



Midyear Update — March 2017

Executive Director's Note:

Welcome to our second annual Midyear Update! As with last year's inaugural issue, this is a quick peak at a few of the many activities and developments at CILE over the academic year thus far. You will find many more events and updates on our Facebook page, and as is our custom there will be full reports on the year in this fall's CILE Notes.

An always popular section of the CILE Notes is our alumni news column — but it is only as good as the news that our alumni send us. Please email us your news and updates to share with your fellow JD and LLM alumni.

Richard Thorpe

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the 2017 Notes, and update
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CILE Hosts International Arbitration Roundtable



Elina Aleynikova (LLM '10, JD '14) speaks at the International Arbitration Roundtable

On September 23, 2016, Pitt Law's Center for International Legal Education hosted an International Arbitration Roundtable focusing on recent developments in international arbitration law and practice, ethics in international arbitration, and planning for arbitration in the drafting of arbitration clauses. A full audience of practitioners, Pitt Law faculty and students gathered at the Barco Law Building for presentations by six experts on international commercial arbitration from the US and Europe.

The program opened with Professor Vivian Curran of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law speaking on common law and civil law issues in international arbitration. Professor Chiara Giovannucci Orlandi, of the

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Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna, Italy, then discussed the limits of party autonomy in arbitration. Elina Aleynikova, an arbitration attorney with the Paris office of the global law firm White & Case, spoke about the degree to which public policy concerns affect the rendering of enforceable awards.

Next, Professor Catherine A. Rogers of the Penn State School of Law and Queen Mary, University of London, spoke on the ethical issues that can arise in international arbitration. Dr. Cristina Mariottini, Legal Officer at the Hague Conference on Private International Law, discussed global efforts towards reaching a convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments in civil and commercial matters.

121 Finally, Professor Ronald A. Brand, Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg University Professor and John E. Murray Faculty Scholar at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and Academic Director of CILE, concluded the proceedings with a presentation on drafting effective arbitration and choice of court agreements.

Video of all of the presentations at the International Arbitration Roundtable are available through the Pitt Law and CILE YouTube channels at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7l5nlluNt6U>.



Bottom picture (l. to r.): Dr. Cristina Mariottini, Elina Aleynikova, Prof. Chiara Giovannucci Orlandi, Prof. Catherine Rogers, Prof. Vivian Curran, and Prof. Ronald Brand

Upcoming Events

24thMcLean Lecture on World Law

5:30 p.m., March 20, 2017

Teplitz Memorial Courtroom

Barco Law Building

Luke Dembosky, Debevoise & Plimpton, "Cyber Law, Policy and Security Issues in the New Age of Nationalism"

General Principles of International Law: Investment Law Applied in Arbitration

Charles Kotuby and Luke Sobota

12:30 p.m., April 17, 2017

Barco Law Building Room 109

Pitt Law 2017 Commencement

Friday, May 12, 2017

Building Partnerships Across the Globe



A roundtable discussion on Iraqi higher education featured contributions from (l. to r.) Prof. Haider Hamoudi, Dr. Salah Hadi Saleh, Prof. Tamara Capeta (U. of Zagreb), Mais Abousy (U.S. Commerce Dept.) and Prof. Ronald Brand

CILE has been actively strengthening our existing institutional partnerships with law faculties and governments throughout the world over the past several months. Significant discussions and developments include the following:

Iraq: In September 2016, we hosted Dr. Salah Hadi Saleh, the Director General of the Scholarship Department of the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education, for several days of discussions on ways to expand the relationship between CILE and Iraq. Dr. Saleh met with our Iraqi LLM and SJD students, and participated in a roundtable discussion on Iraqi higher education (pictured above).

Germany: In the fall of 2016, a new exchange agreement was signed with the University of Augsburg that will permit Pitt Law JD students to study in a summer program in Germany, and in exchange will allow Augsburg law students to study in our LLM program.

France: In the fall of 2016, a new exchange agreement was signed with the University of Paris I (Sorbonne) that will permit Pitt Law JD students to study in an LLM program at the Sorbonne for a year, and in exchange will allow Paris I law students to study in our LLM program.

China: The first collaboration between Pitt Law and Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an, China, under our new Memorandum of Understanding saw Professors Teresa Brostoff and Ann Sinsheimer and JD student Taylor Staiger travel to Xi'an in October 2016 to teach English for Lawyers and participate in training the NPU Vis Moot team — their reports on their stay can be found on pages 4-5 of this Midyear Update.

CILE in China: English for Lawyers and Vis Moot Training in Xi'an, October 2016

For two weeks in October 2016, Professors Sinsheimer and Brostoff participated in the Global Partners Conference and taught the U.S. Law and Language course to law students at Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an, China. The 89 students learned about the U.S. legal system and common law reasoning. The class completed several interactive projects using case synthesis and presented oral arguments using U.S. statutory interpretation methods. The students also shared their knowledge of the Chinese legal system and legal culture with the professors. During the course, Bob Dylan won the Nobel Prize in Literature, and the students asked about and seemed excited by this award. The professors and students completed the cross-cultural exchange by joining in singing a rousing version of *Blowin' in the Wind*



(l. to r.) Prof. Ann Sinsheimer, Taylor Staiger, and Prof. Teresa Brostoff

(along with a recording online). In addition, the professors and third-year Pitt Law student, Taylor Staiger, trained NPU's Vis Moot Court Team in preparation for the Beijing and Hong Kong Vis Moot Court Competitions. Taylor's account of their trip is provided below.

Taylor Staiger (J.D. Class of 2017)

Today, more than ever, the place of international law in the world cannot be overemphasized. The world is more interconnected than it ever has been, and the force of law is the only thing keeping the world spinning at times. I am speaking from personal experience that law connects and unites people from places as far as China, Kenya, and Serbia. It is completely thanks to Professor Brand and CILE that I have experienced literally a world of legal systems throughout my law school career at Pitt Law.

Most recently, I was afforded the incredible opportunity to coach a Vis Moot court team at the Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU) in Xi'an, China this past October. Located in the central portion of the nation, Xi'an is one of the largest and oldest cities in China. Historically, it was the starting point of the Silk Road; today, it is an important metropolis of industry, technology, and the country's space exploration program. Underneath the gleam of expansive construction that appears to be springing up everywhere, Xi'an has an immense pride in its heritage and culture that stretches back

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thousands of years to Neolithic village remains and the founding of the Zhou Dynasty.

I accompanied two Pitt Law professors, Professors Sinsheimer and Brostoff, who were teaching an introductory course of American law to over 90 NPU undergraduate and graduate students. During the day I would act as a teaching assistant to the professors, and at night I would meet with my Vis Moot team. I spent the majority of my time coaching a dedicated group of 10 undergraduate girls. My plan was initially to teach the basics of international commercial arbitration, the CISG, the UNCITRAL Model Law, UNIDROIT Principles, and how to be a serious competitor at the eminent Vis Moot Court competition in the spring. While that is an imposing amount of knowledge for students to learn in just two weeks, they also had another educational hurdle to overcome. As I quickly surmised, Chinese students do not learn nor are tested based on essays, papers, or writing skills, rather, they are almost completely graded wholly upon exam results. Adjusting my initial teaching plan and meeting for longer hours, I worked with the team to teach them basic legal writing skills: the difference between primary and secondary authority, what is IRAC, how to organize a memorandum, and how to properly cite to authority. Not only did the team have to learn what has taken me my



The Pitt Law team with their students at NPU in Xi'an, China

entire law school career to learn, but they were doing it in a second language. Some days I left each evening discouraged that nothing I said sunk in to the team, because of the language barrier or the difficulty of the material, but each morning they came back with a draft memos and legal research showing their understanding of the material.

The last day we held a mock moot court argument, with a panel of "arbitrators" and interrupting questions and all. I was impressed and proud of the incredible amount of hard work the team had put in over those two weeks and the distance they had come. As much as I was sent to teach a Vis Moot court team in China, my team and time in China taught me so much more about law, culture, and myself.

Events

Visiting Professor Tamara Capeta Discusses the Implications of the Brexit Vote

On Tuesday, September 20, 2016, Professor Tamara Capeta spoke before an audience at the School of Law on the topic of "Brexit and the EU Constitutional Order." She discussed the implications of the referendum in Great Britain in favor of an exit from the European Union, including the difficulties associated with Britain's continued membership in EU governing bodies pending the initiation and conclusion of negotiations on its exit from and future relations with the EU.

Professor Capeta earned her Ph.D. degree from the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law in 2001, after completing her LL.M. studies at the College of Europe, Bruges, where she obtained the Advance Master of European Law degree in 1993. In 2006 she was a Fulbright scholar at the University of Michigan Law School. She is the author of several books and articles, including the first textbook on EU law in the Croatian language. She teaches at both the graduate and postgraduate levels, and participates in the education of judges and civil servants in the field of EU law. Her current research interests relate to the EU judiciary, especially questions of judicial interpretation of law and the legitimacy of courts.



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Wes Rist Discusses International Legal Careers

On October 11, 2016, Wes Rist (J.D. '05), the Director of Education and Research of the American Society of International Law, visited Pitt Law to speak before an audience of J.D. students on how to prepare for a career in international law. Topics covered include targeted job searching, resume drafting, managing one's professional contacts, identifying appropriate international

experiences, pursuing valuable volunteer and professional membership opportunities, and other practical issues that students

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CILE Co-Sponsors Roundtable on Italy, Pennsylvania, and the T-TIP

On October 25, 2016, six distinguished panelists gathered in the Law School's Teplitz Memorial Courtroom for a roundtable discussion of "Italy and Pennsylvania: An Economic Dialogue on Energy, Research and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership." After brief introductory remarks by CILE Academic Director Professor Ronald A. Brand, the Honorable Andrea Canepari, Consul General of Italy in Philadelphia, spoke to the audience about Italy, the Ciao Philadelphia festival, and the prospects for collaboration between Italy and Pittsburgh, and presented two brief films highlighting the Italian economy and the work of the Italian consulate.



The main roundtable discussion was moderated by Governor Tom Corbett, who served as Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 2011 to 2015. Joining him, Mr. Canepari and Professor Brand as panelists were Professor Nicholas P. Cafardi (Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law and Duquesne University School of Law), Mr. Antonio Lordi (Senior Contract Officer at Siemens Industry USA), and Mr. Phil Rinaldi (CEO of Philadelphia Energy Solutions). The participants provided their individual perspectives on the prospects for trade between Italy and Pennsylvania, the effect of the regulatory

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(l. to r.) Professor Nicholas Cafardi, Mr. Phil Rinaldi, the Honorable Andrea Canepari, Governor Tom Corbett, Mr. Antonio Lordi, and Professor Ronald Brand

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environment in the Commonwealth on trade and investment, and the potential effects of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

The roundtable and the reception which followed were made possible by the generous financial support of three sponsoring law firms, Eckert Seamans, Fox Rothschild, and K&L Gates. Other co-sponsors of the event were the Duquesne University School of Law, Cioa Philadelphia, and the Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia. Video of the conference is archived online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sn6nCxQ4Rkl>.

Professor Matiangai Sirleaf Selected by State Department for Diplomacy Lab

Professor Matiangai Sirleaf was selected by the US State Department to host a Diplomacy Lab project during the spring 2017 semester, implemented through her Post-Conflict and Transitional Justice Seminar. Under Professor Sirleaf's guidance, students in her seminar are

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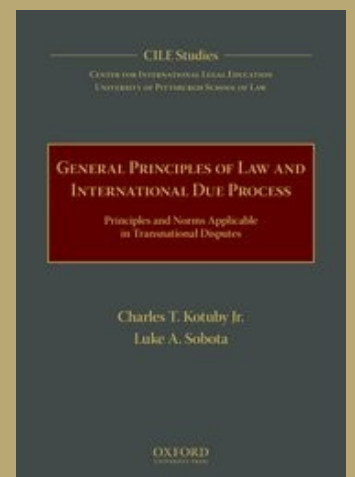


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General Principles of Law and International Due Process: Principles and Norms Applicable in Transnational Disputes

Charles T. Kotuby, Jr., and Luke A. Sobota



The LLM Class of 2017

In August 2016, we welcomed our 22nd LLM class to Pitt Law with two weeks of orientation activities. During this introductory session, our LLM students attended a series of lectures and training sessions designed to introduce them to the case method, Socratic questioning and the other characteristics of the US law school experience. In addition to general law school and University orientation activities, we took our traditional LLM orientation trip to Fallingwater, which as always provided a valuable opportunity to students and CILE staff to get to know one another in a less formal setting.



The hub of the Fall semester academic experience for our LLM students is our Introduction to American Law course, taught by Professor Brand with the assistance of guest presentations from a wide range of Pitt Law faculty . In addition to providing a general overview of the US legal system, our guest speakers provide introductions to core subject areas such as contracts, torts and procedure, giving a foundation for the elective courses that our LL.Ms take alongside our JD students.

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Our LLM students engage with the larger population of JD students outside the classroom as well as within. In addition to participating in the general life of the law school, there are a variety of activities and scheduled events that connect LLM and JD students. LL.M. students enjoy the opportunity to experience an authentic thanksgiving dinner at the homes of Pitt Law faculty and staff, and a variety of receptions and other events.



We have many more activities both academic and social planned for our LL.M. students during this spring semester, including our annual class trip to Washington, D.C., where we will attend a session of the Supreme Court, tour the Capitol, and attend a legally-themed opera ("Dead Man Walking"). Be sure to visit our Facebook page (facebook.com/cilepitt) for photos and other updates as the Class of 2017 prepares to graduate!



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