

**Zana Berisha (Kosovo)** received her LLB from the University of Prishtina Faculty of Law in Prishtina, Kosovo, in 2008. She was a member of the 2007 and 2008 Prishtina teams at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition and assisted in the preparation of the 2009 Prishtina team. From 2005 to 2007, Berisha worked at the Kosovo Law Center. In 2007, she was hired as a legal assistant at the U.S. embassy in Kosovo. She is the recipient of a tuition fellowship from the University Center for International Studies.

**Olga Buritica (Colombia)** received her first law degree from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia, in 2001. She received a specialization in commercial law from Universidad de Los Andes in Bogotá in 2005. In 2001, she was hired as a junior in-house lawyer for Bayer S.A. in Colombia, where she was promoted in 2004 to senior lawyer and assigned as key counsel for Bayer CropScience S.A.

**Nora Dekaidk (Palestine)** received her first law degree from Al-Quds University in Jerusalem in 2009, where she was the law student supervisor at the Al-Quds Human Rights Clinic. Dekaidk is the recipient of a Palestinian Rule of Law Program Fellowship, administered by the Open Society Institute.

**Olga Dmytriyeva (Ukraine)** received her LLB and Master of Laws degrees from Donetsk National University in Donetsk, Ukraine, in 2007 and 2008, respectively. She received a Specialist in Finance diploma from the International University of Finance in 2008 and is currently working on her

PhD at Donetsk National University. She was a member of the 2007 Philip C. Jessup International Moot and the 2008 and 2009 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot teams for Donetsk National University. Dmytriyeva worked at the Golovan and Partners law firm in Donetsk. She is the recipient of a CILE/Alcoa Fellowship and a Franklin West Inc. Housing Fellowship.

**Natallia Fedarovich (Belarus)** studied law at the Belarusian Jurisprudence Institute in Minsk, Belarus, from 1999 to 2003.

**Yi He (China)** received his LLB from Nanjing University of Finance and Economics in Nanjing, China, in 2007, and an LLM from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, Calif., in 2009. He received the Outstanding Academic Scholarship from Nanjing University and served as a summer intern at the People's Supreme Court of Jiangsu Province in 2004 and 2005.

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**Maria Jreissati (Lebanon)** received her LLB in civil law and her master's in banking and finance law from Saint Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon, in 2002 and 2005, respectively. She joined the Badri and Salim El Meouchi law firm in Beirut in 2003 as an associate. She has authored publications in banking, finance, and commercial law as well as corporate governance. She has participated in research with the Lebanese Corporate Governance Task Force on a report recommending amendments to the Lebanese Code of Commerce. Jreissati is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship administered by AMIDEAST.

**Kujtesa Nezaj (Kosovo)** received her LLB from the University of Prishtina Faculty of Law in Prishtina, Kosovo, in 2006. She was a member of the 2007 and 2008 Prishtina teams at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, and in 2009, she worked with the Prishtina Vis team as an assistant coach. Nezaj interned at the Ombudsperson Institution in Prishtina in the summer of 2006 and attended the

Legal Clinic, organized by the American Bar Association Central and Eastern European Law Initiative offices, for six months in 2006. She is a licensed patent, trademark, and industrial design agent of the Kosovo Intellectual Property Office. She was an associate and the country office director of the Petošević Law Offices in Prishtina.

**Denis Presova (Macedonia)** received his first law degree from the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University Faculty of Law in Skopje, Macedonia, in 2006. He received a master's of European studies from the University of Bonn, Germany, in 2007; a Certificate in Human Rights Law from the International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, in 2005; and a Certificate in European Union Law from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, in 2008. He was a teaching assistant at the Department of Constitutional Law and Political Systems at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University and was a legal assistant at the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in the

Republic of Macedonia. Presova is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship.

**Myroslava Savchuk (Ukraine)** received her LLB from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Kyiv, Ukraine, in 2008. She was a member of the 2008 and 2009 Kyiv-Mohyla teams at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and was an associate at Vasil Kysil and Partners in Kyiv. Savchuk is the recipient of a CILE/Alcoa Fellowship and a Franklin West Inc. Housing Fellowship.

**Chuan Tang (China)** received his LLB with a specialization in economic law from the Hunan University College of Law in Hunan, China, in 2004. Tang worked as a volunteer at the China Legal Aid Foundation in Beijing from 2004 to 2006, where he received the Excellent Legal Aid Volunteer award. He was the director of station at the Migrant Worker Legal Aid Work Station in Nanning City, China. Tang is the recipient of a Ford Foundation International Fellowship.

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## LLM Class of 2009





# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

During the 2008–09 academic year, the Center for International Legal Education awarded funds exceeding \$62,500 to the following students for a variety of activities:

**Laura Benson (JD '09)**: fall 2008 study at Bond University in Sydney, Australia

**Brett Champion (Class of 2012)**: summer 2009 study at the University of Notre Dame School of Law program in London, United Kingdom

**Holly Christie (Class of 2011)**: summer 2009 study at the Middlebury College French language study program in Middlebury, Vt.

**Marc Coda (Class of 2010)**, **Richard Grubb (Class of 2010)**, and **Kerry Ann Stare (Class of 2010)** participation in the 2009 pre-moot competitions in Zagreb, Croatia, and Belgrade, Serbia, and the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria

**Chad Cowan (JD '09)**: spring 2009 study at Bond University in Sydney, Australia

**Michael Cruny (JD '09)**: spring 2009 study at Bond University in Sydney, Australia

**Timothy DeHaut (JD '09)**: spring 2009 presentation of his LLM thesis at the annual meeting of the Mediator's Institute of Ireland in Dublin, Ireland

**Amy DiBella (Class of 2010)**: 2008–09 LLM study at Utrecht University in Utrecht, the Netherlands

**Evann Duranti (Class of 2010)**: summer 2009 internship at the Judiciary Committee of the Liberian House of Representatives in Monrovia, Liberia

**Emma Joy Finney (Class of 2011)**: summer 2009 internship at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontain, South Africa

**Amanda Fisher (Class of 2010)**: summer 2009 internship at Foundation CURE in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Alexander Gluhovsky (Class of 2011)**: summer 2009 internship at Vasil Kisil & Partners law offices in Kyiv, Ukraine

**Richard Grubb (Class of 2010)**: summer 2009 internship at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany

**Elizabeth Hinkle (JD '09)** and **Esther Mosimann (JD '09)**: participation as coaches for the 2009 Sultan Qaboos Faculty of Law team at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition team in Vienna, Austria

**Carly Huth (Class of 2010)**: summer 2009 internship at the Intellectual Property team of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva, Switzerland, as part of the summer 2009 International Organizations Practicum sponsored by Syracuse University School of Law

**Morgan Kronk (Class of 2011)**: summer 2009 internship at the Judiciary Committee of the Liberian House of Representatives in Monrovia, Liberia

**Adrienne Lester (Class of 2011)**: summer 2009 internship at the Judiciary Committee of the Liberian House of Representatives in Monrovia, Liberia

**Eric Linge (JD '09)**: summer 2009 internship at T.S. Oon & Bazul law firm in Singapore

**Amelia Mathias (Class of 2011)**: summer 2009 internship at the Institute for European Studies in Brussels, Belgium

**Dustin McDaniel (Class of 2011)**: summer 2009 study at the California Western School of Law program in Santiago, Chile

**Erin Pennabecker (Class of 2010)**: summer 2009 internship at Bryan Cave LLP in Milan, Italy

**Kerry Ann Stare (Class of 2010)**: summer 2009 internship at CMS-Reich Rohrwig Hainz law offices in Kyiv, Ukraine

## Other Student Activities

**Robin Belinsky (JD/MPIA '09)**, **Levy Minharo (Class of 2010)**, **Eric Sutton (JD '09)**, and **Aleksandra Williams (Class of 2010)** participated in the 2009 Niagara International Moot Court Competition in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The team was awarded Best Team Memorial for the Applicant.

**Patrice Collins (Class of 2011)** did a summer 2009 internship at the European Movement in Serbia in Belgrade, Serbia

**Amy DiBella (Class of 2010)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship

from the Pitt Center for Latin American Studies to study Portuguese. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2009–10 academic year

**Melissa Dougherty (Class of 2010)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the Pitt Center for Latin American Studies to study Portuguese. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2009–10 academic year

**Evann Duranti (Class of 2010)**, **William Fisher (Class of 2010)**, **Derek Illar (Class of 2010)**, **Chase LoVerde (JD '09)**, and **David Steinbrink (Class of 2010)** participated in the 2009 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

**Amanda Fisher (Class of 2010)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the Pitt Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies to study Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2009–10 academic year.

**Caitlin Goetz (Class of 2011)** did a summer 2009 study at the New England School of Law program in Galway, Ireland.

**Sara Hamoudi (LLM '08)** did a summer 2009 internship at the University of Colorado Constitution Project in Baghdad, Iraq.

**Richard M. Kyle (Class of 2011)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the Pitt European Studies Center to study German. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2009–10 academic year.

**Steven Salas (Class of 2011)** did a summer 2009 study at the Hamline University Certificate Program in Global Arbitration at Queen Mary University of London in the United Kingdom.

**Kerry Ann Stare (Class of 2010)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the Pitt Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies to study Ukrainian. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2009–10 academic year.

**Juanshu Wang (Class of 2010)** did a summer 2009 internship at the Chengdu Jiu Ding Tian Yuan Intellectual Property Agency, Ltd., in Chengdu, China.

# ALUMNI NEWS

**Ivan Abrams (JD '75)** accepted a position as senior legal consultant and acting chief of party for the USAID-Kosovo Ministry of Foreign Affairs Support Project in 2009.

**Noora Al-Shamlan (LLM '08)** was honored for her completion of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law LLM program by Bahraini Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa on February 17, 2009, at the 40th Education Day ceremony.

**Jason Altschul (JD '07)** received an LLM degree in transnational law from Temple University School of Law in 2008. He accepted a position as clerk for the Honorable Judge Linda Wallach Miller in Monroe County, Pa. in 2009.

**Lauren Becker (JD '08)** has accepted a position as an associate with DTB Associates LLP in Washington, D.C.

**Claudia Garman (JD '08)** was promoted to program manager at GTZ Representation Brussels in Brussels, Belgium.

**Joseph Gulino (JD '04)** served as a panelist at the seminar Global Fight Against Terrorism, sponsored by the Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats in Madrid, Spain, in October 2008.

**Amy Inlander (JD/MPIA '07)** is assistant counsel for the Washington Nationals baseball club in Washington, D.C.

**Annah C. Konuche (LLM '08)** joined the Moi University School of Law as an assistant lecturer in June 2009. She is the fourth Pitt Law LLM graduate to join the Moi teaching faculty as part of the Pitt Law-Moi University partnership.

**Santy Kouwagam (LLM '08)** attended the Hague Academy of International Law's course on private international law in July 2009.

**Athanasios Mihalakas (JD '01)** accepted a position as a policy analyst for economics and trade at the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in Washington, D.C., in 2008.

**Maryam Nihayath (LLM '08)** was appointed to a judicial position in her home country of the Maldives in 2009. She is only the third female judge in the country's history.

**Iryna Nurzad (LLM '02)** and her husband, Toktomushev, welcomed their first son, Teimur, into the world on March 7, 2009.

**Katerina V. Ossenova (JD '08)** accepted a position as attorney-advisor international and program manager for Eastern Europe/Eurasia at the Commercial Legal Development Program in the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Commerce. She and Aman Singh were married on May 23, 2009.

**Robert Paulson (JD '02)** and his wife, Katie, welcomed their firstborn daughter into the world on June 11, 2009.

**Ravi Reddy (JD '06)** accepted a full-time position with the United Nations Mission in Kosovo Human Rights Advisory Panel as an associate legal officer in Prishtina, Kosovo.

**Jennifer Rellis (JD '06)** completed a 2009 summer position as clerk to Justice Yoram Danziger of the Supreme Court of Israel and has accepted a position as an asylum adjudicator at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in New York, N.Y.

**Emily Ruger (JD '08)** has accepted a position as a contracts officer in the Finance Department of Management & Consular Services at the Canadian embassy in Washington, D.C.

**Abigail Salisbury (JD '07)** was confirmed as executive director by JURIST's

Board of Directors. Her article "Skills without Stigma: Using the JURIST Method to Teach Legal Research and Writing" is scheduled to be published in the November 2009 issue of the *Journal of Legal Education*.

**Joseph J. Smallhoover (JD '80)** joined Bryan Cave, LLP, as the office managing partner of its new Paris, France, office in 2008.

**Monica Stump (JD '02)** accepted a position as an assistant U.S. attorney in the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama in 2008.

**Jose Luis (Joel) C. Syquia (LLM '98)** and his wife, Tess, welcomed a second baby girl, Gerardine Marie, to join their first daughter, Reese, on October 28, 2008. Syquia accepted a position as a procurement specialist at the Asian Development Bank in January 2009.

**Lucas Tassara (LLM '06)** accepted a position as public defender in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in December 2008. In 2009, he published an article, "Trial In Absentia: Rescuing the 'Public Necessity' Requirement to Proceed with a Trial in the Defendant's Absence," in the *Barry Law Review*. He also is teaching a course on criminal procedure part time at the Universidad de Belgrano.



Lucas Tassara (LLM '06) being sworn in as Public Defender in Argentina

# FACULTY ACTIVITIES

**Professor Kevin Ashley** participated as an invited speaker at the 21st International Conference on Legal Knowledge and Information Systems in Florence, Italy, in December 2008.

**Professor Elena Baylis** hosted a workshop on Socio-Legal Methods in International Law at the University of Pittsburgh in September 2008. She received a grant during the 2008–09 academic year from the U.S. Institute of Peace to support research on “Tribunal-Hopping with the Post-Conflict Justice Junkies,” which she then published in the *Oregon Review of International Law*. She also published “Reassessing the Role of International Criminal Law: Rebuilding National Courts through Transnational Networks” in the *Boston College Law Review*. She was a panelist on the International Criminal Law panel of the International Law Weekend, organized by the American Branch of the International Law Association in October 2008. Baylis was a panelist on the International Criminal Law Networks at the Transnational Networks Conference at Southern Methodist University Law School in Dallas, Texas, in November 2008. She spoke on her articles “Reassessing the Role of International Criminal Law” at the Northeast Law and Society Association Annual Meeting; “Tribunal-Hopping” at the Transnational Networks Conference at Southern Methodist University Law School and Loyola University Chicago Law School; “Bellwether Trials” at the Georgia International Law Colloquium at the University of Georgia Law School and the Temple International Law Colloquium at Temple Law School; and “Outsourcing Investigations” at the Trends and Tensions in International Criminal Procedure Symposium at UCLA Law School. She presented information on international interventions in post-conflict justice at “The Arts, Human Development, and Human Rights: 21st Century Intersections and Ramifications” conference, held at the University of Pittsburgh in May 2009.

**Professor David Barnard** co-organized a Global Academic Partnership conference in May 2009 on “The Arts, Human Development, and Human Rights: 21st-Century Intersections and Ramifications.”

His co-organizers were Kathleen DeWalt, director of Latin American studies at the University of Pittsburgh, and Jessica Gogan, curator of special projects at the Andy Warhol Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Niterói, Brazil. The conference brought together artists, activists, and educators from Pittsburgh and Niterói with interests in the interface among the arts, community and social development, and human rights. The conference is expected to collaborate further among groups dedicated to community development and human rights education through the arts. In August 2009, Barnard took a trip to Malawi, where he met with several medical and legal experts and practitioners concerning potential future cooperation between the University of Pittsburgh and organizations in Malawi.

**Professor Ronald A. Brand** and Professor Harry Flechtner provided a weeklong training program in international commercial law and dispute resolution for U.S. Steel Košice lawyers in Medzev, Slovakia, in September 2008. In October, Brand traveled to Muscat, Oman, with Kate Drabecki (JD '08) and Katerina Ossenova (JD '08) to help the Sultan Qaboos University School of Law to develop a Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team as part of an effort to develop that school's commercial law and arbitration curriculum. On October 18, 2008, Brand provided a review of 10 significant developments as part of a panel on recent developments in private international law at the International Law Weekend sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. In fall 2008, he was elected an associate member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, the premier international organization for the study of comparative law.

In November, Brand spoke on “Treaties and separation of Powers in the United States: A Reassessment after *Medellín v. Texas*” at a seminar on Separation of Powers in the Americas ... and Beyond at the Duquesne University School of Law. From January 29 to February 8, 2009, Brand was in Muscat, Oman, where he assisted the Vis

Arbitration Moot teams of Sultan Qaboos University and the University of Bahrain on behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program. February 27–March 1, 2009, Brand participated as an invited observer in the Drafting Committee of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws assigned the task of preparing a uniform act to accompany the federal ratification and implementation of the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements.

In March, Brand spoke on “Comparing the New York Convention and the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements” at the Belgrade Arbitration Conference, held at the University of Belgrade. Brand traveled with the University of Pittsburgh Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team of Marc Coda, Kerry Ann Stare, and Richard Grubb to the University of Belgrade for the Belgrade Vis Pre-Moot, March 28 and 29, 2009, and to the Vis competition in Vienna, Austria, April 4–9, 2009. On April 16, 2009, Brand served as a primary discussant on a panel on private international law at the Special Tribute to Professor Andreas Lowenfeld, held at New York University School of Law. On April 17, 2009, he spoke on “Vertical Regulation in a Horizontal World: Local Regulation of Global Legal Practice” as part of a panel on private international law issues in commercial law at the Conference of the Journal of Private International Law at New York University School of Law. He also served as moderator of an “early career” panel at the same event. On June 8–12, 2009, Brand taught a course on private international law as a transaction planning tool as part of the University of Bologna law faculty's International Commercial Contracts Program in Ravenna, Italy.

Brand and CILE Assistant Director Wes Rist published the book *The Export of Legal Education: Its Promise and Impact in Transition Countries* (Ashgate Press) and the following articles in 2009: “The European Magnet and the U.S. Centrifuge: Ten Selected Private International Law Developments of 2008,” 15 *ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law*



# FACULTY ACTIVITIES *continued*

367; “Competition In and From the Harmonization of Private International Law,” *Economic Law as an Economic Good: Its Rule Function and Its Tool Function in the Competition of Systems* 353 (Karl M. Meessen, Marc Bungenberg, and Adelheid Puttler, eds., Sellier European Law Publishers, Munich); “Evolving Competence for Private International Law in Europe: The External Effects of Internal Developments,” in *Liber Fausto Pocar: New Instruments of Private International Law* 163 (Gabiella Venturini & Stefania Bariatti, eds.); and “An American Perspective on the New Japanese Act on General Rules for Application of Laws,” in the 2008 *Japanese Yearbook of International Law* 298 (with Tabitha Fish).

**Professor Douglas Branson** taught An Introduction to American Corporate and Securities Law and Corporate Governance to Master of Law students at the University of Melbourne School of Law in Australia in May 2009. It is the 15th consecutive year that Branson has taught in the University of Melbourne master’s program. He holds the rank of permanent senior fellow at the University of Melbourne. Also in May, Branson spoke to a combined meeting of the law and business faculties at Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria, Australia. His subjects were two of his recent books, *No Seat at the Table: How Governance and Law Keep Women Out of the Boardroom* (2007) and *The Last Male Bastion: Gender and the CEO Suite in America’s Public Companies* (2009). In June 2009, he presented a workshop to the securities commissioners of the 13 provinces of Canada, their staffs, and the White Collar Crime Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at their annual summer enforcement conference in St. Andrews by-the-Sea, New Brunswick, Canada. The subject of the workshop was the Use of Consultants and Expert Witnesses in Securities Law Enforcement.

**Professors Teresa Brostoff** and **Ann Sinsheimer** provided an English for Lawyers course to approximately 35 students and lecturers at Sultan Qaboos University School of Law in February 2009 as part of the Commercial Law Development Program sponsored by the

U.S. Department of Commerce.

**Professor John Burkoff** met with three labor court judges from Colombia, brought to the United States through an exchange program with the U.S. Department of State, and state department officials to discuss comparisons of the U.S. court system and the resolution of labor and employment issues in U.S. law in April 2009. He cohosted the annual welcome reception for University of Pittsburgh LLM students and their families in August 2009. He was appointed to the Semester at Sea Alumni Board of Directors Faculty and Staff Council and was appointed executive dean of the summer 2010 Semester at Sea voyage.

**Professor Nancy Burkoff** met with three labor court judges from Colombia, brought to the United States through an exchange program with the U.S. Department of State, and state department officials to discuss comparisons of the U.S. court system and the resolution of labor and employment issues in U.S. law in April 2009. She cohosted the annual welcome reception for University of Pittsburgh LLM students and their families in August 2009. She was appointed to the Semester at Sea Alumni Board of Directors Faculty and Staff Council.

**Professor Vivian Curran** published “Voices Saved from Vanishing,” a review of *Jurists Uprooted*, a book by Jack Beatson and Reinhard Zimmermann, for the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*. She also published “La Sécurité Juridique à l’Ere de la Mondialisation” in *La Revue du Notariat* and the article “Legal Developments in France and the United States in the Era of Globalization” in the University of Pittsburgh European Union Center of Excellence newsletter. She spoke on “L’Application de l’Alien Tort Claims Act au Droit de

l’Environment” at the Collège de France in Paris, France, in July 2008; “Scents of the Past and the Sense of the Present” at the University Association for Contemporary European Studies Conference at the University of Edinburgh Law Faculty in September 2008; and “Is Law and Economics Taking Over Comparative Law?” in the Joint Section on Comparative Law and Law and Economics at the American Association of Law Schools in San Diego, Calif., in January 2009 and gave the final CILE Rule of Law Lecture on “Mixed Marriage Prohibitions in Nazi Germany and Their Rule of Law Implications for Past and Future” at the University of Pittsburgh in April 2009.

**Professor Harry Flechtner** cotaught a training course on international commercial law and international business transactions for American, Serbian, and Slovakian attorneys at the U.S. Steel Košice facilities in Medzev, Slovakia, in September 2008. He returned as the coach of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law team at the 2009 Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria, and repeated his performance of several musical pieces, related to the CISG, at the Austria Center. He will publish “The Globalization of Law as Documented in the Law on International Sales of Goods” in the forthcoming *New International Private Law: The 2009 Wily Delva Lecture Series*, a piece he presented as a lecture at the Gandaius Center for Continuing



Professor Flechtner (right) in Košice, Slovakia

Legal Education in Ghent, Belgium, in April 2009. Flechtner published “Selected Issues Relating to the CISG’s Scope of Application” in *The Vindobona Journal of International Commercial Law and Arbitration* and presented this research at the conference on the United Nations Convention on CISG in honor of Professor Peter Schlechtriem in Vienna, Austria, in April 2009. He also submitted abstracts of five U.S. court decisions related to the CISG in his role as national correspondent for the United States to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and recorded two 45-minute lectures on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods for the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law ([untreaty.un.org/cod/avl/faculty/flechtner.html](http://untreaty.un.org/cod/avl/faculty/flechtner.html)) along with accompanying introductory materials and outlines. He published the new edition of *Sales, Leases and Electronic Commerce: Problems and Materials on National and International Transactions* with John Murray and edited and updated the *Uniform Law for International Sales under the 1980 United Nations Convention* by John O. Honnold in August 2009.

**Professor Haider ala Hamoudi** published “Between Symbiosis and Schizophrenia: The Rights of Iraqi Refugees under Iraqi Law” in the *Rutgers Law Record*, “Dream Palaces of Law: Western Constructions of the Muslim Legal World” in the *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review*, a book review of “Orientalism and the Fall and Rise of the Islamic State” in *Middle Eastern Law and Governance*, and a book review of “The Crisis of Islamic Civilization” in the *Osgoode Hall Law Review*. He presented his research on “Dream Palaces of Law” at the annual conference of the American Society of Comparative Law in August 2008; “Rights of Iraqi Refugees under Domestic Iraqi Law” at Rutgers University (Newark) School of Law in October 2008; “Why Do We Study Religious Law? Thoughts from a Muslim Paradigm” at the American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference in San Diego, Calif., in January 2009; “Rhetoric and Reality in Islamic Finance” at Fordham University School of Law in February 2009; and “The

Death of Islamic Law” at Duke University Law School in March 2009. He took on the role of coach of the 2009 University of Pittsburgh School of Law team in the Jessup International Moot Court Competition and coached the Iraqi Jessup team at its participation in the 2009 International Rounds, held in Washington, D.C., and hosted its members during a visit to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Hamoudi also is serving as a consultant to the Iraqi Constitutional Review Committee.

**Professor Bernard Hibbitts** delivered a plenary address titled “The Technology of Law” in May 2009 at the Canadian Association of Law Libraries annual meeting, held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He also spoke to the annual meeting of the Association of Reporters of Judicial Decisions in Halifax in August 2009. His talk, titled “Reporting Law in Real Time,” explored the editorial process at JURIST, the Webby Award-winning legal news and research service he heads at Pitt Law. In attendance were the official court reporters for the U.S. Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of Canada, and a range of other U.S. and international courts.

**Professor Anthony C. Infanti** published, “Havens in a Storm: The Struggle for Global Tax Regulation,” a review of a book by the same name, in *Law and Society Review*. He spoke on “Dismembering Families” at a workshop on Challenging Gender Inequality in Tax Policy Making for the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Oñati, Spain, in May 2009.

**Professor Michael Madison** spent two weeks in June 2009 teaching Theoretical Foundations of Intellectual Property at the Munich Intellectual Property Summer Program in Munich, Germany.

**Professor Alan Meisel** spoke on “Trends in End-of-Life Decisions in the United States” at Biomedicine and the Law: a Dialogue between Disciplines, Cultures, and Languages, a conference sponsored by Collegio Ghislieri in Pavia, Italy, in July 2009.

**Professor Janice Mueller** worked with the Tokyo Medical and Dental University Intellectual Property Division and the University of Washington School of Law

on a Japanese-English book publication of her article, “The Tiger Awakens: The Tumultuous Transformation of India’s Patent System and the Rise of Indian Pharmaceutical Information,” first published in the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*. The book was distributed to judges and attorneys at the IP Enforcement in India Conference at the Research Center for the Legal System of Intellectual Property at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan, in October 2008. She presented “The Gathering Storm over Compulsory Patent Licensing in India: Public Health Safeguard or an End to Innovation?” at Seattle University School of Law in October 2008. She hosted the fourth annual Distinguished Intellectual Property Lecture, “The Global Future of Industrial Design Protection,” given by Professor Annette Kur of the New York University School of Law and the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law, at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in February 2009.

**Professor George Taylor** presented a keynote paper, “From Ricoeur to Action: An Interdisciplinary Conference,” in June 2009 at a conference at the University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom. He also met with the Fonds Ricoeur to work on editing and publishing a book of Ricoeur lectures simultaneously in English and French.

**Linda Tashbook** consulted for two weeks at the law library of the University of Novi Sad Faculty of Law in Serbia. Under the auspices of the Fulbright Specialists Program, she helped the library to develop an Internet-based research portal, trained the librarians in pedagogy, and taught the law librarians and other librarians and faculty throughout the university about resources and advanced skills in electronic and international research.

**Professor Rhonda Wasserman** joined the Members’ Consultative Group of the American Law Institute for the Restatement (Third) of the U.S. Law of International Commercial Arbitration in 2009. She also prepared an expert report for submission to a Serbian court regarding the enforceability of a Serbian judgment in a New York court.

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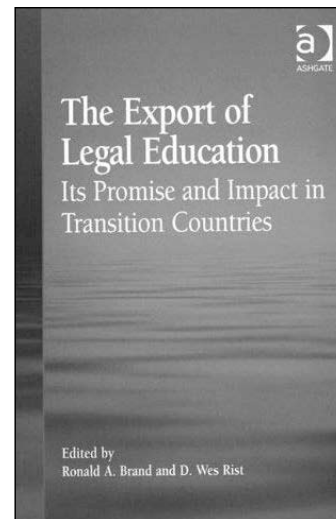
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