

# cile notes

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## From the Director

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In the “QS World University Rankings by Subject 2013,” a ranking of the world’s top 200 universities by Quacquarelli Symonds Limited, a global company that provides educational and career information and networking opportunities, The University of Pittsburgh School of Law ranked among the top 12 U.S. public universities and among the top 29 U.S. universities, both public and private. This confirms what those of us at CILE have believed for some time: that Pitt Law is much better known around the world than is commonly recognized. The pages that follow chronicle some of the people and events that account for this international reputation. The stories focus, in particular, on our partnerships. Like all CILE programs, our partnerships abroad have been built on efforts to provide the best opportunities possible for our students. We hope you will enjoy the students’ accounts of those opportunities and join us in future endeavors.

Two internal CILE matters are worthy of special note. One of the most important events of the past year was the

long-deserved recognition of Gina Huggins when she received the Chancellor’s Award for Staff Excellence in Service to the University. We all thank Huggins for all she has done over the years to make our programs for students both better and more rewarding. Also, on the personnel front, Assistant Director Cynthia Yializis

will be leaving CILE in late September 2013 in order to pursue opportunities closer to her family. We have benefited immensely from Yializis’ organizational skills, her attention to student service, and her understanding of immigration law. We will miss her but wish her all the best in her life’s journey. ✦

## Gina Huggins Receives Chancellor’s Service Award

Gina Huggins, program administrator for the Center for International Legal Education (CILE), received the 2013 Chancellor’s Award for Staff for Excellence in Service to the University. Given to only five people per year, it is the highest award the University of Pittsburgh grants to staff members in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the University. Huggins has been with CILE for 13 years, and has gone above and beyond for her students. CILE Director Ronald Brand says, “Her efforts to assist students go far beyond the office and a normal day’s work. She often helps students find apartments, negotiate bus routes, and become comfortable with the city of Pittsburgh.” He also believes that because of her hard work and dedication, the CILE office is one of the most efficient operations in the University. “Gina is the most influential person in my academic career.

She is the reason I was able to go study in Pittsburgh,” according to Santy Kouwagam (LLM ’08). Katerina Ossenova (JD ’08) states, “Gina’s contribution to the lives of the students she works with goes well beyond what is expected of her –she is in turn a resource, a counselor, a friend, or a mother.” ✦



*Gina Huggins, with her husband Chip, at the Honors Convocation*

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## Partnerships Spread CILE’s Global Impact

Over its eighteen year history, CILE has partnered with many law schools and institutions throughout the world. These partnerships have not always been with the most prestigious partner in a country or region, but have often led to accomplishments that are far beyond what prestige can accomplish. More than that, they have complemented the three parts

of the CILE program focus: programs for JD students, programs for foreign lawyers, and outreach. The first section of *CILE Notes* reports on the contributions of five of those partnerships during the past year, and includes first-person accounts (in the shaded text) of how Pitt Law students have benefitted directly from them. ✦





## The Pitt-Moi Partnership: Using Technology to Provide Course Materials

CILE's partnership with Moi University School of Law in Eldoret, Kenya, (See "Having an Impact: The Pitt-Moi Partnership," 17 *CILE Notes*, Fall 2012, p. 4), continued to evolve over the 2012-13 academic year. CILE Director Ronald Brand visited Moi in January 2013 to meet with the four Pitt Law graduates now teaching there and to discuss further opportunities for cooperation. During his visit, Professor Brand realized that Moi students did not have the resources to purchase books for each class, and that the law school's library was insufficient to serve specific class needs. To address this need, CILE has partnered with Surtab, a social investment company in Haiti founded by Ulla Bak (LLM '09) and her husband Peter, to arrange to provide 600 seven-inch tablet computer devices to Moi, one for each member of the 2013 entering class.

Maurice Oduor (LLM '04) and Linda Khaemba (LLM '05) have prepared materials for their courses in contracts and torts, respectively, to be taught in the first-year curriculum this fall. They were assisted by Pitt Law JD students Shelley

Ostrowski (Class of 2015) and Marlene Van Es (Class of 2015) who split summer internships in Kenya among Moi's School of Law, the Legal Aid Clinic of Eldoret (LACE), and the Victoria Institute for Research on Environment and Development (VIRED) in Kisumu, Kenya (see Shelley and Marlene's first-person accounts on pp. 2 and 3).

Assisting Oduor and Khaemba during the 2013 Fall term will be Brian Fraile (JD '13), who also will be teaching Legal Research, Methods, & Writing to Moi's first-year class. Brian follows in the

footsteps of Patrick Yingling (JD '11), who taught the same course at Moi in Fall 2011.

Moi also has made an impact in Pittsburgh, sending its eighth and ninth students to Pitt Law's LLM program. Robert Miano Maina (LLM '13) received a Heinz Fellowship through the University Center of International Studies (UCIS) Global Studies Center. As a Heinz Fellow, he had a unique opportunity to reach out to local middle and high school students by giving presentations on Kenya and Africa. He also served as a

judge at the Pitt Model UN Competition in November 2012, and at the High School Moot International Criminal Court competition hosted at Pitt Law in April 2013 (See page 16). Maina is followed this year by Nicholas Wambua Ngumbi, a 2010 Moi graduate, who will study for his LLM degree as a Heinz Fellow. ♣



Robert Miano Maina (LLM '13), center, with students from Ford City Middle School

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## Exchanging Ideas and Technology

By Marlene Van Es, William F. Schulz Fellow (Class of 2015)

In May, I boarded a plane for my fifth trip to Kenya. Four summers working at a primary school in the western part of the country caused me to fall in love with Kenya. When Professor Brand gave me the opportunity to go another time, on a Schulz Fellowship, I said yes before he even told me what I would be doing. My previous trips were to install rainwater collection systems and solar technology, and to build a garden. To go as a law student this time would be a completely different experience. Shelley Ostrowski (Class of 2015) and I traveled to Pitt's partner law school school in Kenya at Moi University, to help create course content for the soon to be delivered 600 Surtab computer tablets that CILE

and the Nordenberg Professorship had arranged to provide to help rectify the problem of too many students and too few books.

Upon arriving in Eldoret, we were taken to a nice guesthouse — our home for the next few weeks. The school's boardroom was designated as our office for working with Maurice Oduor and Linda Khaemba to build casebook-like collections of materials for torts and contracts classes. The dream is to have similar materials for all classes at Moi, so students can download the course information at school and then read cases, take notes, and review material on their tablets from anywhere. While our work met some of the typical chal-



allenges in Kenya, such as slow internet speed, Kenya time (which is essentially *hakuna matata*: no worries, there's no rush to do things on time), and miscommunications, the faculty and students were excited about the opportunities the tablets will bring to Moi.

The greatest challenge at Moi is a lack of funding, which keeps new construction and investments in technology at a slow pace. The Moi School of Law,

with its four Pitt LLM graduates, hopes that its partnership with Pitt will help create a bigger and better law school. In addition to our work with the tablets, one of the greatest takeaways from my time in Kenya was our work two days a week at the Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret (LACE), which provides free legal aid to persons infected or affected by HIV/AIDs. We learned a lot about the Kenyan legal system and its similarities to and

differences from the American system (there are no jury trials in Kenya).

My summer in Kenya extended my knowledge of the country beyond one primary school and into the legal system. Working on course materials for the tablets, meeting clients through LACE, and hearing “*mzungu* (white lady), how are you?” shouted at us by any child that saw us, all provided for a great summer and I hope to keep going back! ✦

## A Day In Court – In Kenya

By Shelley Ostrowski, Nordenberg Fellow (Class of 2015)

The power in the courthouse was out and even though the main structure had a courtyard in the middle that let in natural light, all of the courtrooms were dark. Despite the lack of electricity, and the icy breeze blowing through the building, the courthouse was packed with people. It was also filled with various exhibits that were being used in criminal cases. At every turn there were piles of electronic equipment, purses, furniture, cameras, and even the occasional bag of live chickens. Yes, you read that correctly: *bag of live* chickens.

Marlene Van Es and I had been in Kenya for four weeks and we had been splitting our time between working at Moi University's School of Law and the Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret (LACE). On this day, we accompanied one of the LACE advocates, Jacqueline, to the municipal court in Eldoret. Most of the clients referred to LACE are either affected by or infected with HIV/AIDs, or are the victims of sexual- and gender-based crimes. This client was referred to LACE by the HIV clinic and was petitioning the court for full custody of her three children.

We made our way to the judge's chambers, weaving in and out of packed hallways and stairwells. The hearing schedule begins at 9 a.m., but I'm told that judges work on partial-Kenyan time, which means that you can expect the judge to begin hearing cases 30-40 minutes after the scheduled time. If the judges worked on full “Kenyan-time” then the cases would never be heard!

Our judge actually began hearing cases around 9:45 a.m. There were about 20 people crammed into her small

office waiting for their cases to be called. When a case was called, the crowd would churn and spit out the respective plaintiff and defendant. The congestion in the office slowly thinned as cases were heard and decided. Our case was one of the last to be called. With a voice so soft that we had to hold our breaths in order to hear, the judge explained that she was not ready to release the decision for our case and that the decision would be available around 11 a.m., which really meant 11:45 a.m.

While we were waiting for the decision, we visited a courtroom where criminal cases were being heard. The judges and advocates all spoke in hushed tones and in very formal English. Even though we were sitting in the first row, we could barely hear the arguments taking place five feet in front of us. Jacqu-

line interpreted the hushed tones and recapped each proceeding. Most of the cases before the court were in remand. In Kenya, cases can be in remand for months before a judgment or final sentence is given. In most cases, the time spent in prison during remand is not counted toward the final sentence. So, a defendant in remand for a year and then sentenced to five years for a crime ultimately spends six years in prison.

Around 11:30 a.m., we wandered back to our judge's chambers for final judgment on our case. The judge ruled in our client's favor and granted her full custody of the children as well as Kenya's version of child support. Needless to say, our day in court was quite a success—as was my Nordenberg Fellowship summer in Kenya! ✦



Marlene Van Es (Class of 2015) and Shelley Ostrowski (Class of 2015) at Moi University School of Law



# The Pitt-Prishtina Partnership: Kosovo after the ICJ Opinion



*Kosovo Conference participants outside the Cathedral of Learning*

On July 22, 2010, the International Court of Justice issued an Advisory Opinion stating that “the adoption of [Kosovo’s] Declaration of Independence of February 17, 2008 did not violate general international law, Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), or the Constitutional Framework. Consequently, the adoption of that declaration did not violate any applicable rule of international law.” (see “Representing Kosovo Before the International Court of Justice” 15 *CILE Notes*, Fall 2010). Notably, however, the Court was careful to delineate what it was not asked, and thus what it did not answer: “The question posed by the General Assembly . . . does not ask about the legal consequences of that declaration. In particular, it does not ask whether or not Kosovo has achieved statehood. Nor does it ask about the validity or legal effects of the recognition of Kosovo by those States which have recognized it as an independent State.”

The trajectory of Kosovo after that opinion, including the debated question of statehood, was the subject of discussion and debate at a conference on “Kosovo After the Advisory Opinion,” held in Pitt’s Cathedral of Learning on October 22–24, 2012. Along with CILE, sponsors for the conference included the Kosovo Ministry of Justice, the Kosovo Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Kosovo Forum for Civic Ini-

tiatives, the American Society of International Law, and Pitt’s Center for Russian and East European Studies. Participants included representatives from Kosovo’s Constitutional Court, Assembly, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Privatization Agency; the University of Prishtina Faculty of Law; the Rockefeller Brothers Fund; the U.S. Federal District Court for the District of Minnesota; Chicago Kent College of Law; the University of Minnesota; the U.S. Department of

Commerce Commercial Law Development Program; the American Society of International Law; Pitt’s School of Information Sciences; Pitt’s Center for Russian and East European Studies, and Pitt Law. The conference revealed both the challenges facing Kosovo, and the advantages the young nation has as it continues on its path to statehood. Papers from the conference will be published in fall 2013 in Volume 74 of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*.

The Honorable Enver Hasani, president of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, presented the keynote address and McLean Lecture on World Law, “The Role and Position of the Constitutional Courts in Society: The Case of Kosovo.” In addition to the text of Hasani’s lecture, the *Law Review* will include the papers noted in the box below

Cooperation with the University of Prishtina continued in June of 2013, when CILE Director Ronald Brand visited nine Pitt Law LLM alumni in Prishtina, Kosovo, and held meetings with the rector and vice-rector for research of the University of Prishtina and the dean and vice dean of the school of law. He also met with Judge Hasani, as well as with Professor Iliriana Islami, who was the lead partner from the University of Prishtina in organizing and implementing the joint conference. ♣

### **Part I Getting to Independence: The Advisory Opinion and Beyond**

- Recognition, the Advisory Opinion and the Future of Kosovo: Fred L. Morrison
- Regional Stability, Unworkable States, and the Obvious but Unattainable Solution: Robert M. Hayden
- Declaring Independence Was the Easy Part: Henry H. Perritt, Jr.

### **Part II Achieving Effective Statehood**

- Building Statehood Through Constitutionalism: Iliriana Islami
- Foreign Policy After the Advisory Opinion : Zana Zeqiri Rudi
- Foreign Policy: The Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy in State-Building: Vjosa R. Osmani

### **Part III The Economy, Legal Institutions, and Education**

- Trade and Investment in Kosovo: Opportunities and Challenges: Katerina Ossenova
- Privatization and Sustainable Long Term Economic Development: Arben Limani, Naim Avdiu, and Mrika Tahiri
- Reform in the Judicial Branch in Kosovo: Judge John Tunheim
- Criminal Code Changes in the Consolidation of Kosovo’s Statehood: Barjam Ukaj
- Cooperation in Legal Education and Legal Reform: Ronald A. Brand
- Cooperation and Reform through Legal Education: How Academic and Nongovernmental Organizations can Effect Sustainable Change: D. Wes Rist
- Developing a Telecommunications Program for the Republic of Kosovo: Martin Weiss, David Tipper, and Robert M. Hayden



## Finding Kosovo

By Drew Roberts, Nordenberg Fellow (Class of 2015)

Some people enter law school immediately after college, knowing exactly what area of practice they would like to pursue. After obtaining my degree in government and politics, I headed to the Dominican Republic to teach English and get a taste of the political process outside of my home country. When I returned, I was ready to jump back into academic life with an increased focus on and deepened understanding of the effect of the rule of law (or lack thereof) in developing or transitional countries.

It was with this attitude that I went to every meeting I could and soon found myself in CILE Assistant Director Cynthia Yializis' office, with a desire to go abroad, perhaps to South America, where my Spanish would be useful. After a successful meeting and some further research, it became clear that where the strongest Pitt Law connections were and where I could do the most hands-on work and make the biggest impact would be in Kosovo.

So Kosovo it was, where I would work for member of the Kosovo assembly, professor of law, former advisor to the president, general superhuman, and Pitt Law LLM graduate, Vjosa Osmani. I honestly don't know when she has time to sleep and really have never seen any evidence that she does. Vjosa is a perfect example of what the country of Kosovo is and has become: young, highly educated, ambitious, progressive, and hungry to make a difference as a member of the European Union. I was honored to be working for someone who had accomplished so much at such a young age.

Kosovo was not at all what I had expected. The capital city, Prishtina, my home for the summer of 2013, was an enigma. Quaint yet bustling, conservative but ostentatious, it was certainly European while undeniably eastern. Kosovo defied my expectations. Where I expected to see burnt out buildings, bullet holes, and bomb shelters, I instead saw cafés, nightclubs, pedestrian boulevards, water fountains, and children playing everywhere. The country,

however, has not forgotten its past or its identity.

With some knowledge of Kosovo's proud and precarious history, I went to work in the Assembly of Kosovo, the country's parliament, researching a number of issues that would form the basis for drafts of new laws. After one year of U.S. law school, I was not exactly prepared to deal with the intricacies of civil law and national and international codes. While a class on civil law would have been helpful, I couldn't have learned in a better fashion. I was asked to look into a specific draft law, find out European and American standards, and work on possible proposed amendments. Knowing that this was the real deal, that all laws have an effect in this small, infant nation, I worked tirelessly to come up with the best that I could. After several meetings with Vjosa, other parliamentarians, and a foreign ambassador, the amendments were finalized and sent to committee. As I write this, I am still waiting, hairs on end, to find out if the law will remain fundamentally intact.

After drafting the law, I wrote several more reports that would lead to similar work, similar proposed laws, similar amendment processes, and similar stressful waiting periods. However, that will all be reserved for the next fortunate soul who has the opportunity to go to Kosovo. This start-up nation offers opportunity like no place else on the planet. For me it was a hands-on classroom. For its leaders, it is a democratic laboratory where the balancing of historical ethnic tensions with the desire to maintain various national prides and to usher in a new era of peace and prosperity is not just a goal, but the only way forward.

Through the generosity of the University of Pittsburgh's Nordenberg Fellowship, and through the help of Gina Huggins, Cynthia Yializis, and Professor Brand, I was able to experience Kosovo first hand. Not many rising 2Ls can say they played a part in the legal development of a newborn nation. But that is what CILE allowed me to do. ♣



*Drew Roberts (Class of 2015), Vjosa Osmani (LLM '05), and Robert Gyenes (Class of 2015) at the Kosovo Parliament*



## Pitt Law's Impact in Kosovo

By Robert Gyenes, Alcoa Fellow (Class of 2015)

Over the past few years, Pitt Law has educated a number of LLM students from the Republic of Kosovo who have returned to make an immediate impact on the future of their nation. Strengthening the Pitt Law footprint in Kosovo, American students have travelled to Prishtina for summer internships made possible by CILE and the LLM network. The LLM students hold prestigious positions in law firms, government, and development agencies, and have even become members of Parliament soon after graduation. Youthful energy abounds in Kosovo, but perhaps nowhere more so than among the LLM graduates who, despite being able to work abroad, have chosen to return and drive their country forward.

During the summer of 2013, Drew Roberts (Class of 2015) and I worked with established Pitt Law LLM alumni in Prisha. It was immediately apparent that many of the LLMs work closely with one another across different branches of government and development agencies. Two recent graduates, Diella Rugova (LLM '13) and Zana Berisha (LLM '10), now work together

as attorneys on a program funded by USAID. Their broad scope of work includes assisting Kosovo institutions in improving the enforcement of civil judgments, reducing the backlog of judgments to be enforced, and developing the nation's contract and commercial law. Berisha also has been involved in the formal training of various local judges and attorneys.

Perhaps the best known of the LLMs is Vjosa Osmani (LLM '05), former chief of staff to the president of the Republic of Kosovo and current member of parliament. Her work has directly and significantly influenced the path of the nation in countless ways, and she has become almost a household name in this small country. Her work with the advancement of women's rights in Kosovo provided opportunities for Drew Roberts this summer as a legal intern with the Women's Caucus in Parliament.

My summer position was with the Kosovo Ministry of Justice in both the Department of International Legal Cooperation and the Department of Legal Affairs. This internship was also

made possible through the Pitt LLM network, by Donike Qerimi (LLM '09). My knowledge from the 1L Legislation and Regulation course was extremely useful. I assisted in the drafting and editing of the new law on extradition as well as several bilateral treaties with various European states. The projects were varied and included direct extradition work and a legal proposal to be submitted to Parliament for the creation of a new government agency to train judges and prosecutors. It was fascinating to see the international character of the legislative process in Kosovo as there are constantly experts from Germany, Brussels, and other European nations involved in each step.

It is apparent that in the next few years the people of Kosovo expect big advancements. Having met only some of the Pitt Law LLM graduates in Kosovo, it is equally clear that part of almost any national advancement in Kosovo will be somehow touched by their work. I am grateful for the Alcoa Fellowship that helped fund my opportunity to work with them. ✚

## The CILE-CLDP Partnership: The Middle East Vis Moot Legacy

In Spring 2013, CILE completed seven years of work with U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), using the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot as a platform for developing law school curricula in international commercial law and arbitration at the University of Bahrain, Sultan Qaboos University (Oman), Qatar University, UAE University, the University of Jordan, and the University of Baghdad (Iraq). During each year, CILE Director Ronald Brand has traveled to the Middle East partner schools in the fall to initiate new Vis Moot teams and in the spring to train

those teams in the skills of oral argument. Brand has been assisted each year by Pitt Law JD students who have competed in the Moot in the previous year.

During this past year, Amelia Brett (JD '13), Eryn Correa (JD '13), and Brian Fraile (JD '13), accompanied Brand to Istanbul, Turkey, in October 2012, where they initiated the University of Baghdad's Vis team in the skills of legal analysis and helped them begin their work on the required memorandum for the Vis competition. Brett, Correa, and Fraile then continued the process by e-mail, adding work with the other Middle East teams to their agenda, until

the second memorandum was submitted in late January. They then accompanied Brand to Abu Dhabi, UAE, in February 2013, where they spent three days training all of the Middle East teams, with the addition of teams from Saudi Arabia and Tunisia, and helped host the Third Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot. Fraile reports that "having the opportunity to explain and demonstrate the processes and theories of international law quickly solidifies the understanding that has taken years of curriculum to build. Working so closely with students from an entirely different cultural and legal background also helps to move the



discussion of benefits of uniform international law from theory to practice.”

Mais Abbas Abousy, attorney-advisor at CLDP, commended the work of the CILE team, informing Professor Brand that “from a personal perspective, your work and the work of your student advisors change the lives of these Iraqi students. The students from last year’s Vis are being pursued at the highest levels of government. We have provided them hope and opportunity that would otherwise not be available to them. While the Vis program may be one out of many programs that I directly work with, it is one of the most rewarding programs.”

The Third Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot took place from February 10–13, 2013, marking a milestone in CILE’s collaboration with CLDP, and with the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR), which arranged the logistics of the event. Participating teams included the University of Baghdad (Iraq), the University of Bahrain, the University of Jordan, Dar El Hekma University (Saudi Arabia), Sultan Qaboos University (Oman), UAE University, and the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis (Tunisia). According to Brett, “in less than a week, through intensive instruction, one-on-one work,

and hours of preparation on the part of the students, each and every team moved significantly closer to being able to present their best arguments in Vienna at the final Vis competition.” Correa confirms the reciprocal benefits of the experience, stating that “our trip to Abu Dhabi was the first time I fully understood the gratification of being a teacher and that

it could be a very rewarding experience when approached with an open mind, an appreciation for the subject matter, and an amazing set of students.” Brett, Correa, and Fraile also were able to accompany Professor Brand to Vienna for the global Vis Moot competition in March, where they continued to assist the Middle East teams during the Moot. ✦



*Eryn Correa (JD '13) and Amelia Brett (JD '13), kneeling, and Brian Fraile (JD '13), right, with Middle East teams at the third Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot*

## A Summer with CLDP

By Krysta Smith (Class of 2014)

When I graduated from college with degrees in international business and Spanish, knowing I was going to law school with the goal of eventually working in the field of international commercial law, I could not have imagined the path I would eventually take through the University of Pittsburgh School of Law or the opportunities afforded to me by CILE. My internship at the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) this summer has opened my eyes to new avenues of international commercial law and has increased my knowledge and understanding of commercial development work.

CLDP may be a small part of the

U.S. Department of Commerce, but that does not prevent it from having a big impact. My summer internship allowed me to play a small role in making lasting changes in developing countries. Nothing could have prepared me for everything I would learn. Twenty-one years ago, CLDP was established to assist developing and post-conflict countries through commercial legal reforms. This technical assistance oftentimes comes in the form of programs that are used to provide training to government officials from a country.

An internship with CLDP is never stagnant and never monotonous. The first week and a half of my internship

was spent hosting delegates from the Republic of Georgia in the United States to study commercial diplomacy. After the second week, the delegation may have left, but the experience was just beginning. This internship has given me the opportunity not only to learn about the law and political conditions in countries I had known little about, but also to experience the reality of developing a program to benefit people in those countries. Working on logistics, writing memos, meeting Foreign Service officers, and touring other government facilities, have created a unique educational experience that I can only hope to replicate in the future. ✦



# The CILE-UNCITRAL-GIZ Partnership: Delivering the CISG Digest to the World

Professor Harry Flechtner has distinguished himself as the leading U.S. authority (and one of the leading global authorities) on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). The CISG, negotiated in the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), is a global treaty that provides default contract rules for much of the world's trade in goods. Professor Flechtner was one of the five legal experts originally tasked by UNCITRAL with collecting all of the cases from around the world that have interpreted and applied the CISG into a digest of CISG case law. Most recently, UNCITRAL engaged Professor Flechtner to coordinate the group of nine professors chosen to prepare the 2012 update of the *UNCITRAL Digest of Case Law on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods*.

CILE Director and Professor Ronald Brand, through his Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg Chair, took the opportunity of the publication of the 2012 Digest to assist UNCITRAL, as well as to spread Professor Flechtner's work around the globe. UNCITRAL was able to publish the online version of the Digest at [www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/case\\_law/digests/cisg.html](http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/en/case_law/digests/cisg.html). But UNCITRAL was without the funds to print a hard copy of the Digest. Using the Nordenberg Chair funds, the Digest was published as a special issue of Pitt Law's *Journal of Law and Commerce*, with copies

distributed to the more than 2,500 U.S. federal judges at the District, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court levels. Because the CISG involves treaty interpretation and international parties, these are the courts most likely to have cases involving the Convention.

In the spring of 2013, the cooperative process of delivering the Digest to the world took on another partner when the German government's technical cooperation organization in the Balkans, the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), agreed to print 1,400 additional copies of the *Journal of Law and Commerce* special issue with the Digest for distribution at the University of Belgrade Vis International Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot and at the Vis Moot in Vienna. Enough copies of the issue were delivered by GIZ to UNCITRAL's offices in Vienna to provide one for each of the 290 schools from 67 countries (and many of the arbitrators) that participated in the Vis Moot in March of 2013. Pitt Law's Vis Moot team members, along with Professors Flechtner and Brand, provided the muscle to move more than 800 copies of the Journal/Digest across town in Vienna and to the top floor of the University of Vienna School of Law's "Juridicum," where they were quickly taken to be returned

to law schools and law offices around the globe.

The Digest is a crucial research resource for the CISG. It provides a narrative guide to issues that have arisen under the CISG and explores the treatment of those issues in decisions issued by courts and arbitral panels around the world. The Digest facilitates access to the vast body of global decisions interpreting the CISG, and advances the fundamental policy of promoting uniformity in the application of the treaty. ♣



Professor Flechtner with the CISG Digest in Vienna

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## International Law Society 2013-14

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## The CILE-Belgrade Partnership

At the same time CILE established a partnership with the University of Prishtina in Kosovo, it was also establishing a partnership with the University of Belgrade. The Belgrade relationship has resulted in visits by the Pitt Vis Moot team to the Belgrade Pre-Moot

and Arbitration Conference (just mentioned in the CILE-UNCITRAL-GIZ partnership story above). Like other CILE partnerships, the one in Belgrade has created wonderful opportunities for Pitt Law students, as the following two stories attest. ♣





## The Making of a Digital Activist—in Serbia

By Elizabeth Boehm, Alcoa Fellow (Class of 2014)

I had no idea what I wanted to do after law school. I did not even know what I wanted to do this summer until mid-April. My problem was not a lack of motivation or disinterest, but rather a lack of focus and too many interests. I only knew that I wanted to do something in the field of international law and, like all other law students, the importance of the 2L summer internship experience. While I felt extreme pressure to settle on a job, I just could not seem to find anything that felt like a path to my future career. This all changed when CILE and Professor Brand put me in touch with Pitt Law alumnus Professor Djordje Krivokapic (LLM '07).

Professor Krivokapic was looking for a Pitt Law student to intern with his organization, SHARE Defense in Belgrade, Serbia. SHARE Defense was organized to be an advocacy group for the Internet values of openness, decentralization, and free access. It aims to provide policy support for any social, technological, or regulatory changes that could affect digital rights and to stop the oppression, censorship, and surveillance of future generations. I would be working on the cutting edge of international technology law, be involved in the

creation of digital rights and conducting international research. I would be working on the ground floor of a new organization, and would get to meet the people who came up with such an innovative idea. This was the type of summer internship experience I had been searching and hoping for. So, just over a month later, I boarded a plane for Serbia.

Once the internship started, work picked up quickly. It began with meeting after meeting, proofreading many of SHARE's publications and grant proposals that had been translated from Serbian to English, writing a grant proposal, and writing an issue brief. While I felt guilty for not being able to speak Serbian, everyone that I met spoke English clearly and was very accommodating. Through proofing various documents, I got to learn a good deal about the inspiring history of the organization and the impressive background of those who organized it, including Professor Krivokapic.

My main project, which is still underway, was to create a presentation and write a paper on the European Union's recently proposed "Right to Be Forgotten" as part of the 2013 Data Protection Regulation. Sorting through the controversies surrounding this

proposed right—the primary dispute hinging on the distinction between privacy and freedom of expression—was difficult for me, as someone new to international technology law and policy. However, it was incredibly interesting and I am continuing to work on a paper with Professor Krivokapic that we hope to publish in order to bring attention to this evolving issue.

Just before heading back to the United States, I gave my presentation, along with Professor Krivokapic, in Rijeka, Croatia, at Share Boat—SHARE's workshop on fighting surveillance and round table on the regional perspectives of online media." Share Boat was just one of the festivals that were part of a large three day conference focused on technology law and policy and cyber activism that drew hundreds of innovative, intelligent, and cutting edge thinkers from all over the region and as far away as Australia. Presenters included fellows from the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard and the founder of 4Chan. Listening to the various speakers at the festivals was inspiring and, by the end of my own presentation, I realized that I finally had an interest to focus my career on. ♣

## Hvala Serbia!

By Cristian Minor-Sanchez, Alcoa Fellow (LLM '12) (JD Class of 2014)

Hvala is the Serbian word for "thank you." It was the word I used the most during my summer internship at the Milosevic Law office in Belgrade. It was the only word appropriate to express my feelings for the overwhelming kindness shown to me by my Serbian colleagues and all Serbian people with whom I had the pleasure to meet.

Everything started while I was studying for my LLM degree at Pitt Law. I met a Serbian lawyer, Ivan, with whom I have since developed a life-long friendship. Ivan returned to Serbia after graduation, and I decided to pur-

sue a JD degree at Pitt. In the middle of the fall semester, Ivan mentioned to me the opportunity for a summer internship at the Milosevic Law Office in order to gain experience with transactional work, arbitration proceedings, and corporate matters. I was thrilled to entertain the thought of my first European experience!

After being awarded an Alcoa Fellowship by CILE, and a REES (Center for Russian and East European Studies at the University of Pittsburgh) grant to cover most of my expenses, I booked my flight to Belgrade. I was amazed at

the magnificence and beauty of the city. Like Pittsburgh, it was founded at the confluence of two rivers: the Sava and the Danube. Despite its splendor and magic, the real attraction is its people,

My internship at the Milosevic Law Office included work in private international law and corporate law. I attended court hearings regarding corporate and labor matters for international clients. I met with clients and colleagues to provide my legal opinions regarding many issues. I reviewed a variety of legal documents for international arbitration proceedings—an

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area in which the Milosevic office has ample international expertise, representing governments and transnational corporations. Language was not a barrier; all members of the staff are proficient in English. I also realized that I shared with all my Serbian colleagues more than the same profession, but also the same principles and ideals as attorneys and as individuals.

At the end of my internship, I was invited to present a lecture before the staff attorneys on the Mexican legal system, the American legal system, and any other topic I considered of interest for the firm. I covered both legal systems in which I have been trained, and dealt specifically with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of the United States (FCPA) and the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention. While Serbia is not party to the Convention, the Milosevic firm recommends that its clients comply with its standards in an effort to engender a new culture of transparency and ethics.



*Cristian Minor-Sanchez (LLM '12, JD Class of 2015), third from left standing, and Ivan Milosevic (LLM '12), third from right standing, with members of the Milosevic Law Office*

My internship gave me the opportunity to form new relationships. CILE has a great network. Almost anywhere in the world there are alumni that are happy to meet with you. I met with partners in firms, law professors, and attorneys in international organizations who made time in their busy

agendas to talk over a coffee. Always, it was as if we knew each other from before because we had something in common: Pitt Law. The rewards of my Pitt Law education now include lifelong friends and a deep appreciation for a magical country that will remain with me forever. Hvala Serbia! ☺

## Pitt Law Launches Exchange Program with College of Law & Business in Tel Aviv, Israel

This summer, the University of Pittsburgh School of Law launched an exploratory partnership with the College of Law & Business (CLB) in Tel Aviv, Israel. This collaboration, comprised of student and faculty exchanges in areas of mutual strengths, allows Pitt Law to build upon and expand both its global and clinical opportunities. Pitt Law is one of only a few American law schools, including Harvard Law School and the University of Chicago Law School, to have such a partnership with the CLB.

Leading the faculty exchange effort, Pitt Law Dean William M. Carter, Jr. spent a week at CLB teaching a course on comparative constitutional law to Israeli law students.

"I am delighted to have been invited to teach at CLB this summer and look forward to the development of our partnership," Carter said. "Pitt Law's strengths in international legal education, clinical

legal education, and experiential learning match well with the strengths of CLB in these areas and provide for exciting opportunities for further collaboration."

Associate Professor and Dean of CLB's law school, Moshe Cohen-Eliya, noted that CLB was honored and excited to host Dean Carter this past summer. "Dean Carter is an expert in American civil rights and constitutional law, and his visiting CLB is a great opportunity for our students to learn about the American legal system from a prominent scholar in the field," said Cohen-Eliya. "CLB aspires to give our law students a global perspective through providing courses in international law taught by international experts as well as by encouraging them to travel abroad and gain international experience."

The student exchange program, launched concurrently with the faculty exchange, created unique educational

opportunities for two students. Keith Herting, a third-year Pitt Law student, spent his time at CLB interning with the Legal Clinic for Migrants' Rights.

"The clinic has allowed me a wide array of experiences, including working with local NGOs who work with displaced and detained migrants, engaging in in-the-field investigations of the conditions that refugees in South Tel Aviv endure, and researching new areas of law and practice that can help the clinic achieve its objectives in the future," said Herting of his experience. "One particular highlight of my time with CLB was being able to attend oral arguments before the Israeli Supreme Court. The experience allowed me to witness legal questions being debated at the Israeli high court."

Meital Russo, a third-year student at CLB, spent the last half of this summer with Pitt Law's Immigration Law Clinic. Both Herting and Russo received



scholarships to enroll in this international internship program. Herting's scholarship was supported with a generous donation from Pitt Law alumnus Robert Whitehill, '72, to Pitt's Center for International Legal Education.

"There is growing demand among CLB students to enroll in international programs, and the new collaboration with Pitt law school has added to the 'buzz' on campus surrounding these programs," said Shachar Yanai, executive

assistant to CLB's president for international development.

Deans Carter and Cohen-Eliya expressed their joint interest in expanding their collaboration in the near future. ➤

## Migration Law in Tel Aviv

By **Keith Herting** Alcoa Fellow, Whitehill Fellow (Class of 2014)

Spending the summer of 2013 in an internship at the Migrants' Rights Clinic at the College of Law and Business in Tel Aviv, Israel, allowed me to experience the unique migration issues facing Israel hands-on while also conducting comparative research on international approaches to issues of migration and refugees. I worked with local nongovernmental organizations that assist displaced and detained migrants, investigating the conditions of refugees in South Tel Aviv, and researching new areas of law. I was

fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Professors Kritzman-Amir and Yonatan Berman, who helped me to develop knowledge and skills that fit my own goal of working with migrant-rights issues when I return to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

A highlight of my internship was attending oral arguments before the Israeli Supreme Court. To witness legal questions being debated and national policy being established through the cases Professor Berman brought to the high court was very special.

My internship provided me with an international view of issues with global consequences. I plan to practice immigration and asylum law once I have completed my studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Observing how another country has tackled the same problems the American system has tried to address makes me feel a bit more comfortable about ultimately taking cases for my own clients before a government adjudicator who must balance humanitarian needs and utilitarian realities. ➤



## STUDENTS ATTEND GLOBAL CONFERENCES

### Pitt Law Students Attend Global Conferences

Three Pitt Law students had the rare opportunity this year to attend special global conferences. Ruben Sindahl (LLM '13) was invited to serve as the Denmark delegate for the One Young World Summit that took place in Pittsburgh, October 18-22, 2012. One Young World is a London-based nongovernmental organization

that gathers young people from around the world, along with major world political and intellectual leaders, to discuss pressing world issues. CILE helped to arrange as well for Kate Mafrika Langford (Class of 2014) and Kevin Leary (Class of 2014) to attend the the Education Without Borders (EWB) conference held March

25-28, 2013, in Abu Dhabi, UAE. EWB joined the Festival of Thinkers conference to bring together leaders, academics, and students to discuss improving human society, promoting global peace, and responding to global education challenges. ➤

### One Young World

By **Ruben Sindahl** (LLM '13)

I had the honor of attending One Young World 2013 as a representative of the University of Pittsburgh—an experience I will never forget. As the only Dane among more than 1,000 delegates from all over the world, I had the honor of carrying the Danish flag during the spectacular opening ceremony in Heinz Hall. Delegates from 190

countries discussed how the world can unite in order to resolve some of today's most pressing issues.

One Young World allows leaders of tomorrow to come together today to talk about the issues they find important and to find solutions together. The issues chosen for this year's summit included education, health, sustain-

able development, and human rights. Inspiring speeches were provided by political leaders including Bill Clinton and Kofi Annan, entertainers including Joss Stone and Bob Geldorf, and business icons including Arianna Huffington and Jack Dorsey.

Pittsburgh proved to be the perfect host city for the event. A cruise on

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Pittsburgh's three rivers showed off the city from where it looks best: the water; and 200 Pittsburgh families provided dinner in their homes for the delegates on Saturday night. Other local institutions played host to discussions on many topics, insuring that the delegates had a good chance to experience all that Pittsburgh has to offer.

It was inspiring to see all the speakers and delegates put so much energy into trying to solve today's problems. Of course there are no easy answers, but I think everyone was ready to go back home and instigate change to better their home countries! 🌍



*Ruben Sindahl (LLM '13), left, with fellow Nordic delegates at One Young World*

## Education Without Borders

By **Kate Mafrika Langford** (Class of 2014) and **Kevin Leary** (Class of 2014)

Education and sustainable development are challenges faced throughout the world. This year, Education Without Borders (EWB) in the United Arab Emirates brought together a community of scholars at the doctoral, graduate, and undergraduate level to discuss innovative ideas and solutions for responding to global educational challenges. This biennial conference drew students from many disciplines and all corners of the

globe to present original research in the fields of education and international development to their peers. This year's EWB conference joined with the Festival of Thinkers (FoT), a conference devoted to bringing together leaders, academics, and students to discuss how, through thought and action, people can improve human society and promote global peace and understanding. CILE granted us the opportunity to attend

EWB as delegates at the 2013 conference this past March.

The opportunity to attend EWB and FoT, and to explore the dynamic city of Dubai packed a richness of experiences into a short time. At FoT, we heard Tony Blair and Nobel Laureates, and participated in discussions about the link between increased education and improved health. At EWB, presentations included topics ranging from rehabilitating human trafficking victims from Laos to preventing gender-based violence in Venezuelan communities via photography. The most memorable talk was given by Festus Adewopo, a law student from Nigeria, who discussed education as a human right, rather than a privilege, and stated that the failure to provide this right leads to underdevelopment and stagnation in society. It was a pleasure to observe the advocacy skills of one of our international brothers.

The best part of EWB was meeting accomplished and enthusiastic students from around the world. EWB has created for us a worldwide network of colleagues who are passionate about improving the world. We were honored to have been delegates and thankful for the opportunity that CILE presented to us. 🌍



*Kate Mafrika Langford (Class of 2014) and Kevin Leary (Class of 2014), left, with fellow delegates at the Education Without Borders conference*



## Truth, Justice, and K-pop

By Kate Mafrica Langford, Alcoa Fellow (Class of 2014)

“My body was still alive, but my soul was gone.” “If I had been braver, I would have stolen some rice for my mother and she wouldn’t have starved.” “They killed my parents and twelve siblings. Why am I the one who survived?” I heard these stories during the summer of 2013 when I attended civil party hearings at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), a tribunal trying the leaders of the Khmer Rouge (KR). The KR regime held power between 1975 and 1979 and their extreme policies led to the deaths of nearly two million Khmer people. Cambodia is still healing from this tragedy and seeking to understand it. This summer, with funding from a CILE Alcoa Fellowship, I was able to travel to Phnom Penh to work as a legal associate for eight weeks at the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam).

DC-Cam is a Cambodian non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting memory, truth, and justice in Cambodia. Its executive director, Youk Chhang, survived the KR killing fields and has worked tirelessly since DC-Cam’s founding in 1995 to build DC-Cam into a repository of KR-era documents, as well as an institute that promotes education and draws research scholars from many countries. DC-Cam’s summer associate program brings law, MBA, and undergraduate students

each year to assist in numerous projects.

As a legal associate, I studied a newly proposed law that would make challenging, denying, or diminishing the crimes of the KR regime a criminal offense; I researched similar laws that criminalize denying genocide in other countries; I helped with the research for DC-Cam’s statement to the Cambodian legislature; I published an article in the Cambodia Tribunal Monitor; and I continued research and writing for a longer article. I also got involved with other DC-Cam education programs for Cambodian law students and future army officers. I traveled with DC-Cam staff and another intern, a Dutch graduate with an MA in genocide studies, to a province for DC-Cam’s annual genocide education training at the Army Institute in Kampong Speu. I observed the training, interviewed students, wrote a report, and offered suggestions for the next training.

The KR regime has scarred Cambodia, but it is not a country wallowing in its tragic history. It is a country moving forward, where vendors sell Psy balloons and

people of all ages dance to K-pop and 1960s Cambodian rock in the park. It is a country where my Khmer coworkers made the interns feel welcome, where the lady selling breakfast noodles was excited to see me every morning, and where the taxi drivers on my block remembered my name and were delighted by my poor attempts to speak Khmer. Cambodia’s soul has not gone; it has survived in the Khmer people. My internship at DC-Cam taught me more than just law. It allowed me to learn more about Cambodia and its people and to contribute to DC-Cam’s truth-seeking, through research and through sharing my experiences in this small and vibrant country. ✦



Kate Mafrica Langford (Class of 2014), second from left, with young soldiers in Cambodia

## Reaching out to the Pittsburgh Community

By Moien Odeh (LLM 2013)

My time at Pitt Law as an LLM student was full of engagement with the community outside the law school. It was important to me to educate the community about different topics related to legal issues in and around my home country. I am Palestinian by nationality but reside in Jerusalem, where the rules regarding residency and legal status are very different. I was honored when I received an invitation

from Professor James Friedberg at West Virginia University College of Law to speak to his International Law class. It was a great privilege. The lecture gave me the opportunity to speak to a new group of law students, and other guests from the Morgantown community, including judges and lawyers. I lectured on International Law, with a focus on the Middle East and Arab Spring movements. I also discussed different

human rights cases I worked on before the Supreme Court of Israel, including one where I represented 60,000 Jerusalem Arab residents against the Jerusalem Municipality for bad neighborhood services, in addition to hundreds of clients I represented for house demolitions. My LLM year at Pitt Law was a great experience. I learned a lot and met great people and families who taught me a lot beyond the classroom. ✦



### Professors Brand and Flechtner Teach in Havana

Professors Ronald Brand and Harry Flechtner traveled to Havana, Cuba, September 17-23, 2012, where they lectured on U.S. Law for International Commercial Contracts to a group of more than 100 lawyers at the University of Havana. The three-day program covered the Uniform Commercial Code and the UN Sales Convention (to which both the U.S. and Cuba are contracting states), as well as basic issues such as the use of price-delivery terms, and choice of forum and choice of law in basic export-import contracts for the sale of goods. While there, Professors Brand and Flechtner also met with representatives from the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Trade, the Cuban Court of International Commercial Arbitration, and the law faculty of the University of Havana. ✦



*Professors Brand and Flechtner with lawyers at the University of Havana*

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### Professors Sinsheimer and Wasserman Teach in Latvia

Professors Ann Sinsheimer and Rhonda Wasserman participated in the first summer program on American law hosted by the University of Latvia Faculty of Law in Riga in July 2013, offering courses on common-law reasoning and American civil procedure. Approximately 40 students participated, including students pursuing bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in law. The students were highly motivated, engaged, and active learners. Sinsheimer and Wasserman were able to tour the University of

Latvia (including the old student jail, in which intoxicated or disorderly students were sent for short stints in bygone days), as well as the Latvian Parliament and the American Embassy in Latvia. They also spent an afternoon with the Deputy U.S. Ambassador to Latvia, and toured other Latvian cities and beaches. They report that a highlight of the trip was the Latvian Song and Dance Festival, held once every five years, which features approximately 30,000 performers. ✦

### Davydenko Discusses Genocide and the Great Famine of Soviet Ukraine

On February 27, 2013, visiting scholar Dr. Leonid Davydenko, head of the Public Law Department and Director of the General Service Legal Clinic at Odessa National University of Law in Ukraine, lectured on "Man-Made Famine in Soviet Ukraine in 1932-1933: Was it Genocide?" Dr. Davydenko analyzed the international definition of genocide to determine if it is applicable to the Great Famine organized by Joseph Stalin, and what must be done by the international community to prevent similar tragedies in the future. The lecture was cosponsored by the University Center for International Studies Center for Russian and East European Studies. ✦

### Kononov Speaks on Expropriation and Intellectual Property Rights

On September 25, 2012, Pitt Law Visiting Professor Oleksiy Kononov (Ukraine) lectured on "Expropriation and Intellectual Property Rights Under Bilateral Investment Treaties: *Philip Morris v. Australia*." His lecture explored

Australia's Tobacco Plain Packaging Act and Philip Morris' subsequent claim that the measure amounted to an expropriation of its investment, in violation of the country's bilateral investment treaty with Hong Kong. ✦



## “SJ” Incorporates Music and Law in His Return to Pitt Law

On September 27, 2013, CILE and the Innovation Practice Institute (IPI) welcomed back Pitt Law Alumnus Scott Jablonski (“SJ”) (JD ’04), accomplished international lawyer and rising musician, to talk about law and the music industry. SJ left his legal practice full time in 2009 to pursue a career as a singer-songwriter. Since that time, his first commercial release has won or been nominated for 15 independent music awards in the U.S. and UK, and he was nominated as “Discovery of the Year” by Sirius XM, The Coffeehouse, Satellite Radio in 2011. SJ has combined his artistic passion and legal background to build a new entrepreneurial and rights-centric model for today’s independent artists. He

*Professor Flechtner, second from left, and Scott Jablonski (SJ) (JD ’04), third from right, in front of the New Hazlett Theater*

spoke to the Pitt Law community about the various music-centered business and contractual matters that regularly affect independent musicians in this new music industry model. SJ performed a concert

later that evening at the New Hazlett Theater, benefiting both CILE and IPI. One of the very accomplished musicians joining SJ on stage was Pitt Law’s own Professor Harry Flechtner on bass. ♣



## Mahmoud Jibril Visits the University of Pittsburgh

On October 31, 2012, Pitt Law LLM students Alhanoof Al Debassi, Ibrahim Fares, Miano Maina, Faisal Moubaydeen, and Moien Odeh, were able to

attend lunch with Pitt Political Science alumnus, Dr. Mahmoud Jibril, President of Libya’s National Forces Alliance and Former Prime Minister of Libya. ♣



*Alhanoof Aldebasi (LLM ’13), Ibrahim Fares (LLM ’13), Moien Odeh (LLM ’13), Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg, Mahmoud Jibril, Professor Brand, Robert Miano Maina (LLM ’13), and Faisal Moubaydeen (LLM ’13)*

## Former EU Official Delivers Jean Monnet Lecture on “European Crisis?”

Visiting CILE Professor Richard Wainwright, former Director of Legal Service at the European Commission, spoke on February 18, 2013, about the economic and political problems currently faced by the European Union and examined a possible scenario for recovery. Wainwright was at Pitt Law to teach Introduction to EU Law during the spring term. ♣

## Rystemaj Discusses the Evolution of Albanian Company Law

On January 30, 2013, visiting scholar Jonida Rystemaj, lecturer at the University of Tirana, Albania, lectured on “The Evolution of Albanian Company Law.” Her lecture provided a historical overview of the laws governing Albania’s business entities, with an emphasis on reforms and future trends. The lecture was cosponsored by the University Center for International Studies Center for Russian and East European Studies. ♣



## CILE and GlobalPittsburgh Host International Women of Courage

On March 5, 2013, Pitt Law hosted three of the six women who were honored by Secretary of State John Kerry as International Women of Courage. Professor Deborah Brake opened the session with a presentation on gender discrimination in the United States, which led to discussion about the human rights and gender issues prevalent in each woman's home country. The guests included Fartuun Adan, executive director of the Elman Peace and Human Rights Centre based in Mogadishu, Somalia; Dr. Josephine Odumakin, executive director of the Institute of Human Rights and Democratic Studies, president of Women Arise for Change Initiative, chairman, Task Force of the Citizen Forum, spokesperson, Coalition of Civil Society Organizations, and president, Centre for Participatory Democracy in Nigeria; and Malalai Bahaduri, the first female member of the Afghan National

Interdiction Unit, Afghanistan. Also in attendance was Samira Ibrahim, a former marketing manager fighting for human rights in Egypt. The Interna-

tional Women of Courage awards were presented at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., on March 8, 2013, in honor of International Women's Day. ✦



*Professor Brand, Fartuun Adan, Sgt. Malalai Bahaduri, Professor Curran, Dr. Josephine Odumakin, Professor Brake, and Samira Ibrahim at the International Women of Courage event*

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## Professor Curran Receives High Honor from Government of France

On October 9, 2012, Professor Vivian Curran was made a "Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques," (Order of Academic Palms) by decree of the Prime Minister of France, in recognition of her efforts in promotion of France's

language and culture in the United States. This decoration was originally founded by Emperor Napoléon to honor eminent members of the University of Paris. It is now open to all major contributors to French national education and culture. ✦

## International Law Society Update

The International Law Society (ILS) had another strong year of events at Pitt Law. It continued many popular programs, including Speed Friending, Oktoberfest, the Student Symposium, and International Law weekend. For the second year in a row, ILS hosted a wine and cheese reception that welcomed legal professionals from private practice, government, and nontraditional careers to speak to students about the use of international law in their respective jobs. ILS also created the new position of LLM Liaison, who will be responsible for creating programs that integrate the JD and LLM student populations more often. This position will be held by Elina Aleynikova Svistunoff (Class of 2014, LLM '10). ✦

## CILE and Global Solutions Pittsburgh Sponsor High School Moot ICC Competition

On April 5-6, 2013, CILE hosted and cosponsored the High School Moot International Criminal Court (ICC) Competition with Global Solutions Pittsburgh for the fourth year in a row. The competition gives high school students an introduction to the work of the ICC and exposes them to how important international human rights issues are dealt with within the international crimi-

nal justice context. It also gives Pitt Law's JD and LLM students a great opportunity to coach, and potentially inspire, these young students through the oral argument sessions held at the Barco Law Building. Pitt Law student Yuriy Vilner (JD '13) wrote the competition problem, which focused on issues of terrorism, crimes against humanity, and an accused's right to be at trial. ✦





## Order of the Barrister

For 2013, six out of the 10 graduating JD students that were awarded the Order of the Barrister distinction for their exemplary participation in moot competitions also received the award for participation in international competitions. They are: Amelia Brett, Eryn Correa, Brian Fraile, Gregory Graham, Matthew Smith, and Yuriy Vilner. +

## Jalloh Publishes Series on Special Court for Sierra Leone

In November 2012, the first two-part book set of *The Law Reports of the Special Court for Sierra Leone*, covering the seminal first cases Prosecutor v. Alex Tamba Brima, Ibrahim Bazy Kamara and Santigie Borbor Kanu (the so-called "AFRC Case") was published by Martinus Nijhoff Brill. This series was initiated by Professor Charles Jalloh. The President of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, Justice Jon Kamanda, wrote the foreword to kick off the series, which was co-edited with Simon Meisenberg. Among other things, Justice Kamanda described the comprehensive 2,200 page work "as a monumental achievement." This is the first attempt to record the entire jurisprudential legacy of the UN-Sierra Leone Tribunal. By the time it is completed in two years, it will total about 14 volumes constituting the entirety of the 11-year Court's judicial legacy for international criminal law. Hundreds of opinions and previously unpublished public documents of historic importance are included in an accompanying CD-ROM. +

## Pitt Law Teams Excel at International Moots

For the first time, Pitt Law students competed in the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) International Arbitration Moot. The team was ranked the 2<sup>nd</sup> best team overall, with Gregory Graham (JD '13) and Joseph Parsons (JD '13) receiving honorable mentions in the best oralist category. Pitt also sent teams to three additional international moot competitions. The Niagara International Law Moot team received the Best Respondent Team Argument award for the second year in a row. The Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot team made the cut to the final 64 teams for the fifth year in a row, and the Jessup International Law Moot team performed well against other teams in the Mid-Atlantic Region. +



Yuriy Vilner (JD '13), Gregory Graham (JD '13), Joseph Parsons (JD '13), and Matthew Smith (JD '13) celebrate their FDI Moot success.

## Rule of Law Lectures

Members of the 2013 LLM class continued the tradition of educating JD students about rule of law challenges in their home countries. On February 12, 2013, students discussed family law in Saudi Arabia, the legal status of residents in East Jerusalem, the new Egyptian constitution, and an overview of the unique legal system in Palestine. On March 26, 2013, students covered the development of law in Ukraine after the collapse of the Soviet Union, antimonopoly reform in Ukraine, integrity and leadership in the past Kenyan elections, and domestic migration issues in China. +



Qiwei Chen (LLM '13), Christina Alam (LLM '13), Olga Synoverska (LLM '13), and Robert Miano Maina (LLM '13) at the Rule of Law lecture



## Schulz Fellow

The William F. Schulz Jr. Fellowship is funded through the William F. Schulz Jr. Fund for International Legal Education. William F. Schulz Jr. was a professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law for 33 years. The fund was created in his honor in order to support students who spend their summer working in an overseas human rights law internship. For summer 2013, CILE awarded the fellowship to Marlene Van Es (Class of 2015), who interned at Moi University School of Law and its Legal Aid Centre, in Eldoret, Kenya, and at the Victoria Institute for Research on Environment and Development in Kisumu. +

## Pitt Law Students Receive Record Number of FLAS Fellowships

Pitt Law students received a record seven Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships for the 2013-14 academic year. The FLAS Fellowships, funded through the U.S. Department of Education's Title VI program and administered by the area studies centers of Pitt's University Center for International Studies provide full tuition and a monthly stipend. +

## Language Exchange Program

This year marked the inaugural year for Pitt Law's first Language Exchange Program. Spearheaded by Patricia Wyszor, the director of the Legal Writing Center, this program gave JD students the opportunity to practice their foreign language skills with LLM students and, in turn, gave LLM students an opportunity to practice their English language skills while connecting with American JD students. +

## Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship Recipients 2013-14

**Kimberly Bennett** (Class of 2014) – Portuguese (Center for Latin American Studies)

**Erica M. Kelly** (Class of 2014) – Arabic (Global Studies Center)

**Trevor Krost** (Class of 2014) – Russian (Center for Russian and East European Studies)

**Nikolay Markov** (Class of 2014) – Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (Center for Russian and East European Studies)

**Cristian M. Minor Sanchez** (Class of 2014) – Portuguese (Center for Latin American Studies)

**Sunu Pillai** (Class of 2014) – Polish (Center for Russian and East European Studies)

**Caleb Pittman** (Class of 2014) – Quechua (Center for Latin American Studies)

## Nordenberg Fellowship Recipients

Each year CILE selects three distinguished students to spend their summers interning abroad as Nordenberg Fellows. The Nordenberg Fellowship is funded by the Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg Chair held by Professor Ronald Brand. Nordenberg Fellows for 2012-13 are:

### Summer 2012

**Melinda Cooper** (JD '13) – interned at the Public International Law Policy Group at The Hague, Netherlands

**Brian Fraile** (JD '13) – interned at the Institute for European Studies, Brussels, Belgium

**Gregory Graham** (JD '13) – interned at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, Germany

### Summer 2013

**Elina Aleynikova Svistunoff** (Class of 2014) – interned at the Institute for European Studies, Brussels, Belgium

**Shelley Ostrowski** (Class of 2015) – interned at Moi University, Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret, and the Victoria Institute for Research on Environment and Development, Kenya

**Drew Roberts** (Class of 2015) – interned at the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, Kosovo



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**Ali Al-Musawi (Iraq)** received his bachelor's degree in law from the University of Basrah, Iraq. He practiced law and taught courses on human rights and democracy at the Basrah Oil Training Institute. Al-Musawi is the recipient of a Higher Committee for Education Development (HCED) scholarship, administered under the Office of the Prime Minister of Iraq.

**Ahmed Ali Saif Al-Yarobi (Oman)** received his bachelor's degree in law from Sultan Qaboos University in 2011. He worked as a trainee lawyer at the Mohamed Ibrahim Law Firm from 2011 to 2012 and as a legal advisor at the Saud Bahwan Group from 2012 to 2013. Al-Yarobi is the recipient of a fully funded scholarship from the government of the Sultanate of Oman.

**Khalil Alwazir (Palestine)** received his bachelor's degree in law from Cairo University, Egypt, in 2010 and a postgraduate certificate in "Investing in the EU Benelux as a Gateway" from Vrije Universiteit Brussels in 2012. He worked at the Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights and was an intern for the Progressive Alliance of Socialist and Democrats (S&D) Party



at the European Parliament. Alwazir is the recipient of a Middle East Rule of Law Program Fellowship, administered by the Open Society Foundation.

**Jihene Ferchichi (Tunisia)** received her bachelor's degree in law from The University of Carthage, Tunisia, in 2011 and her master's degree in business and company law from the same institution in 2013. She interned with both the legal department of the Presidency of the Republic and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance. Ferchichi is the recipient of a Middle East Rule of Law Program Fellowship, administered by the Open Society Foundation.

**Maria Gonzalez (Colombia)** received her bachelor's degree in law in 2003, a specialization in telecommunications law in 2006, and a specialization in commercial law in 2007 from the Universidad Del Rosario, Colombia. She worked as a legal advisor for Colombia's Ministry of Communication and for Colombia's Superintendent of Public Utilities. Gonzalez also served as head of government relations and industrial affairs for northern Latin America at Nokia.

**Iva Grgic (Croatia)** received her bachelor's degree in law from the University of Zagreb, Croatia, in 2013. She participated in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and finished in the top 50 teams. Grgic is the recipient of a tuition fellowship from the University Center for International Studies and a Franklin West housing fellowship.

**Sylvie Guezeon (Cote D'Ivoire)** received her maitrise degree in law from the University of Paris I in 2001, and her barrister qualification certificate from the University of Cocody-Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire, in 2007. She worked on a Liberian refugee resettlement program with the Ivorian branch of UNHCR, and as an attorney at the law firm Bilé-Aka, Brizoua-Bi & Associates in Cote D'Ivoire. Guezeon completed the University of Pittsburgh School of Law's U.S. Law and Language program in 2010.

**Basil Hadidi (Jordan)** received his bachelor's degree in law from The University of Jordan in 2012. He volunteered with the Adaleh Center for Human Rights



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Studies and the Justice Center for Legal Aid, and was a participant in the Talal Abu Ghazaleh Moot Court Competition. Hadidi worked as a junior associate at Khalifeh & Partners in Jordan.

**Nadine Alissar Hattar (Jordan)** received her bachelor's degree in law from The University of Jordan in 2011. She volunteered with the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project and was a participant in the Jean Pictet Competition in International Humanitarian Law. Hattar worked as a trainee at Khalifeh & Partners in Jordan.

**Ricardo Herrera (Venezuela)** received his bachelor's degree in law from Universidad Católica, Venezuela, in 1988, and a post-degree sponsored by the World International Property Organization from The Universidad de los Andes, Colombia. He practiced intellectual property law in Caracas for fourteen years and was involved in updating the Venezuelan Trademarks and Patents system.

**Nicholas Wambua Ngumbi (Kenya)** received his bachelor's degree in law from Moi University School of Law in Eldoret, Kenya, in 2010 and his post-graduate diploma in law from Kenya School of Law in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2011. He worked as an intern and as an advocate at B M Musau & Co. from 2011 to April 2013, and as an associate attorney at M M Kimuli & Co. from 2012 to 2013. Ngumbi is the recipient of a Heinz Fellowship awarded by the Global Studies Center.

**Ana Marija Pavlović (Croatia)** received her master's degree in law from the University of Zagreb, Croatia, in 2011, and will complete an advanced master's program in commercial and corporate law at the same institution in 2014. She worked as an associate legal counsel at the firm Pavlović & Pavlović. Pavlović is the recipient of a Franklin West housing fellowship.

**Odivio Rodrigues Pereira Gusmao (East Timor)** received his bachelor's degree in law from Warmadewa University, Bali-Indonesia, in 2010. He worked as a coordinator for the Organization of Timorese students in Bali from 2008 to 2010, and as a volunteer for a women's lawyers group. He is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship administered by the International Institute of International Education.

**Taras Shablii (Ukraine)** received his bachelor's degree in law from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Kyiv, Ukraine, in 2012. He was a participant in the 2012 and 2013 Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competitions in Vienna, Austria. Shablii is the recipient of a scholarship from the Viktor Pinchuk Foundation.

**Vahid Tavakol Sedighi (Iran)** received his bachelor's degree in law from the University of Tehran, Iran, in 2013. He worked as a research assistant for Dr. Mahmoud Mahdavi at the University of Tehran, and as an intern at the Mobin Law Firm. ✦



## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**During the 2012-13 academic year, the Center for International Legal Education awarded funds exceeding \$80,000 to the following students for a variety of activities. CILE wishes to thank Alcoa for its generous contribution that made many of these international activities possible:**

**Elizabeth Boehm (Class of 2014)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 internship at the SHARE Foundation in Belgrade, Serbia.

**Veronica Carter (Class of 2015)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 summer study abroad at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

**Janet Checkley (Class of 2014), Tina Hu (JD '13), John Paul Putney (Class of 2014) and Krysta Smith (Class of 2014)** participated in the 2013 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria.

**Cassandra Colombo (Class of 2015)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 summer study abroad at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

**Andrew Coyne (Class of 2015)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 summer study abroad at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

**Melanie Enciso (Class of 2014)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a spring 2013 study abroad at Temple Law's Tokyo program.

**Ian Filson (Class of 2013)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 summer study abroad at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

**Gregory Graham (JD '13), Joseph Parsons (JD '13), Matthew Smith (JD '13), and Yuriy Vilner (JD '13)** participated in the 2013 Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Robert Gyenes (Class of 2015)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 internship at the Ministry of Justice, Kosovo.

**Keith Herting (Class of 2014)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 internship at the Immigration Clinic of Israel's Academic Center of Law and Business.

**Joshua Hodges (Class of 2015)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 summer study abroad at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

**Douglas Hubert (Class of 2014)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a spring 2013 study abroad at Temple Law's Tokyo program, and a summer 2013 internship at Morgan Lewis, Tokyo, Japan.

**Blake Lynch (Class of 2014), Matthew Pomy (Class of 2014), Matthew Smith (JD '13) and Yuriy Vilner (JD '13)** participated in the 2013 Niagara International Moot Court Competition in Toronto, Canada.

**Kate Mafrika Langford (Class of 2014)** attended the Education Without Borders Conference in Dubai, UAE, on March 25-28, 2013, and received an Alcoa fellowship to do a summer 2013 internship at the Documentation Center of Cambodia.

**Kate Mafrika Langford (Class of 2014), Kevin Leary (Class of 2014), Mikhail Pappas (Class of 2014) and Sarah Paulsworth (JD '13)** participated in the 2013 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C.

**Kevin Leary (Class of 2014)** attended the Education Without Borders Conference in Dubai, UAE, on March 25-28, 2013.

**Emily Martino (Class of 2015)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 summer study abroad at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

**Caelin Middleman (Class of 2015)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 summer study abroad through Duquesne University School of Law's Summer Study of Law in Ireland program.

**Cristian Minor Sanchez (LLM '12) (Class of 2014)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 internship at the Law Office of Milosevic in Belgrade, Serbia.

**Shelley Ostrowski (Class of 2015)** received a Nordenberg Fellowship to do a 2013 summer internship at Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, and at the Victoria Institute for Research on Environment and Development (VIREED) in Kisumu, Kenya.

**Drew Roberts (Class of 2015)** received a Nordenberg Fellowship to do a 2013 summer internship at the General Assembly, Kosovo, and an Alcoa Fellowship to an LLM program at Queen's University of Belfast and National University of Galway, Ireland, for the 2013-2014 academic year.

**Alison Sacriponte (Class of 2015)** received an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2013 summer study abroad at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia, and to do an LLM program at Amsterdam Law School, Netherlands, for the 2013-2014 academic year.

**Elina Aleynikova Svistunoff (LLM '10) (Class of 2014)** received a Nordenberg Fellowship to do a 2013 summer internship at the Institute for European Studies in Brussels, Belgium.

**Marlene Van Es (Class of 2015)** received a William F. Schulz Jr. Fellowship and an Alcoa Fellowship to do a summer 2014 internship at Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, and at the Victoria Institute for Research on Environment and Development (VIREED) in Kisumu, Kenya.



## Other Student Activities

**Kimberly Bennett (Class of 2014)** received a 2013-2014 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Center for Latin American Studies to study Portuguese.

**Erica M. Kelly (Class of 2014)** received a 2013-2014 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Global Studies Center to study Arabic.

**Trevor Krost (Class of 2014)** received a 2013-2014 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Center for Russian and East European Studies to study Russian.

**Nikolay Markov (Class of 2014)** received a 2013-2014 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Center for Russian and East European Studies to study Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian.

**Cristian Minor Sanchez (Class of 2014)** received a 2013-2014 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Center for Latin American Studies to study Portuguese.

**Sunu Pillai (Class of 2014)** received a 2013-2014 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Center for Russian and East European Studies to study Polish.

**Caleb Pittman (Class of 2014)** received a 2013-2014 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Center for Latin American Studies to study Quechua.

**Krysta Smith (Class of 2014)** did a 2013 summer internship at the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program in Washington, D.C.

**Tegene Kirubel Tegene (Class of 2015)** did a 2013 summer internship at the firm Simmons & Simmons in Abu Dhabi.

**Jingjing Xia (Class of 2014)** did a 2013 summer internship at the Beijing Arbitration Center in Beijing, China. +

## LLM CLASS OF 2013

### LLM Students Pursue Wealth of Experience with Summer Internships

Each year, CILE assists its LLM graduates in finding summer internships that will provide a practical experience in the American legal system before they return to their home countries. This year featured a variety of experiences with leading law firms, corporations, judges, and nonprofit organizations in the Pittsburgh region.

**Christina Alam** Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel

**Tariq Aljarba** Judge Jill Rangos, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County

**Lina Barauskaite** Federal Trade Commission

**Qiwei Chen** Goldstein & Associates

**Ibrahim Fares** Sherrard, German & Kelly

**Daniela Mahan** Medrad

**Miano Maina** Deloitte Tax LLP

**Moien Odeh** Global Solutions Pittsburgh

**Ruben Sindahl** PPG Industries, Inc.

**Olga Synoverska** Cohen & Grigsby

**Shui Wang** Judge Lisa Lenihan, U.S. District Court for the Western District of PA, and Pittsburgh Regional Immigration Assistance Center



(Above) The LLM Class of 2013

(Below) The LLM Class of 2013 attends a Pirates game.





**Judith Hammerschmidt (JD '82)** accepted a new position as the Director of Clerkship Programs at Duke University School of Law in North Carolina.

**Renee Martin-Nagle (JD '84)** has been the official chronicler of water conferences sponsored by the governments of Germany and Abu Dhabi, and has interviewed leading water authorities for the Singapore Public Utilities Board. She has published several articles and has spoken about water issues to law students at Pitt, American, and Georgetown. On September 2, 2013, she will give a presentation at the Stockholm World Water Week conference on the ethics of humans sharing water resources with other species.

**Ileana Simplicean (JD '97)** was named the senior vice president and general counsel of Nexteer Automotive on October 10, 2011.

**Neil Boyden Tanner (JD '97)** was named one of eight Eisenhower Fellows by General Colin L. Powell. As a fellow, he traveled to Singapore in April and China in July to study methods that encourage foreign direct investments in order to identify tangible ways to attract more international investment to the Philadelphia region.

**Rami Shehadeh (LLM '98)** has transferred from his position with the United Nations in Geneva to become head of the Syria desk at United Nations headquarters in New York.

**Jose Luis Syquia (LLM '98)** was promoted to senior procurement specialist at the Asian Development Bank. He will be responsible for procuring and consulting portfolios in Uzbekistan, Georgia, and Azerbaijan.

**George Novak (JD '99)** is now the assistant vice president of civil aviation at Aerospace Industries Association in Washington, D.C.

**Charles T. Kotuby Jr. (JD '01)** published the article "Practical Suggestions to Promote the Legitimacy and Vitality of International Investment Arbitration" in the *ICSID Review*.

**Monica Stump (JD '02)** is employed as the assistant U.S. attorney for the southern district of Illinois. She ran her first half marathon in October of 2012 and ran another marathon on Mother's Day of this current year.

**Vjosa R. Osmani (LLM '05)** got married in December 2012 to Prindon Sadriu. Sadriu is the director for bilateral relations and international organizations in Kosovo's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and also serves as a reserve member of Kosovo's army in his capacity as lieutenant colonel.

**John Karl Alvin (JD '06)** is employed as an attorney in the Administrative Litigation Special Education Unit with the NYC Department of Education, Office of General Counsel. John and his wife also welcomed another addition to their family, a baby boy named Akira.

**Ines Litzenberger (LLM '06)** accepted an associate position at the Brussels office of Allen & Overy LLP.

**Amy Inlander Minniti (JD '06)** was promoted to deputy general counsel at Washington Nationals Baseball Club.

**Ravi Reddy (JD '06)** served a temporary assignment as legal adviser with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations Standing Police Capacity (the SPC) based in Brindisi, Italy, where he assisted UN Police Components in Cote d'Ivoire, Timor-Leste, and Haiti. On July 1, he became a human rights officer with the Human Rights Unit of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).

**Jennifer Rellis (JD '06)** was promoted to supervisory program manager at the Arlington Asylum Office.

**Jeremiah Webb (JD '06)** accepted a position as a senior associate at Kutak Rock in Irvine, California.

**Fernanda Pittelli Granato (LLM '07)** married Guilherme Granato on June 8, 2012. Granato is an engineer and they have since moved to Rio de Janeiro to carry out different projects within the infrastructure sector. The couple is expecting a baby boy in September 2013.

**Lisl Brunner (JD '08)** accepted a position as facilitator of the Telecommunications Industry Dialogue at the Global Network



*Jose Luis Syquia (LLM '98) with his wife Tess and daughters Reese and Geri in Manila*

Initiative. She published the article “The Duty to Consult in the Inter-American System: Legal Standards after Sarayaku” in the American Society of International Law (ASIL) Insights of November 2012, and the article “Double Jeopardy in the Inter-American System of Human Rights” in the *Intercultural Human Rights Law Review* in December 2012.

**Mary E. Gibson (JD '08)** is running for Allegheny County Council, District #3. She is the endorsed democratic candidate and the election will be held November 2013.

**Sandy Kouwagam (LLM '08)** started her PhD program in September 2012 at Leiden University in the Netherlands. Her PhD project is “A Socio-Legal Study of Corporate Litigation about Land in Indonesia”. Kouwagam continues to practice law at Lucas, S.H. & Partners.

**Aliya Zholboldina (LLM '08)** relocated back to the United States in October 2012 from her home country of Kazakhstan to take a position as a senior associate in KPMG International Indirect Taxes, based in Philadelphia.

**Eric Linge (JD '09)** accepted a new position in August 2012 as an international tax/global transfer pricing consultant at Deloitte in Chicago.

**Raed Taher (LLM '09)** was promoted to legal and compliance counselor at Baker Hughes in Saudi Arabia. He was also recently married to his wife, Lama.

**Olga S. Dmytriyeva (LLM '10)** accepted an offer to work as an associate at Voelker Litigation Group in Chicago.

**Shafiq M. Jamous (LLM '11)** was appointed one of the youngest full time lecturers at Najah National University, Palestine. He received the title of “1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up of the Arbitration Academy – Paris” and was inducted as a member into the Arbitration Committee of ICC Palestine. In 2013, he moved to Dubai after accepting a new job offer with Deyaar Development PJSC Real Estate Company as an assistant legal manager.

**Lisa Zahuranec-Henry (JD '11)** accepted a new position as an associate at The Lindsay Law Firm in Butler, PA.

**Marie Brown (JD '12)** accepted a judicial law clerk position with the Houston Immigration Court.

**Iryna Dasevich (LLM '12)** accepted a position as an immigration officer at the US Citizenship and Immigration Services' Vermont Service Center.

**Abeer Hashayka (LLM '12)** is working with Save the Children International to establish the first child ombudsman not only in Palestine, but in the Middle East. Once the original location is successful, she intends to promote the idea to all Arab countries. Hashayka is also working on the Monitoring Mechanistic Reporting for the UN Security Council resolution 1612 on grave violations that have to do with children's rights in situations like armed conflict.

**Ivan Milosevic (LLM '12)** passed the New York bar exam in December 2012 and was admitted into the Serbian Bar Association. He currently lives in Serbia and is practicing law at The Law Office of Milosevic.

**Jake Oresick (JD '12)** is employed as a judicial law clerk for the Washington County Court of Common Pleas.

**Anna Udartsova (LLM '12)** accepted a position as a paralegal at Noerr Ukraine.



## FACULTY ACTIVITIES

**Professor Jessie Allen** spoke on “Reading Blackstone in the 21st Century and the 21st Century through Blackstone,” on December 6, 2012 a conference on “Reinterpreting Blackstone's Commentaries,” at the University of Adelaide, Australia. Her paper combined original research on the U.S. Supreme Court's recent increase in citations to Blackstone with material drawn from the essays on her blog, “Blackstone Weekly.” On December 11, 2012, Allen spoke on “Theater of International Justice,” at the University of Melbourne's Institute for International Law and the Humanities. On March 23, 2013, she presented her “Theater of International Justice” paper at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, at

the University of London, and cochaired a roundtable discussion of Blackstone's Commentaries.

**Professor Deborah Brake** lectured on gender discrimination in the United States on March 5, 2013, before three of the six women who were honored by Secretary of State John Kerry as International Women of Courage.

**Professor Ronald Brand** traveled to Havana, Cuba, on September 17-23, 2012 with Professor Harry Flechtner, to lecture on U.S. Law for International Commercial Contracts to a group of over 100 lawyers at the University of Havana. They also met with representatives from the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign

Trade, the Cuban Court of International Commercial Arbitration, and the Law Faculty of the University of Havana. On October 3, Brand lectured on Negotiating Treaties and Other Instruments of Private International Law in the Legal Environment for International Business course at La Roche College. On October 5-13, he traveled with Pitt Law 3L students, Amelia Brett, Eryn Correa, and Brian Fraile, to Istanbul, Turkey, to train students from the University of Baghdad School of Law in preparation for participation in the 2013 Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition. The training sessions were funded by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce.



On October 24, 2012, Brand spoke on “Legal Education and Legal Reform” at CILE’s conference on “Kosovo After the ICJ Opinion,” co-sponsored by the University of Prishtina School of Law. On October 25, 2012, he spoke on a comparative law perspective of *forum non conveniens*, on a panel titled “Regulating Forum Shopping: Courts’ Use of *Forum Non Conveniens* in Transnational Litigation,” at the 18th Annual Herbert Rubin and Justice Rose Luttan Rubin International Law Symposium at the New York University School of Law. On October 27, Brand participated in the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA).

On November 5-9, 2012, Brand represented CILE as an Expert Observer at the United Nations in Vienna, at the Twenty-sixth Session of Working Group III of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), negotiating a draft set of procedural rules for global online dispute resolution (ODR). On November 9, he participated in a meeting between a delegation from Sultan Qaboos University from Muscat, Oman, and the Secretary and Staff of (UNCITRAL).

On January 14-16, 2013, Brand visited the Moi University School of Law in Eldoret, Kenya. He delivered lectures on “An Introduction to U.S. Legal Education,” “An Introduction to American Law,” and “A Comparative Look at Contract Drafting Using Rules of Private International Law.” On February 5, Time World quoted Brand in an article on Pavel Astakhov, Russia’s Ombudsman for Children’s Affairs. On February 10-14, 2013, Brand, along with 3Ls Amelia Brett, Eryn Correa, and Brian Fraile, provided oral argument training and helped administer the Third Annual Willem C. Vis Middle East International Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Vis Moot teams from seven Middle East law schools participated in the training and the Pre-Moot: the University of Baghdad (Iraq), the University of Bahrain, Dar Al Hekma School of Law & Diplomacy (Saudi Arabia), the Faculty of Legal,

Political and Social Sciences of Tunis, the University of Jordan, Sultan Qaboos University (Oman), and UAE University.

On March 13-29, 2013, Professor Brand, along with Professor Harry Flechtner, accompanied the Pitt Law Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team members, Janet Checkley, Tina Hu, John Paul Putney, and Krysta Smith, to Vienna for the 2013 Vis Competition. On May 20-24, 2013, Brand represented CILE as an Expert Observer at the United Nations in New York, at the Twenty-seventh Session of Working Group III of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

On June 7, 2013, Brand lectured at the University of Prishtina Faculty of Law, Kosovo, on “The European Court of Justice and Private International Law: An American Perspective.” While in Prishtina, he had meetings with the University of Prishtina Rector and Dean of the School of Law, as well as with Members of the Kosovo Assembly, the Ministry of Justice, and local USAID-funded missions, discussing Pitt Law collaboration with the School of Law. On July 8-9, Brand taught general international business transactions topics in Zagreb, Croatia, as part of the Institute in International Commercial Law & Arbitration, co-sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Zagreb, and Touro Law Center.

**Professor Douglas Branson’s** article, “An Australian Perspective on a Global Phenomenon: Initiatives to Place Women on Corporate Boards of Directors,” appeared as the lead article in the most recent edition of the Australian Journal of Corporate Law (volume 27, at 2). The article is based upon a presentation Branson made as the keynote speaker at the annual Corporate Law Teachers Association Conference that was held at Queensland’s Bond University, February 5-7, 2012. Branson has been a Permanent Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne School of Law since 1994.

On February 27, 2013 to March 12, 2013, Branson was the Ernst & Young

Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. On March 4, he addressed the Hong Kong Law Society on Diversity in Corporate Governance. On March 5, he addressed the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. His one hour presentation was followed by a one-hour discussion by a distinguished panel discussing pathways and obstacles women face in seeking board of director positions and senior management positions. On March 6, he spoke before the Financial Regulation and Economic Development Center on the Dodd-Frank and the JOBS Acts in the United States. He also spoke on “Going Public by the Back Door: Reverse Mergers by Chinese Companies in the U.S.” On March 7, Branson addressed the management and staff of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on “Breaking the Glass Ceiling.” While in Hong Kong, he also conducted interviews for Corporate Treasurer, FinanceAsia, Asian Investor magazines, and Thomson Reuters for reproduction in their business magazines and journals in Asia.

**Professor Teresa Kissane Brostoff** served as a Fulbright Peer Reviewer for the Specialists Program and was placed on the Fulbright Specialists Roster for a second five-year term. On July 15-August 1, 2013, Brostoff co-taught U.S. Law and Language with Professor Ann Sinsheimer at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Professor John M. Burkoff** served as the Executive Dean of the Semester at Sea Summer 2013 Voyage, covering 13 cities and 10 countries in Europe and North Africa.

**Assistant Professor Nancy M. Burkoff** served as a faculty member on the Semester at Sea Summer 2013 voyage, teaching Law and Society as part of the academic program run by the University of Virginia.

**Dean William M. Carter Jr.** co-presented with Professor Vivian Curran on a joint paper “The Use, Abuse, and Non-Use of International Law in the United States Legal Order: A Critique” at a





Paris I – NYU workshop on the legacy of “Van Gend en Loos” at the Collège de France in Paris on June 26, 2013. He also taught Comparative Constitutional Law on June 16-21 at the College of Law and Business in Ramat Gan, Israel.

**Professor Vivian Curran** was elected to the Executive Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law at the Society’s recent annual meeting in October 2012. She was also elected to the Société de Législation Comparée (the Society of Comparative Legislation). Founded in 1869, the Société is a publisher of “Revue internationale de droit compare,” one of the foremost journals in the field of comparative law. Curran was also elected Titular Member to the International Academy of Comparative Law

On September 9-10, 2012, Curran gave the keynote and closing lectures at Washington and Lee School of Law’s

conference “Smashing the Machine: The Troubled Legacy of Kantorowicz’s KAMPF.” Conference proceedings will be published in *The German Law Journal*. She published an invited article for the web magazine Slate, titled “In a Bid for Gay Rights, French Seek To Ban the Words *Mother* and *Father*.” In November, Curran gave talks on the debate over the use of foreign law in the U.S. Supreme Court on the U.S. Supreme Court and international law, at Lille University Law School, France. On November 8, she delivered the fourth annual lecture in Legal Drafting and Democracy (*Rédaction juridique et démocratie*) at the University of Laval Law School in France on « *Le Plain Writing Act* américain: origine et contexte » (“The American Plain Writing Act: Its origins and Context”). On November 15-16, 2012, she spoke on “Extraterritoriality and the Conflict of

Jurisdictions” at the University of Maryland’s Conference on Extraterritoriality Post-Kiobel: International & Comparative Legal Perspectives.

On March 13, 2013, Curran was informed by the French Embassy that she had been made a “Chevalier dans l’Ordre des Palmes Academiques,” by decree of the Prime Minister of France, in recognition of her efforts to promote France’s language and culture in the United States. On April 10, she spoke at a conference at American University on “Multilingual Legal Education: Theory and Pedagogy” as part of a panel addressing course design and teaching methods, and examining different models for non-English language instruction. On April 13, Curran participated in the drafting meeting for the ALI Restatement (Third) of American Principles of International Arbitration.

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## Faculty International and Comparative Law Publications:

Ronald A. Brand, “Party Autonomy and Access to Justice in the UNCITRAL Online Dispute Resolution Project,” 10 *Loyola University Chicago International Law Review* 11 (2012)

Ronald A. Brand, “Jurisdictional Developments and the New Hague Judgments Project,” *A Commitment to Private International Law: Essays in Honour of Hans van Loon* 89 (2013)

Ronald A. Brand, “Implementing the 2005 Hague Convention: The EU Magnet and the US Centrifuge,” *Liber Amicorum Alegria Borrás* 267 (Forner Delaygua-González Beilfuss-Vinñas Farré, ed. 2013)

Ronald A. Brand, “Shaping the Rule of Law Through Legal Education,” 75 *Augsburger Rechtsstudien: Gerechtigkeitsfragen in Gesellschaft und Wirtschaft, 40 Jahre Juristische Fakultät Augsburg* 11 (Arnd Koch & Matthias Rossi, eds. 2013)

Teresa Kissane Brostoff and Ann Sinsheimer, *United States Legal Language and Culture* (3d ed. 2013, Oxford University Press)

Vivian Grosswald Curran, “Remarks on the GJIL Symposium on Corporate Responsibility and the Alien Tort Statute,” 43 *Georgetown Journal of International Law* 1019 (2012)

Harry M. Flechtner, “The U.S. Experience with the UCC and the CISG: Some Insights for the Proposed CESL,” *CISG vs. Regional Sales Law Unification, with a Focus on the New Common European Sales Law* 5-24 (Ulrich Magnus ed., Sellier European Law Publishers, 2012)

Harry M. Flechtner (Coordinator), *UNCITRAL Digest of Case Law on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods*, 30 *Journal of Law and Commerce* Special Issue (2012)

Harry M. Flechtner, *Sales, Leases and Electronic Commerce: Problems and Materials on National and International Transactions* (4th ed., West Group, 2013) (accompanied by 200 page Teacher’s Manual) (with John E. Murray, Jr.)

Anthony Infanati, “International Equity and Human Development,” *Tax, Law and Development* 209 (Yariv Brauner & Miranda Stewart, eds., 2013)

Charles C. Jalloh, “Kenya vs. The ICC Prosecutor,” 53 *Harvard International Law Journal*, 227 (2012)

Charles C. Jalloh, *The Law Reports of the Special Court for Sierra Leone* (with Simon M. Meisenberg, eds, 2012)

Charles C. Jalloh, “What Makes a Crime Against Humanity a Crime Against Humanity,” 28 *American University International Law Review* 381 (2013)

Charles C. Jalloh, “Prosecuting Those Bearing ‘Greatest Responsibility’: The Lessons of the Special Court for Sierra Leone,” 96 *Marquette Law Review* 863 (2013)

Charles C. Jalloh, “Provisional Arrest and Incarceration in the International Criminal Tribunals,” 11 *Santa Clara Journal of International Law* 303 (with Melinda Taylor, 2013)



On June 26, 2013, Curran, with Dean William M. Carter Jr., presented “The Use, Abuse, and Non-Use of International Law in the United States Legal Order: A Critique” at a Paris I – NYU workshop on the legacy of “Van Gend en Loos” at the Collège de France in Paris.

**Professor Harry M. Flechtner** traveled to Havana, Cuba, on September 17-23, 2012 with Professor Ronald Brand, to lecture on U.S. Law for International Commercial Contracts to a group of over 100 lawyers at the University of Havana. They also met with representatives from the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Trade, the Cuban Court of International Commercial Arbitration, and the Law Faculty of the University of Havana.

On October 11, 2012, Flechtner spoke in favor of the withdrawal of the U.S. Article 96 declaration made upon ratification of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (“CISG”), as part of a panel discussion focusing on international contract law issues and initiatives. On January 18, 2013, Flechtner spoke on “A Critique of the Swiss Proposal to Study a More Comprehensive Regime of International Contract Law,” at a conference at Villanova Law School entitled “Has the Time Come for a New Global Initiative to Harmonize and Unify International Trade.” The conference was prompted by a proposal from the Swiss government to have the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) study the feasibility of a more comprehensive instrument for uniform international contract law.

On March 15, 2013, Flechtner addressed the Sixth Annual Belgrade Arbitration Conference at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law on “Updating the UNCITRAL CISG Case Law Digest,” in his capacity as coordinator the nine academics who completed a 10-year update of the Digest in 2012. The Digest was distributed to all U.S. federal judges and to participants in the Vis Arbitration Moot (see article on page 8). On March 22-28, Flechtner coached

the Pitt Law team, and worked with the Pitt Law Consortium teams, at the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria. He provided his annual performance of the “CISG Song” and “Mootie Blues” in the Vienna Konzerthaus.

**Visiting Professor David J.R. Frakt** addressed legal issues surrounding the closure of Guantanamo Bay in an article published by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* on June 10, 2013, titled “Guantanamo Bay legal issues stubbornly persist.”

**Associate Professor Haider Ala Hamoudi** was appointed by the District Court in The Hague to serve as an expert witness in Iraqi law in pending civil litigation brought by victims of Saddam Hussein’s chemical attacks against Frans Van Anraat, who has been convicted of delivering some of the material needed to manufacture the chemical weapons. The case resulted in a judgment against Anraat on April 24, 2013.

Hamoudi also served as an expert in the lawsuit between the Iraqi Airways Company and the Kuwaiti Airlines Corporation in London that was filed in the aftermath of the first Gulf War. On November 16, 2012, Hamoudi spoke on “Islamic Branding and Islamic Finance: Understanding Reverse Shari’a Arbitrage” at a conference entitled “Business Between Cultures: The Business of Islamic Finance” at the School of Economics and Business, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

On March 15, 2013, Hamoudi spoke about the legality of Arab Spring transformations at the “Law and Revolution” conference at York University, Osgoode Hall Law School, in Toronto. On March 25, he spoke about the rights of religious minorities in post-conflict Iraq at Boston University’s conference, “The Next Season: Realigning International Law and Western Policy after the Arab Spring.” On June 10, Hamoudi assessed legal issues surrounding the closure of Guantanamo Bay in an article published by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* titled “Guantanamo Bay legal issues stubbornly persist.”

**Professor Bernard Hibbitts** presented his paper, “Power, Protest and Professionalization: Lawyers in Fourteenth Century English Poetry,” as part of a panel on “Power and Politics in Medieval Law” at the Law & Society Annual Meeting in Boston. The paper argues that the multiple English poems of the 1300s depicting lawyers - including works by William Langland, John Gower, and Geoffrey Chaucer - not only reflected and promoted legal professionalization, but also articulated growing social concerns about lawyerly power, greed, and corruption that culminated in the abortive “English Spring,” the Great Rising of June 1381.

**Professor and Associate Dean Anthony Infanti** was appointed as one of the U.S. national reporters for the International Fiscal Association’s 2014 Congress in Mumbai, India. He will be a co-reporter with Bernard Moens of PricewaterhouseCooper, Washington, D.C., on the topic of qualification of taxable entities and treaty protection. On April 12, 2013, Infanti spoke on “The Moonscape of Tax Equality” at a McGill University conference in Montreal, Canada, entitled “After Equality: Sex, Family, Kinship.”

**Assistant Professor Charles C. Jalloh** gave four invited lectures at Georgetown Law Center on August 20-23, 2012, funded by the International Law Institute’s African Center for Legal Excellence in Kampala, Uganda. The lectures focused on the right to a fair trial, admissibility in the International Criminal Court (ICC), universal jurisdiction, and sentencing. On September 14, Jalloh spoke on “The African Union and the Future of the International Criminal Court in Africa” at a symposium on the ICC and the Future of International Law held at Yale Law School. On September 28, he spoke on “What Makes a Crime Against Humanity a Crime Against Humanity” at Vanderbilt Law School’s International Legal Studies Program Roundtable.

On October 30, 2012, Jalloh participated in a two-day conference on the relationship between Africa and the International Criminal Court (ICC)



convened by Utrecht University's Netherlands Institute of Human Rights and Rhodes University (South Africa). He chaired a panel on the political dimension of the relationship between Africa and the ICC. On November 12, Jalloh spoke on the African Union proposal for the establishment of a criminal chamber within the African Court of Justice and Human Rights, at the ICC at Ten Conference hosted by Washington University of St. Louis and the Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute.

On February 11, 2013, Jalloh lectured at the T.M.C. Asser Institute in The Hague on "Rome Statute Plus or Minus: Assessing the Proposal for an African Regional Court to Prosecute International Crimes," as part of the Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series organized jointly by the Asser Institute, the Grotius Center at Leiden University, and the Coalition for the ICC. On March 10-17, he served as a textbook expert for the International Development Law Organization to the College of Law at the University of Juba, South Sudan. On March 22, Jalloh spoke on "Tensions between the Security Council and the International Criminal Court," at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland on "Security Council Resolutions and Global Legal Regimes." The conference was convened by the United Nations University, based in Tokyo, Japan, in conjunction with the Center for Global Constitutionalism at St. Andrews, and the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, City University of New York.

On April 5, 2013, Jalloh spoke on the African government perspective on universal jurisdiction at the 2013 ASIL annual meeting, assessing African criticisms of the "abuse" of universal jurisdiction. On April 9, he commented on CNN Radio and Voice of America TV on the implications of Uhuru Kenyatta's ascendancy to the presidency of Kenya of President Kenyatta, who is under indictment by the ICC for allegedly fomenting the killing of over 1,200 people in 2007-2008. On April 10, Jalloh participated

in a United Nations General Assembly debate on the role of international criminal law in justice and reconciliation. On April 12, he served as a commentator on the keynote speech and inaugural Oxford Global Justice Lecture by Patricia O'Brien at the 2013 International Law Association (British Branch) Annual Conference at Oxford University.

On April 24, 2013, Jalloh participated in two Wing Tat Lee Chair in International Law events at Loyola Chicago Law School: a debate with Professor Jide Nzelibe of Northwestern University Law School on the question "Should the International Criminal Court Try President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya?", and a lecture on the personal jurisdiction of international criminal courts. On June 11, Jalloh commented on the implications of a controversial Zimbabwean Constitutional Court judgment for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's "The Current." On June 12, he was the academic panelist on the relationship between Africa and the ICC for the Voice of America. Jalloh also contributed answers on the credibility of the ICC in Africa on the TV show "Straight Talk Africa," which is broadcast weekly out of Washington, D.C.

**Professor Jules Lobel** spoke on September 12, 2012, at the Paris Bar Association, on Guantanamo and Human Rights eleven years after September 11. The Vice President of the Paris Bar Association commented on Professor Lobel's address, and Professor Lobel was interviewed by Radio France International. On November 15-16, Lobel spoke at the University of Maryland's Conference on Extraterritoriality Post-Kiobel: International & Comparative Legal Perspectives on "Extraterritoriality and Human Rights." On November 28, he spoke on "International Law And the Arab-Israeli Conflict" as part of a panel on "War & Resistance In The Middle East: Popular Struggles, International Law, and US Foreign Policies," sponsored by the UCIS Global Studies Center.

**Professor Michael Madison** spoke on "Constructing Commons in Intellectual Resources" on September 12, 2012 at the first Global Thematic Conference on the Knowledge Commons, hosted by the International Association for the Study of Commons (IASC) and held at the Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. On December 15, he spoke on "Searching for the Boundaries of Intellectual Property Law" at an intellectual property conference held at the University of Hong Kong. On June 23-26, 2013, Madison participated in the annual Congress of ATRIP, the International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property, at Oxford University. In July 2013, he taught intellectual property theory for the seventh time at the George Washington University (GWU) Summer IP Program, held at the Munich Intellectual Property Law Center (MIPLC).

**Professor Ann Sinsheimer** was placed on the Fulbright Specialists Roster for a second five-year term. On July 15-August 1, 2013, Sinsheimer co-taught U.S. Law and Language with Professor Teresa Brostoff at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Visiting Clinical Professor Sheila I. Vélez Martínez** participated as a discussant at this year's Graduate Organization for the Study of Europe and Central Asia's Tenth Annual Conference at the University of Pittsburgh on February 23, 2013, on a panel entitled "Immigration as a Threat in Contemporary Europe." On May 3, 2013, she spoke at the UNESCO Celebration of World Press Freedom Day (WPDF) and the Caribbean Media Summit in Curaçao about criminal defamation prosecution of journalists as political persecution. On May 16-18, Vélez Martínez delivered the opening paper at the 2013 LatCrit South North Exchange on Theory, Culture and Law in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She was a coordinator for the conference on "The Costs of Exclusion: Austerity Policies and Anti-Social Governmental Strategies." ➦



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