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CILE is a source of important scholarship, information, and programs for global law practice, including:

• major symposia, including those on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG), and work with the Law School’s Journal of Law and Commerce, which has been cited as the dominant written publication on CISG scholarship;

• the CILE Studies series of authoritative volumes on important international legal concerns, published by Oxford University Press;

• on-site training programs for corporate legal counsel, helping lawyers within a global organization better communicate and work with their counterparts in other countries; and

• partnerships with law faculties around the world that have had a major impact in transition countries where CILE has sponsored important conferences, provided summer courses, established new centers for study and program development, and advised on curriculum development and teaching methodology.

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The Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program for Foreign Law Graduates offers a personalized course of study with a small but diverse class of approximately 15 students each year. Three required courses (Introduction to American Law; Legal Analysis and Writing; and a Colloquium course) provide the foundation that allows each student to diversify or specialize as he or she desires.

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Students will find an active style of classroom education that requires rigorous preparation but rewards student effort with a new-found confidence and understanding. In addition to special trips during the school year, the students have the option of a summer internship following graduation with a major law firm, corporation, or legal institution.

This is a small program designed to have a big impact on the lives of its students. Personal attention assures that each student reaches his or her potential in a challenging but supportive setting.

The Center for International Legal Education provides a global approach to legal education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

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Within the School of Law, CILE:

• administers the Certificate in International and Comparative Law for JD students, preparing them for a truly global law practice;
• coordinates our unique Languages for Lawyers Program, offering fall and spring courses in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish for Lawyers;
• provides CILE summer scholarships for study and internships abroad;
• assists students in preparation for international moot competitions;
• brings visiting foreign professors from around the world to provide courses in subjects that would not otherwise be available in the curriculum;
• facilitates summer internships for students around the globe; and
• coordinates student involvement in the many area studies programs of Pitt's unique University Center for International Studies (UCIS).

The Center for International Legal Education provides a comprehensive introduction to legal English and American legal education during three weeks each July. English for Lawyers (EFL) provides immediate immersion in reading, thinking, writing, and speaking about the law in English, as well as insight into the American legal system and American legal education. Students gain experience in the many subtleties of using English to communicate in various legal settings, including mock client interviews, negotiations, and oral arguments. Each student receives written and oral comments on his or her progress each day, as well as individualized assessment of needs and progress.

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