



## Center for International Legal Education

### From the Director

By Ronald Brand

As the Center for International Legal Education (CILE) has matured as an institution, its reach has extended far beyond our original expectations. Where we once envisioned a strong LL.M. program for foreign law graduates and special programs for our J.D. students, we now have an LL.M. program that is having a major impact in many countries; opportunities for J.D. students that do not exist elsewhere; a group of professors that provides regular support to the U.S. Department of State, United Nations organizations, foreign governments, and important nongovernmental organizations; an established publications series (*CILE Studies*) that produces groundbreaking legal scholarship with significant theoretical and practical value; and overseas support and training for U.S. corporations and foreign universities. With this newsletter I am pleased to share with you the developments of the past year at CILE and to invite your participation in our activities.

As you will discover in these pages, our LL.M. roundtable in January 2007 provided proof of substance in our programs

and the promise of much more to come from our graduates around the globe. More importantly, it secured our belief that LL.M. programs generate one of the most important exports the United States has to offer. Our country, and the world, would benefit significantly if this fact were realized on a broader scale. We thank our LL.M. graduates and others who participated in the roundtable for helping substantiate our beliefs and prod the development of new programs.

The synergies of our LL.M. and J.D. programs are perhaps best evidenced in the many overseas summer internships our J.D. students experience on a regular basis (often initiated and facilitated by our LL.M. graduates). These experiences provide a truly global education in a time when an understanding of the world outside our borders is not just a luxury but a necessity. They also represent the personal approach of many CILE programs. We try to avoid creating programs and then directing our students into those programs whether they fit well or not. We instead

find it much more fulfilling to get to know our students as individuals first and then find opportunities for them that facilitate their unique career paths.

A new partnership with Oxford University Press has brought renewed energy and strength to our *CILE Studies* series of publications, with exciting and path-breaking volumes already scheduled for the future.

I am blessed to work with our Program Administrator Gina Clark, our new Assistant Director D. Wes Rist, and our Foreign International and Comparative Law Librarian Linda Tashbook on the programs that have developed out of the efforts of many students, faculty, staff, and friends of CILE. We hope you will spend time reading the stories of those who have been a part of our work this past year, and that you will let us know how we can improve on what we believe is a good start to a lasting and effective resource and source of programs for legal education, the law, and the world.



Participants at the January 2007 LL.M. roundtable on "The Export of Legal Education."

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# The Export (and Import) of Legal Education

On January 26–27, 2007, the Center for International Legal Education (CILE) hosted a roundtable on “The Export of Legal Education: An Evaluation of Its Promise and Impact in Transition Countries.” Twelve LL.M. graduates who are now teaching and working in their home countries provided perspectives on how the LL.M. experience has shaped their academic and professional lives. Wade Channell of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) added a development professional’s view of the role of LL.M. programs in international development.

Through our LL.M. program for foreign law graduates, we regularly have observed instances in which the legal education exported through our graduates has had a significant impact on legal education and the development of law in another country. Despite the fact that the export of legal education is little noted in official trade statistics, we believe it is one of the most important U.S. exports in terms of benefits for both the United States and the country to which it is exported. Because we have only anecdotal information to support that belief, we organized the January roundtable

discussion in order to review both the views of LL.M. graduates who have been the subjects of such exportation, and policymakers and practitioners whose work intersects with the export of legal education.

Many of the LL.M. graduates emphasized the importance of teaching methodologies and the general value of U.S. legal education to the development of problem-solving skills. Channell of USAID capped off the program with a focus on the ways in which LL.M. graduates assist international aid agencies such as USAID in transition countries. The papers and video presentations from the roundtable are available online at [www.law.pitt.edu/academics/programs/cile/llmproceedings.php](http://www.law.pitt.edu/academics/programs/cile/llmproceedings.php).

Proving that you don’t have exports without imports, the roundtable generated a number of suggestions about how CILE can enhance the legal education experience for both Pitt J.D. students and law students in LL.M. graduates’ home countries through increased cooperation. One immediate result has been increased opportunities for summer internships for Pitt J.D. students (see story on page 4).

The event confirmed many views about the value of the export of legal education. The following comments by participants indicate some of the ways in which the LL.M. experience has had an impact when taken home:

“The experience I gained as an LL.M. student was valuable and still is. [It] enabled me to share what I have learned with our judges, attorneys, and my students. All the good pieces of my overall law experience, I offer now to my own students.” **Jelena Arsic (LL.M., Serbia, ’05)**

“I have applied what I learned at Pitt in several ways that have changed somehow the usual procedures of Peruvian administrative law. Case law proved to be a fast and handy tool for public administration both at my working and teaching experiences, and this is clearly a contribution from the American legal system to Peruvian administrative law, one that I could trace back from the time I spent researching hundreds of cases during the months I was an LL.M. student at the School of Law.” **Adolfo Cespedes Zavaleta (LL.M., Peru, ’01)**

“Since [we established our Centre for International and European Law with the assistance of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law], the quality of student and postgraduate research papers has substantially improved. Since 2001, upon the advice and through initial funding coming from the School of Law, our economics and law faculty has started participating in the Willem Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. The moot experience brought something new and truly international to the lives of those students who participated and had a fundamental impact on their minds. My personal experience of study abroad at Pitt’s LL.M. program has proven to be extremely helpful in changing my attitude toward studying law and serving as a model for reforms I have been advocating in my home institution.” **Daniil Fedorchuk (LL.M., Ukraine, ’01)**

“Because I had the experience of being taught by professors at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where the classes are practical and based on real cases, and where the theoretical principles are learned and extracted from the resolutions in those cases, I have introduced in my classes a completely new teaching dynamic. I decided to return to my home city and seek to change some of the structure and the dynamic of teaching in modern law schools, taking practical concepts that I had enjoyed during my time at Pitt and applying them to theoretical concepts used in the system of law schools in Mexico.” **Luz Maria Cardenas Arenas (LL.M., Mexico, ’01)**

“I must admit that during the six months of preparations for [the Vis competition], many times I regretted accepting a role on the team because of all the hard work it required. But it cannot compare with

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the number of times I have thanked God and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law for giving me an opportunity that has opened so many doors for me. Over the years, my constant work through the Vis moot and the LL.M. program with Pitt professionals, professors, and students created strong bonds and friendships.

“The most important aspect of this partnership between Prishtina and Pitt was by far the LL.M. program. The Socratic method and other approaches of teaching that I learned at Pitt have been an enormous help for me while working with students. It is so obvious that these methods can be successful and at the same time can earn you the respect of your students, because they feel that this respect is mutual and that you care about their professional advancement. The Pitt program showed me what I can be as a professional and as a human being. Apart from the outstanding educational experience, it is also about growing up, opening your eyes, and preparing you to come back to your home country fully

equipped to work hard toward strengthening the rule of law in the best ways possible.” **Vjosa Osmani (LL.M., Kosovo, '05)**

“Studying at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law gave me a different perspective on my Serbian education and new guidance in my professional career as a professor at the University of Belgrade. Most importantly, it helped me improve teaching methodology for my classes by exposing me to the Socratic method, and consequently it has helped me develop a better course for my students. The Belgrade law faculty is indebted for the support provided by Pitt. Due to the financing and training provided by our Pittsburgh colleagues, the Belgrade team has been a successful participant of the Vis moot competition for four consecutive years.” **Milena Dordevic (LL.M., Serbia, '02)**

“Whatever their stations in life, Pittsburgh graduates from Moi University have had significant impact drawing from their training in both institutions for a transition country.

Their contribution both direct and indirect cannot be overemphasized.” **Maurice Oduor (LL.M., Kenya, '04)**



Jelena Arsic (LL.M. '05) described using her University of Pittsburgh School of Law education in her home country of Serbia.

## Syquia Demonstrates Novel Use of LL.M. Lessons

The presentation by **Joel Syquia (LL.M. '98)** at the January LL.M. roundtable demonstrated the effect that the legal education principles he learned at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law had on his work of fighting corruption and enhancing development in the Philippines. Syquia highlighted the numerous problems his home nation faces in implementing reform and development programs that often include

conditions mandated by the international organizations that fund development projects. Rather than simply point out the harm of corruption and its impact on developing nations, however, he demonstrated how his LL.M. education held answers for ways to overcome those hurdles.

Syquia acknowledged the common resistance of local governments to development plans created and imposed by others. Using the Socratic method as an example, he illus-

trated how a change in the informative meetings given to local officials expected to carry out proposed reforms help provide a sense of project ownership, and allow regional and central government officials to more fully understand the problems a specific region may face. Syquia illustrated novel approaches to development, including using Coca-Cola delivery trucks to transport much-needed textbooks to out-of-the-way villages.

## Osmani Emphasizes Importance of Teaching Style

**Vjosa Osmani (LL.M. '05)** outlined the path she had taken upon her return to Kosovo from her LL.M. year at Pitt. That path began with her work at the Council of Europe office in Kosovo, focusing on the international sales of goods in the small United Nations protectorate, including the incorporation of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) into domestic law. For this work, Osmani

acknowledged the training she received in CISG from Professors Ronald Brand and Harry Flechtner. Nonetheless, it was not substantive knowledge of the law but rather exposure to new teaching methodologies that captured Osmani's attention. The Socratic method and discussion-oriented classes have proved useful not just in her work at the Council of Europe but also in her current roles as an assistant professor at the University of Prishtina Faculty of

Law and as legal adviser to the president of Kosovo. She provided examples of how her students have had a direct influence on the development of new laws for Kosovo. This process has been supplemented through the participation of Pitt J.D. students in a number of internships in Kosovo, gaining special benefit from Osmani's participation in the day-to-day affairs of the nascent Kosovo government.





# Internships Expand Pitt Presence Around the Globe



2007 overseas summer interns (left to right): Jonathan Hill, Chananya (Sandy) Kunvatanagarn, David Willey, Max Laun from Alcoa, Ryan Olden, Eric Linge, Robin Belinsky, James Quinn, and Andrew Wood. Alcoa provides generous support to assist in the expenses of overseas internships for J.D. students.

A fundamental component of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law LL.M. program has been the opportunity for all students to engage in summer internships after completion of their formal studies. Internship opportunities are offered at law departments at Alcoa, Heinz, Westinghouse, many great law firms, judges' chambers, and nonprofit organizations. Pitt is one of very few LL.M. programs that offers an internship experience to each LL.M. graduate who wants one.

The Center for International Legal Education (CILE) staff also has worked hard to make it possible for J.D. students to have the experience of a summer internship abroad. This process expanded in summer 2007 when CILE provided more than \$45,000 to support student expenses of internships and summer study in a variety of locations and organizations. Students worked at internships obtained through competitive application processes as well as internships arranged directly by CILE. They worked with governments, nongovernmen-

tal organizations, and private enterprise, obtaining unparalleled experience in each instance. The following is a list of some of the students and their internship placements in summer 2007, with first-person accounts by two of the interns on pages 6 and 7.

- Robin Belinsky, Cambodia Defender's Project in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- J. Katherine (Kate) Drabecki, Institute for European Studies in Brussels, Belgium.
- Claudia Garman, German Foreign Office, Human Rights Department, in Berlin, Germany.
- Mary Gibson, Kosovo Assembly in Prishtina, Kosovo.
- Jonathan Hill, Center for International Environmental Law in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Jeremy Hugus, World Health Organization, Department of Health Law and Department of Human Genetics in Geneva, Switzerland.

- Chananya (Sandy) Kunvatanagarn, World Trade Organization Accession Project, U.S. Agency for International Development, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the State Department Office of the Legal Adviser in Geneva, Switzerland (fall term 2007).
- Geoff Leung and Ryan Olden, United Nations Mission in Kosovo Department of Justice in Prishtina, Kosovo.
- Eric Linge, Marico Limited India in Mumbai, India.
- James Quinn, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- Jonathan Rhein and Andrew Wood, Asian Institute of Management Center for Development Management in Makati City, Philippines.
- Eric Sutton, American Bar Association/Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative in Prishtina, Kosovo.
- David Willey, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany.

## JURIST and CILE Combine to Offer Unique Opportunity to Law Students

J.D. students engaged in overseas internships this summer were offered a unique opportunity to contribute perspectives on their summer experiences to JURIST (<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu>), the award-winning legal news and research Web site based at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and managed by Professor Bernard Hibbitts and Executive Director Jeannie

Shawl (J.D. '05). Pitt students in Kosovo, India, and the Philippines commented on legal issues they were observing in the countries where they were living and working and had their reports published in real time in JURIST's new "Dateline" section (<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/dateline>). The goal of this joint Center for International Legal Education (CILE) and JURIST initiative

is to ensure that students are not merely doing legal work in another country but are actively learning about that country's larger legal culture while there.

JURIST has developed a major international following and become a source of important legal information and commentary.



## Inaugural Nordenberg Fellows Awarded European Summer Internships



The 2007 inaugural Nordenberg fellows (left to right): Claudia Garman (J.D. '08), J. Katherine (Kate) Drabecki (J.D. '08), and David Willey (J.D./M.B.A. '09).

Three second-year students at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law spent the summer in Europe as the inaugural Nordenberg fellows funded by the Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg University Professorship held by Dr. Alberta Sbragia. The fellowships were awarded through the Center for International Legal Education (CILE), in cooperation with the University's European Union Center of Excellence. Each student received a Nordenberg Fellowship stipend of \$5,000 plus \$1,000 from CILE to support his or her summer work. The Nordenberg Fellowships provide special opportunities for students from the School of Law through special relationships with some of the most prestigious legal and academic institutions in Europe.

**J. Katherine Drabecki** was the Nordenberg fellow at the Institute for European Studies in Brussels, Belgium. Drabecki was a member of the University of Pittsburgh team that competed at the 2007 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria. That team reached the elimination rounds of 32 out of 177 participating teams. Drabecki has served as president of the Pitt Law Women's Association

and as a Legal Analysis and Writing teaching assistant. During the summer of 2006, she interned with the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo in the Legal Policy Division. She is the recipient of a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for the 2007–08 academic year, which she will use to study Polish in conjunction with her legal studies.

**Claudia Garman** used her Nordenberg Fellowship to work in the Human Rights Division of the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, Germany. Garman has received the Truxall Fund Scholarship and a Nationality Room Scholarship while at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. In 2006, Garman spent the summer as an intern at the European Roma Rights Center in Budapest, Hungary. She has served as vice president of the International Law Society at the School of Law and is an associate editor of the *Journal of Law and Commerce*. Garman will spend the 2007–08 academic year at the University Leiden in the Netherlands.

**David Willey** was the Nordenberg fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg,

Germany. The Max Planck Institute is the premier comparative and international private law research institute in Europe. Willey has studied at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland and the Federal Armed Forces Academy in Munich, Germany. In the summer of 2006, he was an intern in the chambers of the Honorable Judge John A. Zottola in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. Willey was a member of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law's 2007 Niagara International Moot Court Competition team.



J. Katherine (Kate) Drabecki (J.D. '08) and University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg.



## A Summer of Environmental Law in Geneva

By Jonathan Hill (J.D. '08)

As soon as I read the description of the internship program at the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), I thought, “This is what I want to do this summer.” The program had everything I could want in an internship—an international experience (in Geneva, of all places), substantive work experience in public international law, and a focus on international trade and investment with an environmental twist. CIEL was the first place I applied for summer work, but with the realization that I would be competing against applicants from all over the world, I didn’t get my hopes up. Indeed, I was not initially selected for the internship, but when I received the call in April that someone had dropped out and the position was mine if I wanted it, the only decision to be made was which airline to fly.

My experience at CIEL was everything I could have hoped for. While countless organizations deal with international issues—human rights, health, pure environment—relatively few focus on economic issues, and CIEL is at the forefront of that small community. CIEL is broadly an environmental organization, but it divides and concentrates its work—especially in Geneva—in various fields, some of which, such as international trade, investment, and intellectual property, are not commonly identified as impacting the environment. CIEL’s Geneva office—with three attorneys and three interns—is quite small, so everyone is given the opportunity, and is expected, to produce high-quality substantive work. There is no filing and photocopying in this internship. That being the case, I was surprised at how flexible the staff was in developing a project that would address my interests while meeting CIEL’s needs.

What drew me to CIEL in the first place was its work in international trade—the field in which I hope to practice. After expressing this interest to my supervisor, we identified a project that would allow me to gain significant

exposure to the field and develop a greater understanding of what it means to practice international trade law. My assignment was to produce an educational piece about the World Trade Organization’s (WTO) dispute settlement mechanism. I researched and wrote about the general operation of the system and then identified problems facing developing countries and proposals for addressing these problems. The piece will be part of an advocacy effort aimed at preparing developing countries for WTO negotiations, particularly in the ongoing Doha Round. My work allowed me to gain valuable understanding of how trade disputes are handled in the WTO system and how negotiations for reforming the system proceed. More broadly, I was able to learn how a multilateral system compares to regional and bilateral systems.

The most exciting part of my internship—and what set it apart from others—was actually being in Geneva, the center of international law. This allowed me to attend meetings at the WTO and other intergovernmental organizations and really take part in the international legal machinery. Instead of just reading about how the WTO operates, I actually attended the public session of the second panel meeting of the Boeing-Airbus dispute between the United States and European Commission at the WTO headquarters. While attending a trial in the United States is a rather easy thing to do, the equivalent WTO “meeting” is rarely ever open to the public. I also attended sessions of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Provisional Committee on Proposals Related to a WIPO Development Agenda, which was essentially a meeting of 93 WIPO member states and 41 observers convened to negotiate the organization’s development activities. This provided unparalleled exposure to the negotiations process in an intergovernmental organization, allowing me to observe the interaction between states and observers. I had the added benefit of witnessing the successful completion of a round—a feat that only occurs every five to 10 years. I was also able to attend several

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smaller meetings at the WTO, WIPO, and United Nations in which national delegates and civil society representatives discussed global and regional problems and formulated strategies for addressing them. These opportunities, which are solely attributable to my internship with CIEL in Geneva, have provided me experience in international law that is largely unattainable in the United States and that will serve as a strong foundation upon which to build my career.

My experience at CIEL was all around positive. I was able not only to visit but live in a part of the world I’ve never been to and meet a lot of great people who share my interests, while having a very different perspective on them. I was able to gain sufficient experience in my field of interest to determine that I am pursuing a career that will be satisfying and rewarding for me. While there are no doubt countless valuable internships in which I could have participated in the United States, I firmly believe that none could have met my needs as perfectly as the one at CIEL.





## Working with the United Nations in Kosovo

By Ryan Olden (J.D. '08)

A week after completing my first year of law school, I embarked on what I believe will be a crucial building block in my legal career. I spent my first law school summer as an intern for the United Nations in Kosovo. While there, I worked on a range of local, regional, and international legal issues. My projects touched on many forms of law, including human rights, criminal, and even property law.

In Kosovo, I was given the opportunity to push implementation of one of Europe's most progressive antidiscrimination laws, create an outline of property dispute resolution procedures to be

used by international judicial inspectors, and assist in reviewing pending development legislation. My primary project was the law against discrimination. It is one of the world's most progressive such laws, but there remains a lack of awareness and enforcement of its terms. I also did work on property disputes, one of the most important legal issues in the region due to the displacement of many Kosovars during the wars of the 1990s, especially in 1999. Finally, I aided in the review of drafts of the law that will serve as the foundation for Kosovo's police procedures. The United Nations mission takes its employees seriously, even the interns. It was very reward-

ing to be trusted with real, important projects.

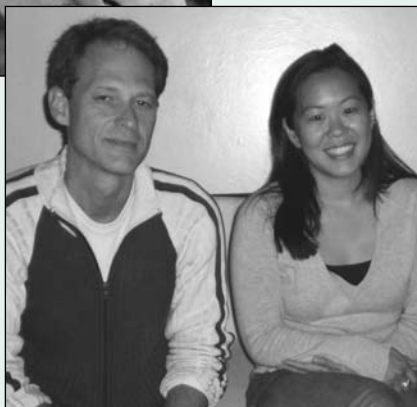
The United Nations Interim Administrative Mission in Kosovo has been administering the former Yugoslav province for nearly a decade now. Because the region has never really functioned as an independent state, it has taken years of painstaking effort to develop a native legal government structure. Although my time there was brief, and my contribution minimal in comparison to the many dedicated international and local officers, I feel that my work did make a meaningful impact on the developing legal structure of Kosovo.

## A Glimpse of Pitt Law Interns Around the Globe



Above: Chananya (Sandy) Kunvatanagarn (J.D. '08) in Ethiopia.

Right: Mark Walter (J.D. '98), chief of party at USAID Ethiopia, with Chananya (Sandy) Kunvatanagarn (J.D. '08) in Ethiopia during her internship at the WTO Accession Project.



Left: Eric Linge (J.D. '09) is welcomed by the Children's Rights and You nongovernmental organization he volunteered with in India while interning for Marico Ltd.

Below: (Left to right) Andrew and Lindsay Wood, Tess, Joel, and baby Therese Marie Syquia, and Jonathan and Guia Rhein at baby Therese Marie's christening. Andrew Wood (J.D. '08) and Jonathan Rhein (J.D. '09) interned with Joel Syquia (LL.M. '98) at the Asian Institute of Management in Makati City, Philippines.





## CILE to Provide Fourth Training Program for U.S. Steel Lawyers



Left to right: Professor Ronald A. Brand, Elena Petraskova (LL.M. '09), James Bond of the U.S. Steel Corporation in Pittsburgh, and Natasa Lalatovic (LL.M. '08). Petraskova and Lalatovic are both attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Law through financial support provided by U.S. Steel.

In cooperation with the United States Steel Corporation and its affiliates in Slovakia and Serbia, the Center for International Legal Education has developed a unique set of courses designed to help civil law lawyers in the operations acquired by U.S. Steel to work better with their common-law counterparts in the United States. Facilitated by U.S. Steel lawyer John Wilson, the program has included courses in Košice, Slovakia on English for Lawyers, Legal Ethics, Comparative Corporate Governance, and Introduction to American Law. Participating in the instruction have been Professors Ronald Brand, Douglas Branson, Teresa Brostoff, John Burkoff, and Ann Sinsheimer. These courses, taught in two one-week sessions in December 2005 and June 2006, were so well received that a similar introduction to civil law methods was taught by Professor Vivian Curran to U.S. Steel lawyers in Pittsburgh. Brand and Professor Harry Flechtner will provide a one-week program on international business transactions and international commercial law in November 2007 in Košice.

## CILE to Provide Commerce Department Program in Gulf Region



Professor Ronald A. Brand presented a workshop on legal instruction methods at the University of Bahrain College of Law. Dean Al Mashhadani of the College of Law is seated to the left.

The Center for International Legal Education (CILE) has entered a contract with the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce Middle East Partnership Initiative under which CILE will prepare and supervise a team for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria, in March 2008. The training will include a visit to Bahrain by Professor Ronald Brand, along with two J.D. students, in early October 2007 to select the team and prepare them to work on the written memoranda for the Vis competition; a visit in early February by Associate Professors Teresa Brostoff and

Ann Sinsheimer to do an on-site Legal English Capacity Building course at the University of Bahrain; a visit in February 2008 by Brand and two J.D. students to work with the Bahrain Vis team on oral presentations and provide general international commercial law instruction; and supervision of the University of Bahrain team in Vienna at the Vis competition. The relationship grows out of several trips by Brand to the Gulf region in 2006 as part of the CLDP program. CILE also welcomes its first LL.M. student from Bahrain, Noora Al-Shamlan, to the Class of 2008 from the University of Bahrain College of Law.





## Hamoudi Brings Islamic Law Strengths to Pitt

The Center for International Legal Education welcomes Assistant Professor Haider Ala Hamoudi to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Hamoudi comes to Pitt from the position of associate of law at Columbia Law School. He received his J.D. from Columbia Law School, after which he clerked in the Southern District of New York and spent several years in private practice. He has been program manager for the International Human Rights Law Institute of DePaul University School of Law, working to improve legal education in Iraq. He also has served as legal adviser to the finance committee of the Iraq Governing Council. While in Iraq, Hamoudi also coached the fledgling Iraqi Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court team, the first-ever Iraqi team to compete in the competition held in Washington, D.C. His research focuses on modern commercial law and Islamic



finance law and the attempt to establish connections between the two. He is teaching contracts and a seminar on Islamic Law and Jurisprudence.

Left to right: Sara Hamoudi (LL.M. '08), Associate Professor Haider Hamoudi, and Professor Ronald A. Brand at a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game.

## Brand to Provide Assistance to Kyiv Mohyla Academy

Professor Ronald Brand has accepted an invitation from the Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation) to serve as an Academic Fellowship Program (AFP) resource fellow for the Kyiv Mohyla Academy School

of Law in Kyiv, Ukraine, during the 2007–08 academic year. He will visit Kyiv twice during this period, as well as consult with members of the Kyiv Mohyla faculty who have studied abroad and are

working to incorporate those experiences into their teaching in Kyiv. Brand will consult on issues of curriculum development and participate in AFP cross-regional discipline meetings.

## CILE Continues Support for Moi University in Kenya

The Center for International Legal Education continues to strengthen its partnership with Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya. That partnership has so far resulted in six Moi graduates completing the LL.M. degree. Three of those graduates are now back teaching at the Faculty of Law in Eldoret. Vincent Mutai, Linda Kaemba, and Morice Odour all have begun teaching careers upon their return to Kenya. Annah Kanouche has joined the University of Pittsburgh School of Law LL.M. Class of 2008, providing new growth and development for the partnership.

## Professor Wasserman and Stefanelli Take On BIICL Judgments Project

The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) has asked Professor Rhonda Wasserman to serve as the U.S. member of its Advisory Board for a project on “The Effect in the European Community of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters: Recognition, *Res Judicata*, and Abuse of Process.” The project will provide research on the recognition of judgments in Europe and issues of preclusive effect of judicial action within the European community. According to Wasserman, the enforcement of judgments between different members of the European community is rather well developed, but there has been very little examination of what the accompanying effects really entail.

Wasserman’s experience in teaching and writing on preclusive effects in U.S. domestic law makes her well qualified to provide an American perspective on the limits of recognition and preclusive effect. She will supervise the preparation of the BIICL report on U.S. law, which will be written by Justine Stefanelli (J.D. ’05), who is a research fellow at BIICL and the U.S. national rapporteur on the project. Stefanelli’s report will be accompanied by reports from 10 European nations. The final reports and findings prepared by the national rapporteurs and members of the Advisory Board will be published as a book and presented at a conference.



## Professor Curran Receives Top Austrian Award

On May 2, 2007, Professor Vivian Curran was presented the Grand Decoration of Merit in Gold by Austrian Ambassador Eva Nowotny in a ceremony on the University of Pittsburgh campus. One of Austria's highest civilian awards, the Decoration of Merit recognizes Curran's work as the U.S. representative on the Austrian General Settlement Fund Committee, a position she received at the recommendation of the U.S. Department of State. The committee administered \$200 million in reparation funds for victims of the Nazi occupation of Austria prior to and during World War II. Curran's work on the committee included research into the legal system in place in Austria at the time of the Nazi occupation, as well as the review of factual issues contained in applications.

Curran's background in comparative law and estates and trusts, as well as her fluency in German and French, made her

an ideal representative to serve with the other two members of the independent claims committee to decide the merit of claims of more than approximately 20,000 applicants. At the ceremony, Curran praised the Austrian government's flexibility in dealing with difficult evidentiary and burden of proof issues arising from the time that elapsed between the illegal takings and the reparations effort. Her remarks upon receiving the Grand Decoration of Merit follow.



Professor Vivian Curran (left) and Austrian Ambassador Eva Nowotny at the award ceremony for Curran's work on the Austrian General Settlement Fund Committee.

## Acceptance Remarks of Professor Vivian Curran

Thank you, Ambassador Nowotny, for this great honor, and for traveling to Pittsburgh so that I could celebrate this occasion in my university. And thank you, Chancellor Nordenberg, Provost Maher, Dean Crossley, colleagues, friends, family, and distinguished guests, for being here to share this moment with me.

Ambassador Nowotny has given some background to the General Settlement Fund. I'd like to add that Austria not only made an historically admirable decision in establishing the fund, but it also did so in an admirable way. Over the course of my work, it was my great pleasure to be able to get to know some of the people in the Austrian government who were instrumental in planning and drafting the Austrian federal statute under which our committee operated, such as the then-president of Parliament, Andreas Khol, and Ambassador Ferdinand Trauttmansdorff. I came to appreciate the fine individuals they are and what deep thinking and sensitivity had gone into the Austrian law.

They had decided that the fund would compensate strictly for actual property losses, and not be symbolic, because they

didn't want even implicitly to suggest to claimants that Austria thought it was possible to compensate monetarily for any losses other than property—such as the loss of family members and of country of origin, or for the hardships of emigration that many of the claimants had suffered.

But it also was clear that few of the victims and even fewer of their children were going to have concrete evidence of their property losses 60 years after the expropriations had occurred, so Parliament enacted a unique statute which on the one hand relaxed the evidentiary burden for the victims and essentially had Austria shoulder that burden itself by setting up a Secretariat staffed with researchers, lawyers, historians, and economists to find out from archives what each claimant had owned before the Nazi takeover in March of 1938, and what had happened to the property afterwards. This was possible because the Nazis had kept excellent records of the property they stole, and the archives containing those records had not been destroyed in the war.

The Secretariat staff could not have been more dedicated, and on the claims committee, we were speeding up to a rate of

reading between 100 and 200 cases a week each, but the work involved to reconstruct events for each claimant was, to say the least, labor-intensive, and all three members of our committee needed to decide each case, and no claimant could be compensated until we had decided all of the cases. After a few months had gone by, and then a year, and then a little more time, the claimants started to wonder if anyone was listening, and we ourselves started to worry that most of our claimants, who were very old, would die before we disbursed any funds.

Since the committee members weren't allowed to have contact with claimants, we couldn't tell them that what may have seemed to them to be willful postponement actually reflected the meticulous research of the wonderful Secretariat staff under the leadership of Hannah Lessing, and the committee's careful work under the devoted and skillful chairmanship of Sir Franklin Berman, formerly chief legal adviser to the British Foreign Office.

President Khol earned our everlasting gratitude by coming to our rescue. He had the idea of proposing, and Parliament then in fact enacted, an amendment to the



## Acceptance Remarks *continued*

statute to allow us to give partial advance payments on meritorious claims as we adjudicated them, rather than waiting to the end as the statute originally required. President Khol and Ambassador Trauttmansdorff spent a great deal of time and energy on this, and in assisting our committee whenever we had concerns.

For me, this work also was a unique intellectual opportunity. A large part of my research over the years has focused on the interaction of historical and political traditions and influences with law and with how courts decide cases. On the claims committee, we applied the Austrian inheritance law that had been in effect before Germany's annexation of the country. The way the law of that time dealt with inheritance issues made a whole world of the past come alive. But most interesting for me was that my colleague on the committee, the Austrian appointee, was an eminent retired federal judge. Working with him was an immersion into a continental European judge's legal reasoning and decision-making processes. It's what I've been reading and writing and teaching for a dozen years. And now, thanks to my Austrian work, I actually may start to know what I'm talking about. Ambassador Nowotny, my dean and chancellor were seriously wondering if that ever would happen, so you can see how much I owe you for holding this ceremony at Pitt so that they could hear this.

The other reason I'm so pleased that this ceremony could take place here is that I wouldn't have been able to do the Austrian work without the help, indirect and direct, of several members of the University of Pittsburgh community whom I'd like to thank. First, my thanks to Chancellor Nordenberg and Provost Maher. They both have been at the head of this University since I first became an assistant professor, and their support for interdisciplinary and internationally oriented scholarship provided an ideal setting for me to do the writing and lecturing that led to my appointment to the Austrian committee.

In my area of interest of Western Europe, I have benefited immensely from the genius of Professor Alberta Sbragia, the director of our European Union Center of Excellence, for organizing programs and conferences and bringing speakers here who have opened so many doors for me and inspired

so many ideas that at this point I wouldn't know how to imagine what the course of my research would have been without the E.U. center and her presence here.

In the law school, I owe a very big debt of gratitude to David Herring, who was my dean when I was appointed to the property claims committee, and to my colleague Ron Brand. When the state department first approached me, I realized that this work would require a major time commitment and frequent travel. I fully expected Dean Herring to tell me that this was not compatible with being a professor. Instead, he gave me every encouragement to accept, and later he repeatedly gave me as much teaching relief as he was able so that I could do the committee work without having to interrupt my own scholarship.

And to help make this possible for me, my colleague, Ron Brand, took over my duties as director of our LL.M. program, which I had taken over from him barely two years earlier, even though it meant adding to his overwhelmingly busy schedule and giving up a new course he had wanted very much to teach. And after our new dean, Mary Crossley, came on board, she also gave me teaching relief so that I could continue to do my Austrian work, so I thank her most sincerely.

There also is a non-University person I need to thank today—and that's my husband, Roger. I wasn't at all sure what he was going to think about my taking on this major new time and travel commitment. I already was coming close to Arthur Hellman in the amount of time I was spending at the law school. Somehow, Roger understood the surrealistic feeling I had that this work, if I took it, would mean an utterly unexpected ending to the story of my own family's trajectory through the Hitler period, despite its being so long afterwards.

Both of my parents were living in Paris when the second world war broke out, as was my Uncle Robert, who is sitting right here today. In 1940, when the German army invaded the north, they all fled to the south of France, along with millions of other people. At the time my parents didn't know each other. They left France at the end of 1941 but had to go to Cuba because they weren't able to get visas to the United States. It was in Havana that my parents first met. My father worked in a factory during the

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day and in the evenings worked at mathematics, which he started to publish, some in U.S. journals. He was able to come to this country when a professor at the University of Pennsylvania read one of his articles and invited him to go there to finish his Ph.D., which he had started in France.

After he got his degree, his first teaching position was in yet another country, at the University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon, Canada. My mother joined him and married him there. The next year, my father returned to Penn to teach in the math department, and, except for sabbatical years, my parents lived in Philadelphia, peacefully and uneventfully, for the rest of their lives.

I think they would have been very happy to know that I was able to be on the Austrian prop claims committee, and that they would have shared my sense that this work has been the completely unexpected ending to the Hitler story for our family.

No one can change what happened in the past, but what Austria is doing today also is a part of history, so I thank you, Ambassador Nowotny, for all that your country has done to change the ending to the story for 20,000 claimants, if I may be permitted to speak in their name, and certainly for myself and my family.



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## Visitors from England, Italy, the Netherlands, and Turkey Add to Curriculum

The 2007–08 academic year again brings a number of top professors and practitioners from abroad to enhance curricular offerings at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. In the fall term, Judge Alexander Mooy from the Netherlands will be teaching Criminal Aspects of the European Convention on Human Rights. In the spring term, Professor Yessim Atamar, from Istanbul Bilgi Law Faculty in Istanbul, Turkey, will teach European Community Consumer Protection Law; Richard Wainwright, formerly of the Legal Service of the European Commission, will teach the Introduction to European Union Law course; and Marco Gardini (LL.M. '97), a lecturer at the University of Parma, Italy, will teach Comparative Legal Cultures.

These scholars, teachers, and practitioners continue the Center for International Legal Education tradition of bringing international experts to Pitt to teach unique classes for J.D. students. Other such visitors in the past decade, and the courses they have taught, include:

**Judge Alexander Mooy**, Court of Appeals judge, the Netherlands. Criminal Aspects of the European Court of Human Rights (fall 2007, spring 2006).

**Professor Hubert Isak**, University of Graz, Austria. European Union Law; and Introduction to European Union Law (fall 2006).

**Professor Marc De Vos**, University of Ghent, Belgium. European Labor and Employment Law (fall 2006).

**Professor Bor-shan Lin**, Chinese Culture University, Taipei, Taiwan. Comparative Asian Contract Law: Greater China, Korea, and Japan (spring 2006).

**Professor Bernhard Schloh**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium. Introduction to European Union Law (spring 2002, spring 2004, fall 2005).

**Professor Johan Erauw**, University of Ghent, Belgium. International Licensing Segment of IBT (fall 2005).

**Professor Jose Manuel Sobrino**, University of La Coruna, Spain. European Union Law (spring 2005).

**Geeta Ramaseshan**, private practice, India. International Human Rights Litigation (spring 2004).

**Professor Joachim Herrmann**, University of Augsburg, Germany. Comparative Criminal Procedure; Comparative Law; and Introduction to the German Legal System (fall 1996, fall 2001, fall 2003).

**Professor Franco Ferrari**, University of Verona, Italy. Uniform Sales Law and Forum Shopping (spring 2003).

**Professor Stevan Lilic**, University of Belgrade, Serbia. Constitutional and Legal Reforms After Dictatorships: The Case of Serbia; and Legal Repression and Human Rights Protection Under Milosevic (spring 2002).

**Professor Michel Tison**, University of Ghent, Belgium. European Banking and Capital Markets Law (spring 2001).

**Professor Giandomenico Majone**, European University Institute, Florence, Italy. Regulation, Deregulation, Re-regulation: Comparing the U.S. and EU Experiences; Free Trade, Economic Integration, and Harmonization: The Experience of the European Community in Comparative Perspective; and The European Union, the United States, and the World Trade Organization: The Challenges of Deeper Integration (fall 1998, fall 1999, fall 2000).

**Professor Thomas Moellers**, University of Augsburg, Germany. Introduction to European Union Law (fall 2000).

**Professor Inge Govaere**, University of Ghent, Belgium. Introduction to European Union Law (fall 1999).

**Professor Hubert Bocken**, University of Ghent, Belgium. Comparative Environmental Compensation Systems (fall 1999).

**Bernard L. Seward Jr.**, Office of Legal Adviser of the Department of State. Arms Control Negotiation; and International Agreements Law (spring 1999).

**Professor Andreas Ziegler**, University of Lausanne, Switzerland. European Union Law (fall 1998).

**Kurt Riechenberg**, European Court of Justice, Luxembourg. European Environmental Law; and Introduction to European Union Law (fall 1996, spring 1997).



The Honorable Judge Alexander Mooy of the Court of Appeals visited Pitt in the Fall to provide J.D. students with a unique classroom opportunity.

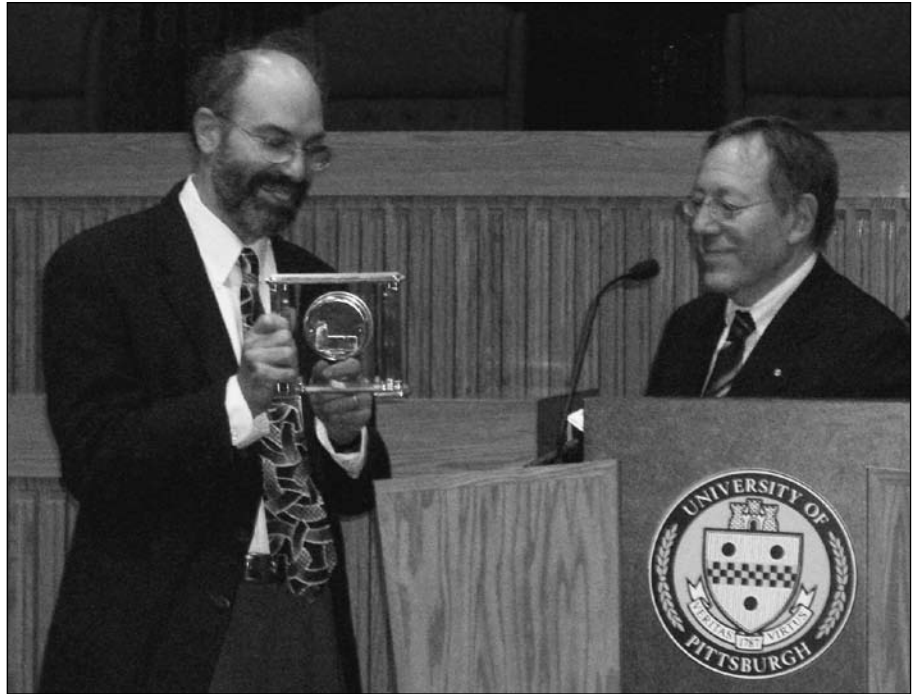
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## Natasa Lalatovic Follows Belgrade Colleagues to Pitt

Natasa Lalatovic has become the most recent graduate recommended by the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law to attend the LL.M. program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. While original participants were supported in part by a state department partnership grant, that funding has expired, and Lalatovic has come to Pitt with assistance from the U.S. Steel Foundation and Franklin West, Inc. U.S. Steel now operates a major steel manufacturing facility in Serbia, and that operation has been the source of financial support as well for the University of Belgrade Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team, indicating both the strong Pittsburgh-Serbia connections on which the Pitt-Belgrade programs are based and the value of industry-academy partnerships. Previous University of Belgrade graduates of the LL.M. program include Milena Dordevic (LL.M. '02), Ivana Krstic (LL.M. '03), Vuk Radovic (LL.M. '04), Jelena Arsic (LL.M. '05), and Djordje Krivokapic (LL.M. '07).

## Irwin Cotler Delivers 15th Annual McLean Lecture

On January 11, 2007, the Center for International Legal Education cohosted the 15th Annual McLean Lecture on World Law with the Global Solutions Education Fund–Pittsburgh. McGill University Professor Irwin Cotler, a member of the Canadian Parliament and former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, spoke on “Hate, Genocide, and Human Rights.” The lecture drew on Cotler’s experience in representing numerous prisoners of conscience around the world, including Nelson Mandela and Andrei Sakharov, and focused on similarities between 20th-century events and current human rights and humanitarian crises. Cotler gave specific attention to the genocide taking place in the Darfur region of Sudan and called upon those present to become involved in seeking to enhance international response to the ongoing atrocities.



Professor Jules Lobel (left) and McGill University Professor Irwin Cotler, member of Parliament, at the 15th annual McLean lecture.

## Pitt Consortium Sees Success at Vis Moot

April 2007 saw the University of Pittsburgh School of Law team for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria, to compete in the 14th annual competition along with its consortium partners from Donetsk National University (Ukraine), Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University (Ukraine), the University of Belgrade (Serbia), and the University of Prishtina (Kosovo). The



Members of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law Vis consortium prepare for arguments at the Vienna competition.

competition combines complex research, writing, and oral argument on issues of arbitration procedure and the application of the United Nations Sales Convention with the opportunity to meet and work with students from around the globe. After the Pitt and Belgrade teams advanced to the round

of 32 teams, Belgrade proceeded on to the semifinals. Not the least of the benefits of the competition for the Pitt team was the opportunity to develop special relationships with students from each of the other consortium teams. These relationships provide special support for all of the consortium partici-

pants, as well as the opportunity to socialize across cultures. The 2007 Pitt team members, advised by Professor Harry Flechtner, were J. Katherine (Kate) Drabecki (J.D. '08), Amy Inlander (J.D. '08), Chananya (Sandy) Kunvatanagarn (J.D. '08), and Katerina Ossenova (J.D. '08).

# GRADUATE PROFILES

## FIRST PERSON

### The Wide World of International Legal Work

By Elizabeth Shackelford (J.D. '06)

I went to law school seeking a career in international law. Like so many other students with similar aspirations, I envisioned primarily international tribunals and treaty negotiations with human rights-related subject matters.

My summer internship experiences at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law reflected my initial interest in international human rights issues. During the summer after my first year, I interned for the American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative in Kosovo. We worked on various projects to assist the local ethnic Albanian legal community in recovering from years of oppression and war and learning new laws that differ significantly from those they had known. I spent my second summer in Freetown, Sierra Leone, working with a defense team at the Special Court for Sierra Leone, a war crimes court set up jointly by Sierra Leone and the United Nations. These experiences—made possible by the Center for International Legal Education and with particular assistance from Mark Walter and Professor Elena Baylis, respectively—were extraordinary, but they were also somewhat disillusioning.

I left Kosovo disheartened by the inefficiency of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) constantly plagued by inadequate funding and uncertainty. I left Sierra Leone wondering whether it is realistic to believe that any international court can mete out justice without the undue influence of political factors. That said, NGOs are clearly a vital part of international development, and citizens in Sierra Leone seemed genuinely grateful for the opportunity to create a record of the war's atrocities and establish at least the appearance of the rule of law. Nonetheless, I thought it might be time to



Elizabeth Shackelford (J.D. '06) with Covington & Burling partner Peter Trooboff at the opening of an exhibit by Sophia Tolstoy (*Song Without Words*) at the American University Katzen Center in Washington, D.C. The event was sponsored by the National Geographic Society, a Covington & Burling client.

try my hand at another area of the international legal arena—at least for a bit.

During my second year at Pitt, my participation in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot exposed me to an area of international law that I had never really considered: private international law. Much to my surprise, I found it fascinating. Throughout my second and third years at Pitt, my interest in exploring the private law sector—something I never thought I would do—began to grow. Professors Ronald Brand and Harry Flechtner's irrepressible enthusiasm for private international law in the commercial sector is most certainly to blame for this development.

Another “international” area that was new to me was comparative law. I recall distinctly, as a bright-eyed and likely obnoxious first-year student, knocking on Professor Baylis' door to pepper her with questions about her international law career. She politely had to explain to me that comparative law was not international

law. Feeling sheepish at my shallow understanding of the world of law in the international context, I started opening my mind to all the different possibilities it encompasses. I soon realized that the international legal world is much broader than international law, and the international law world itself encompasses more than I ever expected. With so many young law students expressing an interest in international careers, and competition for such work growing, this was all great news for me.

Where has this taken me a year out of law school? Perhaps one of the most unlikely places, thanks to an introduction by Professor Michael Madison. I am now an associate at the law firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C. Am I an international lawyer? I think so. At Covington, my work is primarily in the international practice group, although I also work in litigation. In less than a year here, my projects have covered a broad spectrum of international issues, and I work with great people who have a wide range of professional experiences.



## GRADUATE PROFILES *continued*

In the area of comparative law, I have researched the possibility of a client's liability under foreign law, and I have compiled information for clients on legislative and policy developments in a variety of foreign countries. In the purely international law field, I have had the opportunity to research and advise a pro bono NGO client on Iraq's obligations under international human rights treaties and how best to implement them in national law. I have also assisted in advising clients on the impact of United Nations sanctions. Although I have not yet been involved in international arbitration and dispute settlement here at Covington, it is a big part of the firm's international practice and likely the largest one with a direct link to international law.

Most of my international work actually relates to U.S. law rather than international or foreign law, but its international nature

is certain. My projects have involved assisting foreign and domestic clients in navigating U.S. laws and regulations with regard to international trade, foreign investment in the United States, and national security. One area I have been deeply engaged in is advising and assisting clients with national security reviews of foreign direct investment in the United States. The government engages in rigorous reviews of often high-stakes commercial investments that have varying degrees of potential national security concerns. We assist clients in navigating the review process and negotiating national security agreements that sometimes are required to make these transactions possible.

I also work extensively on issues of U.S. foreign trade controls. This involves advising clients on compliance with U.S. foreign trade laws and regulations related to areas

such as national security and nuclear technology. I have been engaged on the import side as well, assisting a client in applying for immunity determinations from the U.S. government to protect foreign art exhibits from seizure while displayed in the United States.

My experience at Pitt introduced me to a variety of international areas in the legal field. Covington has exposed me to these areas and more, and has given me the opportunity to venture into the different areas in ways I had not expected. But I still have much more to explore.

My recommendation to students with a similar interest in all legal things international is to take every opportunity to expand your understanding of the international legal field and to be open to abandoning your initial notions of what an international lawyer should be.

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## LL.M. Class of 2008 Arrives

The LL.M. Class of 2008 once again brings diversity and special talents to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. This year's class adds new countries, Fulbright scholars, a new Palestinian Rule of Law scholar, and a Muskie fellow:

**Noora Al-Shamlan (Bahrain)** received her law degree from the University of Bahrain in 2007. During the summers of 2005 and 2006, she was a trainee at the Public Prosecution Office and at the Military Judiciary Directorate. Al-Shamlan has worked as a teaching assistant at the University of Bahrain.

**Mohamed Amine Ben Lakhel (Tunisia)** studied business law at the Faculty of Law, Political and Social Science of Tunis, Tunisia, and he received his master's degree in common law in 2004. He worked as a lawyer at Ferchiou & Associates Meziou Knani. Ben Lakhel is the recipient of the Fulbright Fellowship.

**Hung-Wen Chiang (Taiwan/Republic of China)** is a 2006 graduate of Chinese Culture University, Taipei, Taiwan. She was a member of that law faculty's 2003 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court

Competition team. Chiang has worked as a legal assistant at Bionime Corporation in Taipei.

**Lieu Dang (Vietnam)** received his Bachelor of Law degree in 2001 from Hanoi Law University and his Bachelor of Arts in English in 2002 from the Foreign Studies University, Hanoi, Vietnam. He has worked as a legal officer at Hong Linh Company Limited in Hanoi, Ha Tay Brewery Limited in Ha Tay, Sovico Corporation, and Phan Ton & Associates in Hanoi.

**Sara Abdullah Hamoudi (Iraq)** graduated with her LL.B. degree in 2003 from Sulaymania College of Law, Kurdistan region, Iraq. She worked at Sulaymania College as a research assistant while also working at the Independent Electoral Commission during Iraq's election year of 2005.

**Majdi Jafar (Israel/Jordan/Palestine)** received his law degree from Cairo University, Egypt, in 2001. He has his own law firm, practicing in both Palestinian and Israeli jurisdictions. Jafar is a recipient of a Palestinian Rule of Law Program

Fellowship administered by the Open Society Institute.

**Masami Kittaka (Japan)** graduated in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts in international studies from International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan. She received her law degree from the University of Tokyo in 2007. From 1997 until 2004 she worked for Sony Corporation in Tokyo, first as an assistant in the International Marketing Department and then as a communication specialist in the Environment and Corporate Social Responsibility Department.

**Annah Konuche (Kenya)** is a 2002 graduate of Moi University Faculty of Law in Eldoret, Kenya. She has worked as an associate advocate in two different Eldoret firms: M/S Nyachiro and Company Advocates and M/S Kalya and Company Advocates. She also has worked for the State Counsel in the Attorney General's Chambers in Mombasa, Kenya. Konuche is the recipient of a tuition fellowship from the University Center for International Studies and a Franklin West, Inc. housing fellowship.

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## LL.M. Class of 2008 Arrives *continued*

**Santy Kouwagam (Indonesia)** received her law degree from the University of Hasanuddin, Makassar, Indonesia in 2007. As a student, she interned at the Police Department of Tamalate and at the Higher Court of South and West Sulawesi.

**Amelia Kuschel (Germany)** received her law degree in 2003 and her Ph.D. in 2005 from the University of Göttingen, Germany. She worked at several law firms in Einbeck, Germany, while she studied for her Ph.D. Prior to coming to Pittsburgh, she worked as an attorney for the Employer's Association of Central Germany in Göttingen.

**Natasa Lalatovic (Serbia)** is a 2006 graduate of the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, Belgrade, Serbia. She was a member of the 2007 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team. She is the recipient of a U.S. Steel tuition fellowship and a Franklin West, Inc. housing fellowship.

**Maryam Nihayath (Maldives)** received her law degree in 2005 from Maldives College of Higher Education, Male,

Maldives. She has worked at the Chief Customs Office in the Security Surveillance and Intelligence Division of the Maldives Customs Service. She is the recipient of a Fulbright fellowship.

**Jing Peng (People's Republic of China)** graduated in 2006 with her law degree from China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China. After graduation she worked as an intern at the Yuecheng Law Firm. She is the recipient of a tuition fellowship from the University Center for International Studies.

**Elena Petraskova (Slovakia)** received her law degree in 1992 from the University of P.J. Safarik, Košice, Slovakia. She worked as an attorney at VSZ Ocel= s.r.o. and VSZ a.s. Košice, until 2000, when she began work at U.S. Steel Košice, s.r.o., where she is now assistant general counsel and is on assignment to U.S. Steel Corporation in Pittsburgh.

**Maksym Sysoiev (Ukraine)** is a 2006 graduate of the Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine in Kharkiv. After graduation, he worked as an intern at B.C.

Toms & Co. law firm and since March 2007, he worked as an attorney. Sysoiev is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship.

**Aliya Zholboldina (Kazakhstan)** received her law degree from the Kazakh Humanitarian and Law University in 2002 and her MBA from the Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics, and Strategic Research in 2004. She has worked as an intern at the Lower Chamber of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Baker & McKenzie, Lukoil Overseas Service Ltd., and the Tax Department of Ernst & Young. She is the recipient of an Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship.

**Marko Zivanov (Serbia)** graduated in 2002 with his law degree from the University of Novi Sad, Serbia. He worked as a law trainee from 2002 to 2004 at the Municipal Court in Backa Palanka, Serbia. In 2007, he received his master's degree from the H. John Heinz II School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University.



The LL.M. Class of 2008 at the annual trip to the Frank Lloyd Wright house, Fallingwater.

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

During the 2006–07 academic year, the Center for International Legal Education awarded fellowships totaling nearly \$50,000 to the following students for a variety of activities:

**Robin Belinsky (J.D. '09)** 2007 summer internship at Cambodia Defender's Project in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

**Laura Bunting (J.D. '09)** 2007–08 LL.M. program at the University of Westminster School of Law in London, England.

**Richard Carey (J.D. '09)** 2007–08 LL.M. program in international law of human rights and criminal justice at the Utrecht University in Utrecht, Netherlands.

**Timothy DeHaut (J.D. '09)** 2007–08 LL.M. Program at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

**J. Kate Drabecki (J.D. '08)** 2007 summer internship as an inaugural Nordenberg fellow at the Institute for European Studies in Brussels, Belgium.

**Stephen Fuegi (J.D. '09)** studied during summer 2007 at the Suffolk University Law School program in Lund, Sweden.

**Claudia Garman (J.D. '08)** 2007 summer internship as an inaugural Nordenberg fellow at the Human Rights Division of the German Foreign Office in Berlin, Germany. Garman also will be studying in the 2007–08 LL.M. program in public international law at Leiden University in Leiden, Netherlands.

**Mary Gibson (J.D. '08)** 2007 summer internship at the National Assembly of Kosovo in Prishtina, Kosovo.

**Jonathan Hill (J.D. '09)** 2007 summer internship at the Center for International Environmental Law in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Jeremy Hugus (J.D. '08)** 2007 summer internship at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Chananya (Sandy) Kunvatangarn (J.D. '08)** 2007 summer internship at the World Trade Organization Accession Project in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Kunvatangarn will also spend the fall of 2007 as a legal intern at the U.S. embassy in Geneva, Switzerland.

**Erica Lane-Tamuza (J.D. '07)** 2007 International Humanitarian Law Workshop

hosted by Santa Clara University School of Law in Santa Clara, Calif.

**Geoffrey Leung (J.D. '09)** 2007 summer internship at the Department of Justice for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo in Prishtina, Kosovo.

**Eric Linge (J.D. '09)** 2007 summer internship in the Legal Division of Marico, Ltd., in Mumbai, India.

**Stephen Massed (J.D. '07)** Fall 2007 study at the University of Tulsa Comparative and International Law Center in London, England. Massed also will work as an intern at the KPMG London office.

**Ariel Nieland (J.D. '09)** Fall 2007 study at the University of Edinburgh School of Law in Scotland.

**Ryan Olden (J.D. '09)** 2007 summer internship at the Department of Justice for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo in Prishtina, Kosovo.

**James Quinn (J.D./GSPIA '10)** 2007 summer internship at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

**Jonathan Rhein (J.D. '09)** 2007 summer internship at the Asian Institute of Management in Makati City, Philippines.

**Leslie Riley (J.D. '08)** studied during the spring 2007 term at the Temple University School of Law program in Tokyo, Japan.

**Rachel Rosnick (J.D. '09)** 2007 summer study at the American University Washington College of Law international law program in Chile and Argentina.

**Stephanie Sabol (J.D. '09)** 2007 summer study at the University of Missouri at Kansas City international law program in Galway and Dublin, Ireland.

**Scott Sherwin (J.D. '07)** studied during spring 2007 at the City University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong, China.

**Eric Sutton (J.D. '09)** 2007 summer internship at the American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative Rule of Law Initiative in Prishtina, Kosovo. Sutton also will be studying at the 2007–08 LL.M. program at City University of Hong Kong, China.

**David Willey (J.D./M.B.A. '09)** 2007 summer internship as an inaugural Nordenberg fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany.

**Andrew Wood (J.D. '08)** 2007 summer internship at the Asian Institute of Management in Makati City, Philippines.

## Other Student Activities

**J. Katherine (Kate) Drabecki (J.D. '08), Amy Inlander (J.D. '08), Chananya (Sandy) Kunvatangarn (J.D. '08), and Katerina Ossanova (J.D. '08)** participated in the 2007 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria.

**Mauricio Achata (J.D. /M.B.A. '09), Lauren Becker (J.D. '08), Gavin Gappert (J.D. '07), and David Willey (J.D. /M.B.A. '09)** participated in the 2007 Niagara International Moot Court Competition in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Jason Altschul (J.D. '07)** studied during the spring 2007 term at the Temple University School of Law program in Tokyo, Japan.

**Tracy Brown (J.D. '06)** studied during the fall 2006 term at the University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia.

**Lisl I. Brunner (J.D. '08), Richard J. Fuschino (J.D. '07), Anthony N. Giaramita (J.D. '07), Julia A. Moore (J.D. '08), and Emily M. Ruger (J.D. '08)** participated in the 2007 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition regionals in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Nicholas Cafardi ('08)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship through the University of Pittsburgh Center for Russian and East European Studies to study Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2007–08 academic year.

**J. Kate Drabecki ('08)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship through the University of Pittsburgh European Union Center of Excellence, European Studies Center to study Polish. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2007–08 academic year.

**Katerina Ossanova (J.D. '08)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship through the University of Pittsburgh Center for Russian and East European



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Studies to study Serbian. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2007–08 academic year.

**Cathy Potter (J.D. '08)** studied during summer 2007 at the American University Washington College of Law program at Utrecht University in Utrecht, Netherlands.

**Nancy Potter (J.D. '09)** studied during summer 2007 at the European Legal Institutions Program through the University of Chicago School of Law.

**Caitlin Price (J.D. '09)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship through the University of Pittsburgh European Union Center of Excellence, European Studies Center to study Arabic. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2007–08 academic year.

**Asha Puttaiah (J.D. '08)** 2007–08 LL.M. program at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

**John Riley (J.D. '08)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship through the University of Pittsburgh Asian Studies Center to study Korean. The fellowship cov-

ers tuition and a stipend for the 2007–08 academic year.

**Eric Rosenfeld (J.D. '08)** received a Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship through the University of Pittsburgh Center for Latin American Studies to study Quechuan. The fellowship covers tuition and a stipend for the 2007–08 academic year.

**Michael Stewart (J.D. '09)** studied during summer 2007 at the University of San

Francisco School of Law program at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic.

**Sarah Strauss (J.D. '09)** studied during summer 2007 at the University of Richmond School of Law at Cambridge University, United Kingdom.

**Elizabeth Tuccillo (J.D. '09)** studied during summer 2007 at the American University Washington College of Law program in Istanbul, Turkey.



The L.L.M. Class of 2007.

## FACULTY ACTIVITIES

**Associate Professor Elena Baylis** conducted field research in the summer of 2006 in the Democratic Republic of Congo with a grant from the University Center for International Studies and the Center for International Legal Education given to study transitional justice. Her research focused on the domestic military courts' use of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Baylis also published "Sending the Bureaucracy to War (with D. Zaring) in the *Iowa Law Review* and a chapter titled "National Security and Political Asylum" in the forthcoming book *Immigration, Integration, and Security: Europe and America in Comparative Perspective*.

Baylis presented her paper "Parallel Courts" at the Association of American Law Schools' annual meeting in January 2007. In April 2007, she participated in a faculty workshop at the University of Connecticut Law School. She spoke at a workshop on "Early Adopters" at the Junior International

Law Scholars Roundtable at Yale Law School in March 2007; was a panelist on "Global Legal Pluralism" at the Association for Law, Culture, and the Humanities' annual meeting at Georgetown University in March 2007; and was a panelist on legal pluralism and a discussant on international legal tribunals and national law at the Law and Society Association's annual meeting in July 2007.

In October 2006, **Professor Ronald A. Brand** signed a contract with Cambridge University Press to write a book with Paul Herrup of the Office of Foreign Litigation, U.S. Department of Justice, on the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements. The manuscript was completed and submitted to the publisher in June 2007. Brand's article, "CISG Article 31: When Substantive Law Rules Affect Jurisdictional Results," was published at 25 *Journal of Law and Commerce* 181 (2005–06). In November

2006, Brand signed a contract with Oxford University Press on behalf of the Center for International Legal Education (CILE) to publish the *CILE Studies* series, beginning with Volume 3. Volume 3, *Forum Non Conveniens: Past, Present, and Future*, authored by Brand and Scott Jablonski, was published in June 2007.

Brand attended the meeting of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law in Washington, D.C., on October 19–20, 2006. He spoke on "Declining Jurisdiction: Recent Developments in the United States, the European Union, and at the Hague Conference on Private International Law" at the International Law Weekend in New York on October 26–28, 2006, sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. On November 10, 2006, Brand spoke on "Transnational Uses of Judicial Review" at a seminar on Judicial

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Review in the Americas ... and Beyond at the Duquesne University School of Law. On November 13–15, he co-led a three-day workshop on commercial law curriculum and instruction for professors and deans from law faculties from throughout the Persian Gulf at the Qatar University College of Law, Doha, Qatar. The workshop was part of the Commercial Law Development Program of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and was funded by the U.S.-Middle East Partnership Initiative.

On January 9–11, 2007, Brand participated as an interviewer in Ramallah, West Bank, Palestine, in the Open Society Institute process to select Palestinian Rule of Law Program scholars for LL.M. study in the United States. On January 26–27, 2007, he served as moderator for the CILE roundtable on “The Export of Legal Education.” The program brought LL.M. alumni back to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law to discuss the value of an LL.M. education and its impact on the careers of those who receive it as well as their students, colleagues, and countries. On February 20, 2007, Brand lectured at La Roche College on “Negotiating Private International Law Treaties.” On March 17–19, 2007, he provided a workshop on teaching methodology to the Faculty of Law at the University of Bahrain. On March 30–April 5, 2007, Brand coordinated and assisted the participation of the Pitt, Donetsk, Kyiv, Belgrade, and Prishtina Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot teams in Vienna, Austria.

On May 27–June 3, 2007, Brand participated as one of the five members of the Pitt delegation for Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg’s trip to Europe, meeting with members of the European Parliament, European Commission President José Manuel Barroso, Judge Aindrias O’ Caoimh of the European Court of Justice, Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, law faculty at the VUB and ULB, the European Union Court of Auditors, and Pitt alumni. On July 13, 2007, he was named by the Open Society Institute to be a Higher Education Support Program Academic Fellowship Program Nonresident International Scholar at the Law School of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy from August 2007 to June 2008.

**Professor Douglas Branson** taught corporate governance at the University of Melbourne in Australia in October 2006. He returned again in May 2007 to teach the course to LL.M. students from many Pacific Rim nations (Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Singapore, and several others). In May 2007 he also addressed members of the Victoria (Australia) bar on his newest book, *No Seat at the Table—How Law and Governance Keep Women Out the Boardroom*. He also gave a presentation to M.B.A. students at the University of Technology (Sydney, Australia) on “Enron, WorldCom, and Their Aftermath.”

In June and July 2007, Branson gave talks on various aspects of corporate governance at several German universities (Leipzig, Hannover, Bochum, Dusseldorf, and Frankfurt). His speech at Hannover was cosponsored by Hannover Re, a large publicly held reinsurance company; at Dusseldorf by the Industry Cub and the U.S. Consulate; and at Frankfurt by the law firm of Hengeler Mueller. The topic of the formal presentation was either “White Collars and Black Hearts,” about corporate governance failures in 2002–03, including the Parmalat scandal in Italy; or about his book *No Seat at the Table*.

**Associate Professor Teresa Brostoff** traveled to the University of Ghent, Belgium, to teach English for lawyers (EFL) as a Fulbright senior specialist in October 2006. In April 2007, she presented EFL to lawyers and economists at the Ministry of Trade in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In July 2007, Brostoff taught EFL to a talented class of international lawyers at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

**Professor John Burkoff** was executive dean of the summer 2007 voyage of Semester at Sea. The voyage left from Ensenada, Mexico, and returned to San Diego, Calif., visiting Mexico, Panama, Ecuador, Chile, Peru, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Guatemala.

**Professor Vivian Curran** continued her service as a member of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law in 2007. She expanded her written scholarship with numerous books and articles, including book reviews of *Le Droit Sous Vichy*, *Compte Rendu de Mireille*

*Delmas-Marty*, *Gobalisation Economique et Universalisme des Droits de l’Homme*, and *Jurists Uprooted*. She also wrote articles published or soon to be published, including “Regards Croisés sur l’Internationalisation du Droit,” “Comparative Law and Language,” “A Comparative Perspective of the CISG,” for *CILE Studies* Volume 3, and “The Pursuit of Law” for *Harmonizing Law in an Era of Globalization: Convergence, Divergence, and Resistance*. Curran co-translated and annotated with Anne Witt the landmark decision of the Tribunal Administratif de Toulouse *Lipeitz c. Préfet de la Haute-Garonne*.

In addition to the Grand Decoration of Merit in Gold from the Austrian government (see story on page 10), Curran also was awarded a European Union Center of Excellence Faculty Fellowship for the spring of 2008. She continued her many speaking engagements with a presentation titled “The Layperson and the Professional in the French Legal System,” given at the Pompidou Center in Paris, France, in June 2007 and reaired on Internet radio. Curran also gave a presentation at the Emory University School of Law workshop on “Understanding Class and Caste Within a World of Global Inequalities” in May 2007. She gave a course to attorneys for the U.S. Steel Corporation on the civil law legal system in November and December 2006.

**Professor Harry Flechtner** prepared an article for a *Festschrift* in honor of E. Allan Farnsworth titled “Article 79 of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) as Rorschach Test: The Homeward Trend and Exemption for Delivering Nonconforming Goods.” He also completed and submitted to the United Nations Commission on Uniform Trade Law (UNCITRAL) his revision of the UNCITRAL Digest of Case Law on the CISG, with 90 revised chapters and some 20 new chapters that he drafted for this revision. The revision was approved by the UNCITRAL national correspondents at a Vienna, Austria, meeting on July 5, 2007. The revised version will now be translated into all official United Nations languages and published on the UNCITRAL Web site. Flechtner

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delivered a paper on “A Conformity of Goods, Third-Party Claims, and Buyer’s Notice of Breach: Articles 35–44 of the CISG,” at a conference titled The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods: What Challenges for Turkish Sales Law? at Istanbul Bilgi University in Turkey on November 16, 2006. The paper will be published in Turkish. He also submitted a chapter, “Addressing Parol Evidence Issues in Contracts Governed by the CISG,” as part of the upcoming fourth volume of *CILE Studies*, which were edited with Professor Ronald Brand and Mark Walter.

With Professor Joseph Lookofsky of the University of Copenhagen, Flechtner cowrote an article in response to an article in the *Journal of Law and Commerce* on recovering attorney fees under the CISG by Professor Peter Schlechtriem of the University of Freiburg, Germany. Flechtner also published “Moving Through Tradition Towards Universalism Under the United Nations Sales Convention (CISG): Notice of Lack of Conformity (Article 39) and Burden of Proof in the Bundesgerichtshof Opinion of 30 June 2004” in *Liber Memorialis Professor Petar Šar...evi... (2006)*, “Buyers’ Remedies in General and Buyers’ Performance-Oriented Remedies” in the *Journal of Law and Commerce*, and “The Lyrical Side of International Commercial Law” (concerning the two musical pieces Flechtner performed as part of his involvement in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot).

Flechtner gave an address to the Pittsburgh chapter of the American Corporate Council Association on “Opting Out (or Not) of the CISG” in February 2007; taught a class on “Uniform International Commercial Law in U.S. Courts” for the international commercial law course taught by Professor Marco Torsello at the University of Bologna, Italy; and returned as coach of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law team in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot along with Professor Brand. The team qualified for the advanced rounds at the oral argument stage of the competition in Vienna. Flechtner revised his previous year’s performance of his international law-related songs at the opening night of the competition. In

April 2007 at the Juridicum (Law Faculty Building) of the University of Vienna, he served as an invited participant in the organizational meeting for an UNCITRAL initiative to develop standardized materials for teaching uniform international commercial law to judges, attorneys, and law students around the world. Flechtner also accompanied Brand and met with Jernej Sekolec, secretary of UNCITRAL, and Jose Estrella Faria of UNCITRAL’s staff, to discuss an initiative to quantify the economic effects resulting from adoption of uniform international commercial law.

Flechtner presented a paper to a Congress to mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of UNCITRAL at the United Nations facilities in Vienna in July 2007. The paper, “Changing the Opt-Out Tradition in the United States,” addressed evolving attitudes among U.S. lawyers toward the choice of the CISG as the law governing international sales transactions. The proceedings of the Congress (which were made available by simultaneous translation in the six official United Nations languages) will be published by UNCITRAL.

**Professor Bernard Hibbitts**, founder of JURIST (<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu>), led the 10th-anniversary celebration of the founding of JURIST in March 2007 with a conference opened by Council of Europe (COE) Secretary-General Terry Davis, speaking by video link from COE headquarters in Strasbourg, France. In April 2007, JURIST was honored in New York at the 11th annual Webby Awards, being named as an official honoree in the law category. This is the second year in a row that JURIST has won a Webby distinction and the first time a law school Web site has been so honored. In April 2007, JURIST registered more than 2.5 million hits by nearly 400,000 individuals around the world.

**Professor Janice Mueller** lectured in July 2006 on “Developing Country Patent Systems: India as a Case Study” and “Comparative Patent Claim Interpretation” at Santa Clara University Law School’s summer program in European intellectual property law in Munich, Germany. In September 2006, she chaired the seventh annual meeting of the Expert Advisory Committee for Intellectual Property of the Consultative Group for International

Agricultural Research (CGIAR) in Rome, Italy. The CGIAR is an international non-profit alliance of research centers working to achieve sustainable food security and reduce poverty in developing countries. Mueller published the article “Taking TRIPS to India—Novartis, Patent Law, and Access to Medicines” in the *New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM)* (February 8, 2007), at 541, available at <http://content.nejm.org/cgi/reprint/356/6/541.pdf>, and gave an audio interview for the *NEJM* on “A Pharmaceutical-Industry Challenge to Indian Patent Law,” available at <http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/full/356/6/541/DC1>. In April 2007, she presented her research on India’s evolving patent system and its impact on public health and pharmaceutical innovation at the University of Washington School of Law and at the University of Michigan Law School. In May 2007 Mueller submitted the article “Biotechnology Patenting in India: Will Bio-Generics Lead a ‘Sunrise Industry’ to Bio-innovation?” to a symposium sponsored by and to be published in *University of Missouri–Kansas City Law Review*. Her article, “The Tiger Awakens: The Tumultuous Transformation of India’s Patent System and the Rise of Indian Pharmaceutical Innovation,” is available at the Social Science Research Network: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=923538> and is scheduled for publication in Volume 68 of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*. In August 2007, Mueller taught international/comparative intellectual property law as part of Baylor Law School’s foreign summer program in Guadalajara, Mexico.

**Linda Tashbook**, University of Pittsburgh School of Law international law librarian, was selected by the World Bank to serve as a library consultant.

**Professor Rhonda Wasserman** has been invited to join the Advisory Board for a European Commission-funded study to be coordinated by the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. The study is titled *The Effect in the European Community of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters: Recognition, Res Judicata, and Abuse of Process*. Wasserman will serve as supervisor to **Justine Stefanelli (J.D. ’05)**, who is the national rapporteur for the United States.



# ALUMNI NEWS



Irina Nurzad (LL.M. '02) and Ryxbek Toktomushev.



Georgia Post (LL.M. '99) and Hansjoerg Mueller.



Natalia (Dromina) (LL.M. '05) and Alexandru Voloc.

**Naveed Ahmad** (visiting scholar '04) was selected to create and teach a legal English course to newly recruited judges in Pakistan. The course is part of the official judicial training program at the Federal Judicial Academy in Islamabad.

**John I. Blanck** (J.D. '95) left his position at the U.S. Department of State in February 2007 to accept a position at Multinational



Picchio and Egle (Romito) (LL.M. '01) Cipriani with baby Francesco.



Tess and Joel (LL.M. '98) Syquia with baby Therese Marie.



Annick Imboua-Niava (LL.M. '06) at baby Maia's baptism on August 18, 2007.

Force & Observers (MFO) as the force counsel for legal and treaty affairs. MFO is the independent observer created under the Egypt-Israel peace treaty. Blanck will be living in the Sinai region of Egypt.

**Adolfo Cespedes Zavaleta** (LL.M. '01) was appointed to the Board of Advisors for the regional president of Calloa, Peru. Zavaleta also was promoted from sec-



Luljeta (Plakolli) (LL.M. '06) and Ahmet Kasumi.



Arif Mamedov and Tatiana Selezneva (LL.M. '04).



Noa and baby Mauro Kielemoes, born to Linda Dhondt-Kielemoes (LL.M. '96) on August 2, 2007.

retary general of the Development and Decentralization Institute in Lima to executive director.

**Yuliya Chernyshova** (LL.M. '02) has been hired by the Kyiv office of Baker & McKenzie as an associate in the corporate mergers and acquisitions practice group.

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**Linda Dhondt-Kielemoes (LL.M. '96)** and her husband, Stephen Kielemoes, welcomed their second child, a baby boy named Mauro, into the world on August 2, 2007.

**Natalia Dromina-Voloc (LL.M. '05)** successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis in October 2006 and was awarded her doctorate in philosophy. In December 2006, she married Alexandru Voloc. Dromina-Voloc teaches international law, human rights law, economic law, and international informational law at the University of Law and Economics in Kyiv, Ukraine.

**Susanne Hofmann (LL.M. '04)** is an attorney in the Corporate Tax Department of KPMG in Munich, Germany.

**Annick Imboua-Niava (LL.M. '06)** is now a senior associate in the international department at the law firm of Bile-Aka, Brizoua-Bi, & Associates (BB Legal) in the Ivory Coast. Her daughter, Maia Okwasi Any-Niava, was born on December 21, 2006.

**Ismael Jadur (LL.M. '02)** has returned to Argentina as manager of institutional relations for IMPSA, a hydro power and wind energy manufacturer, following several years in India reopening the company's commercial offices.

**Dmitry Lysenko (LL.M. '04)** and his wife, Sophia, welcomed their second child, a girl named Alice, on June 23, 2007.

**Yanting (Tina) Min (LL.M. '01)** accepted a position at Wrigley Confectionery (China), Ltd., as the attorney responsible for South Asia commercial and supply chain matters in December 2006.

**Irina Nurzad (LL.M. '02)** was married on June 27, 2007, to Rysbek Toktomushev.



Vjosa Osmani (LL.M. '05) with Fatmir Sejdiu, president of Kosovo.

**Vjosa Osmani (LL.M. '05)** was appointed as legal adviser to the president of Kosovo on August 1, 2006. Osmani also is teaching in the International Law Department of the University of Prishtina Law Faculty in Kosovo. Osmani works closely with

University of Pittsburgh School of Law Professors Ronald Brand and Harry Flechtner on the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot consortium to help select each year's team from Kosovo. Osmani also assisted in placing two Pitt J.D. students in summer internship positions in Prishtina, Kosovo.

**Luljeta Plakolli-Kasumi (LL.M. '06)** was married on July 21, 2007, to Ahmet Kasumi. Plakolli-Kasumi is an associate professor of law at the University of Prishtina Law Faculty in Kosovo, where she teaches civil law courses.

**Georgia Post (LL.M. '99)** was married on July 7, 2007, to Hansjoerg Mueller.

**Amit Rai (LL.M. '96)** assisted in placing a University of Pittsburgh School of Law J.D. student in an internship position in Mumbai, India.

**Ravi Reddy (J.D. '06)** accepted a position as a United Nations Volunteers legal officer with the United Nations Mission in Kosovo. Reddy also assisted in placing two University of Pittsburgh J.D. students in internships in Prishtina, Kosovo.

**Jennifer Rellis (J.D. '06)** will have her paper "Please Write 'E' in This Box: Toward Self-identification and Recognition of a Third Gender: Approaches in the United States and India" published in the *University of Michigan Journal of Gender & Law* in late 2007.

**Korab Rexhepi (LL.M. '05)** is a senior human rights assistant for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Kosovo, where he also teaches international law and political science at the University of Business and Technology and the Law School of the University of Prishtina.

**Egle (Romito) Cipriani (LL.M. '01)** was appointed to the Commission for International Affairs of the Bar Association in Bari, Italy. Cipriani and her husband, Picchio, welcomed a baby boy, Francesco, on July 11, 2006.

**Yuriy Schevchenko (LL.M. '07)** has been hired by the Kyiv office of Baker & McKenzie as an associate in the Corporate, Securities, and Mergers and Acquisitions Practice Group.

**Kristen Schneck (J.D. '03)** has joined the Pittsburgh immigration firm of Goldstein & Associates as an associate.

**Joseph Schwerha IV (J.D. '94)** was chosen by the U.S. Department of Commerce

Commercial Law Development Program and the U.S. Agency for International Development as one of two experts to give several presentations to Egyptian judges on "Domestic and International Cybercrime Prosecution" in November 2006.

**Tatiana Selezneva (LL.M. '04)** was married on January 6, 2007, to Arif A. Mamedov. She also was promoted to Class 1 Legal Counsel, the highest legal classification in Belarus.

**Justine Stefanelli (J.D. '05)** is a research fellow at the British Institute of International & Comparative Law. She recently took on the role of national rapporteur for the United States in the upcoming European Commission-funded study titled *The Effect in the European Community of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters: Recognition, Res Judicata, and Abuse of Process*, and will work with University of Pittsburgh School of Law Professor Rhonda Wasserman on the project.

**Jose Luis C. Syquia (LL.M. '98)** and his wife, Tess, welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Therese Marie, on March 29, 2007. Syquia also hosted two University of Pittsburgh School of Law J.D. students for summer internships at the Asian Institute of Management.

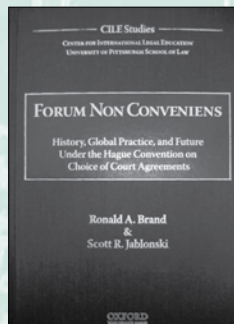
**Lucas Tassara (LL.M. '06)** has accepted a position as law clerk at the Criminal Court of Cassation IV in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Tassara is publishing two articles written while he was an LL.M. student at Pitt: "Prison Cell Searches: Opening the 'Iron Curtain' Between the Constitution and Prisons" will be published in the *Criminal Law Bulletin* this year, and "Trial in Absentia: Rescuing the 'Public Necessity' Requirement to Proceed with a Trial in the Defendant's Absence" is scheduled to be published in the *Barry Law Review* in 2008.

**Mark Walter (J.D. '98)** assisted in placing a University of Pittsburgh School of Law J.D. student in an internship position in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he is chief of party for the U.S. Agency for International Development-funded World Trade Organization Accession project. Walter returned to the Center for International Legal Education (CILE) to help host the January 2007 LL.M. roundtable, which he helped plan prior to his departure from the role of assistant director at CILE.



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