



# CILE notes

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION

## Celebrating 20 Years of CILE

By Ronald A. Brand

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When the Center for International Legal Education (CILE) was inaugurated in the fall of 1995, we were focused on adding form to substance. We knew we had a strong international and comparative law faculty, and we realized that adding a formal "door" to that strength could add benefits both for us and for the constituencies we serve. We also were ready to extend our global reach by initiating an LLM program for foreign lawyers. Both form and substance have grown over the past 20 years, allowing CILE to become a home for students and scholars, a source of programming and

scholarship that reaches around the globe, and a platform for continued growth and impact.

From the start, our focus has been on students. Our three constituencies are JD students, foreign lawyers (who also become our students through the LLM and SJD programs), and the legal profession. Our programs for JD and foreign students are symbiotic; having foreign students in the JD classes both enhances the education of the foreign students and enriches the experience for everyone.

Our programs for all students are based on two simple educational philosophies, which have become our CILE mantras: (1) all education is personal, and (2) your transcript may get you a degree, but your résumé will get you a career. The first of these requires that, rather than focusing on the creation of flagship program boxes into which we hope most of our students will fit, we prefer to spend time one on one with each student, determining what his or her goals are and then considering how CILE can help that student to find the opportunities that will best place him or her in a position to achieve those goals. This leads to a focus on building a résumé for each student, with study abroad, overseas internships, connections with Pitt Law alumni, and referrals to existing programs around the globe that will make the strong student the accomplished lawyer. In this way, more than 400 of our JD students have found opportunities to study abroad in more than 50 different countries and engage in internships in 55 countries. Through CILE direct financial support, and CILE assistance in obtaining other support, these students have received more



than \$2.8 million to help finance these opportunities. They have experienced private practice, government, civil society, and other placements that have made them practice-ready for global careers. They also have traveled with Pitt Law faculty throughout the world helping train law students and lawyers in many countries.

Our programs for foreign lawyers have grown in a measured and focused way. From a first LLM class of six graduates to an entering class of 22 students, we have intentionally kept class size small in order to provide a personal experience, but have grown as we have attracted a consistently impressive group of applicants. We also have added a Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) program to accommodate the significant portion of foreign students who want to prepare to return to their home countries to teach. The SJD students have enriched our community, and their research has enhanced the work of our faculty. We also have reached out to foreign lawyers through our Pittsburgh-based U.S. Law & Language summer program and the related English for Lawyers program which Professors Teresa Brostoff and Ann Sinsheimer have taken to more than 15 countries. More than 15 years of support for law schools in transition countries also has led to significant in-country development of law students and lawyers, with particular

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strength in training students for the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, and their professors for developing new, related courses.

Our programs for the profession have included major conferences on topics such as the United Nations (UN) Sales Convention, Rule of Law programs in the European Union and the United States, Law and the Legal Profession in China, and the legal status of Kosovo; the lessons of our many McLean Law lecturers; lectures by visiting professors and scholars; and discussions of rule of law around the world by our LLM students. Our CILE Studies series, published by Oxford University Press, has produced five significant volumes, with a sixth expected very soon. We have worked with the UN and other organizations to publish important materials for a global audience. Pitt Law professors have lectured in more than 70 countries around the globe, carrying their expertise far beyond the walls of the Barco Building.

At CILE, we have always believed that education changes lives and that legal education can be focused in a manner that will bring changes in many countries that ultimately can change the world. The pages that follow include entries written mostly by our students and alumni. We invite you to explore how their lives have been changed, and how they are changing the world, with the help of CILE. Their stories are what have kept life interesting for those of us at CILE for the past 20 years. We expect even better things from them in the years to come and invite you to join us as we continue the journey.

We have had a year of transition at CILE, with Richard (Rick) Thorpe joining us in June as our new executive director in a restructured staff. I am looking forward to having Rick assume most of the day-to-day operations of the Center—something he already has proved himself quite adept at doing. Austin Lebo remains a rock at the core of our operations, keeping us on task while also providing students with consistently excellent support. ♦

## Looking Forward to the Next 20 Years

By Richard G. Thorpe  
*Executive Director, CILE*



I want to thank the many students, alumni, and friends of CILE with whom I have had the opportunity to meet or correspond for the warm welcome that they have given me since my arrival as

executive director. I hope that I am able to introduce myself to many more of you at CILE's 20th anniversary celebration this September. The preparations for CILE's anniversary have occupied much of my time during my first months at CILE. They have afforded me the opportunity to familiarize myself with the work that CILE has done and the enormous impact that it has had over the first two decades of its life. The many heartfelt testimonials that our alumni have sent for inclusion in this edition of *CILE Notes* serve as evidence of how CILE's mission has transformed both the professional lives of our graduates and, through them, the larger communities that they have gone on to serve in the United States, their home countries, and the world at large.

That track record sets a high standard for CILE to meet as we look forward to its next 20 years of work. We may not be able to predict the specific challenges that CILE will address in 2035, any more than we could have known back in 1995 that, for example, 2015 would find CILE educating law students from an Iraq divided by civil strife more than a decade after the fall of Saddam, or training Vis Moot teams from 11 universities in Afghanistan as U.S. forces completed a draw down after 14 years of presence there. But whatever the specific twists and turns that history takes over the next two decades, I am certain that CILE will continue to be deeply engaged in promoting the rule of law through the recruitment of LLM candidates from countries transitioning to democracy, through sending our JD students as intern

ambassadors abroad, through attracting dynamic and engaged visiting scholars and lecturers, and through the scholarship of Pitt Law's faculty members.

My certainty in CILE's mission, however, should not be mistaken for any certainty of resources to accomplish that mission. CILE's continued success and growth over the years to come will depend on a constant, focused attention to maintaining and expanding CILE's support from its many stakeholders and friends. Over the next several years, I will be reaching out to the CILE community to discuss the ways in which we can build the financial resources necessary for CILE's work, but I also want to emphasize our need for you to continue to support us in all the other ways that have been so critical to CILE's success: opening your workplaces to our LLM and JD interns, referring prospective students and visiting scholars, and letting your colleagues know the high regard in which you hold CILE and its efforts. Your contributions in this regard have been essential to CILE's achievements in its first two decades and will be no less needed in the next 20. ♦

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## CILE BY THE NUMBERS

### In 20 years, CILE has

- ⊕ graduated **252 LLM** students from **68** countries,
- ⊕ enrolled **10 SJD** students from **7** countries (and graduated 4 so far),
- ⊕ facilitated study abroad by **273 JD** students in **50** countries,
- ⊕ facilitated overseas internships by **158 JD** students in **55** countries,
- ⊕ arranged summer internships for **169 LLM** students at **57** firms and organizations,
- ⊕ aided **53 JD** students to study 18 languages supported by Foreign Language Area Study fellowships with a value of more than **\$2,250,000**,
- ⊕ aided **12 JD** students to study 8 languages supported by summer Foreign Language Study fellowships with a value of more than **\$50,000**,
- ⊕ supported **217** students participating on **59** international moot teams,
- ⊕ awarded scholarships for summer internships and study abroad to **346** students amounting to **\$331,300**,
- ⊕ facilitated the administration of **17** Nordenberg Summer Fellowships for internships and study abroad amounting to **\$89,500**,
- ⊕ facilitated the administration of 4 Nordenberg International Scholar Awards amounting to **\$70,000**,
- ⊕ had **39** Pitt Law faculty members lecture and teach more than **394** times in **72** countries, and
- ⊕ supported international and comparative law courses taught by **80** visiting professors from **20** countries.



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### For the Profession, Pitt Law has

- ⊕ received **52** visiting scholars from **20** countries to conduct research at Pitt Law,
- ⊕ presented **195** visiting lecturers from **42** countries,
- ⊕ sponsored **11** conferences on major international and comparative law issues,
- ⊕ been awarded **15** grants and contracts for a total value of **\$2,576,973**, and
- ⊕ received contributions from more than **120** donors for over **\$779,000**.



## 20 YEARS: IN THE WORDS OF OUR GRADUATES

### Nahla Kamaluddin (*LLM'13, JD Class of 2016*)

I was always taught to recognize moments that could eventually become opportunities. This was an important lesson as it opened doors for me at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law that otherwise would have remained closed; the Vis Moot competition was one such door.

Students from many nations participated in the Vis Moot competition, but I was fortunate enough to work with Pitt Law's students and professors. Throughout the competition I fought hard, making sure that everyone from Pitt knew that I—hailing from my tiny island—was capable of taking on anyone. But in a few short months after the competition, times grew hard in my country. Political unrest became the norm. No one was free to speak out against the government. Students were arrested, beaten, and expelled from their universities for sharing their political opinion. I was

denied an education because I dared to speak out. But that moment became an opportunity, and I planned to seize it.

Professor Brand heard what was happening in my country and reached out to me, encouraging me to enroll in Pitt's LLM program. I did not hesitate and since that moment, CILE has done everything it can to get me the education I so rightfully deserved.

I have been at Pitt since 2011 and have since earned my LLM degree and transferred into the JD program in which I am entering my last year. I have interned at one of the oldest and most reputable law firms in Pittsburgh; I worked at Pitt's immigration clinic providing legal assistance to immigrants fleeing persecution; and I currently work for a Third Circuit Court of Appeals judge. **Simply put: moments become opportunities and opportunities change lives. I sincerely believe that Pitt and CILE saved mine.**

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

CILE played a critical role in every aspect of my legal education and professional career. **While in law school, CILE allowed me to gain unique experiences such as working for the UNMIK Department of Justice in Pristina, Kosovo, participating in the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, and going on to teach the Vis Moot to law school students in Bahrain and Oman.** Those experiences directly led to my job with the Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program where I was able to continue working with CILE and Pitt Law students. Both my law school years and my career have been defined and profoundly influenced by Professor Ronald Brand and CILE.

### Zana Berisha (*LLM '10-Kosovo*)

The American philosopher and educational reformer John Dewey said: "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." And my year in Pitt Law was life. **The shared experiences with people from all around the world, the instruction from amazing professors, living in a different culture—all were enriching, empowering, and exquisite.** It helped me to "internationalize" myself, my thoughts, and my perspectives. It was a stepping-stone in the universe of possibilities for career advancement and developing new expertise.



## Kaitlin Dewberry (JD '12)

**My involvement with CILE was the most valuable and rewarding experience in my entire educational career.** I was involved in the Vis Moot and subsequently coached Middle-Eastern teams in the Vis Moot. My involvement sharpened my writing, critical thinking, and public speaking skills, and resulted in strong professional and personal relationships with colleagues. **I have no doubt that without my CILE experiences, I would not have gotten my job at a large international law firm (K&L Gates).**

Beyond law school, I have found that the international perspective and experience with arbitration in the Vis Moot has been directly applicable in my work. In a recent ICC arbitration, I found that the Vis Moot was accurate preparation for work in international arbitration. It gave me confidence going into the process, and the skills I developed with CILE helped me to be a better advocate for our client.

## Alex Braden (JD '07)

**CILE was directly responsible for the most enlightening and intellectually engaging experiences of my academic career.** From a summer internship with the UN Mission in Kosovo, to a legal research trip to Haiti, to competition at the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, CILE transported my legal studies out of the textbooks and into far-flung corners of the world in fascinating ways that I could have never anticipated when I entered law school.

## Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu (LLM '05, SJD '15-Kosovo)

If you ask any passerby in Kosovo streets to describe the relations between Kosovo and the United States, you will hear the same answer: "It is a special relationship." The quote, first used by Kosovo's first president, Dr. Ibrahim Rugova, became part of every Kosovo citizen's life when the United States stood by us throughout our struggle for freedom. The U.S. contribution in Kosovo did not end when Kosovo became a free and independent country. It was then directed toward building rule of law in the youngest nation in Europe. A few years ago, in a publication related to the U.S. Export of Legal Education, **I described Pitt's (CILE) contribution to Kosovo's rule of law development as a "small program with a big impact."** Indeed, in terms of the amount of money, the CILE programs may have been much smaller than many others that we've heard of in Kosovo; but in terms of results, they have by far outweighed so many other initiatives that focused on rule of law in Kosovo. In a country with less than 2 million people, the majority of whom are under 27, it is crucial to understand the importance of human capital. This is especially true if we are talking about the country with the youngest population in the aging continent of Europe. **Undoubtedly, the best investment in this human capital is education. And this is precisely what the CILE programs in Kosovo were focused on.** It was one of the few programs that included the organization and funding of summer schools, courses, competitions, visits, conferences, seminars, and other activities for Kosovo students. But the most important aspects of this whole partnership by far were Pitt's LLM program and the Vis Moot Competition.

Pitt alumni in Kosovo are currently engaged in crucial positions through which they are playing a crucial role in developing rule of law, which remains one of the country's main challenges in its Euro-Atlantic integration path. Central to this process are Pitt Law alumni who are law professors at both public and private universities, advisors in the Ministry of Justice, directors of legal departments in the government, directors and partners in some of the biggest law firms, heads of important rule of law programs in civil society, heads of USAID programs focusing on rule of law, and Members of Parliament. Most importantly, the excellent relationship among these Pitt alums has led to exceptional cooperation among the institutions they represent. This has yielded positive results in passing and implementing important pieces of legislation and reforms. **This export of legal education, through Pitt Law and CILE programs, has proven to be one of the most important contributions any U.S. university has made in a country that is in dire need of local expertise and capacity building.**

Anywhere and anytime I am asked, I will continue saying that the turning point in my career was my first meeting with University of Pittsburgh professors in 2001. It makes me equally proud to hear the same from so many of Kosovo's young lawyers who are now leading important processes for the country. And it is these people who will make sure that, **no matter the future of the programs, the relationship between the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Prishtina will remain as special as that between Kosovo and the United States.**

## Robert Gyenes (JD '15)

In a sense, **CILE makes it feel like you have the benefits of two law schools: one in Pittsburgh, and one all over the world.** The sheer size and energy of the alumni connections, and the absolute enthusiasm of former students to see what they can do for you makes it less of a question of "where can we send you for experience," and more of "where do you want to go? Students interested in international law at Pitt really do have opportunities that no other law school, no matter how old or large, can provide. Where other schools only hand you brochures of summer schools and call it an international experience, CILE can place you in an office or on a live project in countless countries. CILE is a great counterweight to any thought that Pitt Law is a regional school.



### Andrew K. Vogeler (*JD '12*)

So much of the criticism of law schools and law school programs in recent years has been rooted in a conceptualization of law schools as providers of a product to their student consumers, followed by some evaluation of whether or not the product is adequate. **What makes CILE different is that, at its core, it is not about providing a product for students to consume, but is about providing students with contexts and resources for finding out what kinds of professionals they want to become and how they can get there.** Perhaps the greatest proof of CILE's success in accomplishing this is the way that its alumni, stretching back to CILE's foundation, want to keep staying involved with CILE.

### Shafeek M. Jamous (*LLM '11 - Palestine*)

As an international LLM student at CILE, I had several advantages over LLM students in other law schools. First, the personalized education due to the limited number of LLM students and the attention each student receives from his/her professors and CILE. Second, the great emphasis on specialization and the focus on courses that would define one's career after graduation. Third, the day to day supervision and continued guidance given by CILE to each LLM student. Fourth, the interaction with the JD students in the joint courses, which gives LLM students exposure to U.S. law as well as international law. Finally, the fact that CILE seeks to arrange a summer internship for each LLM student at a key law firm or institution.

After graduation, I worked first as an adjunct professor and then as a full-time faculty member at the law school in Nablus, Palestine. My students could experience the different teaching methods I used: my lectures were based on discussions, intellectual challenge, and real-life cases—methods that I learned at Pitt. In 2013, I moved to Dubai, UAE, to work as an in-house legal advisor for a prominent multibillion dollar company, where I specialize as a commercial and corporate legal advisor and was promoted to legal manager in January of 2015. Today, I am pursuing a PhD degree.

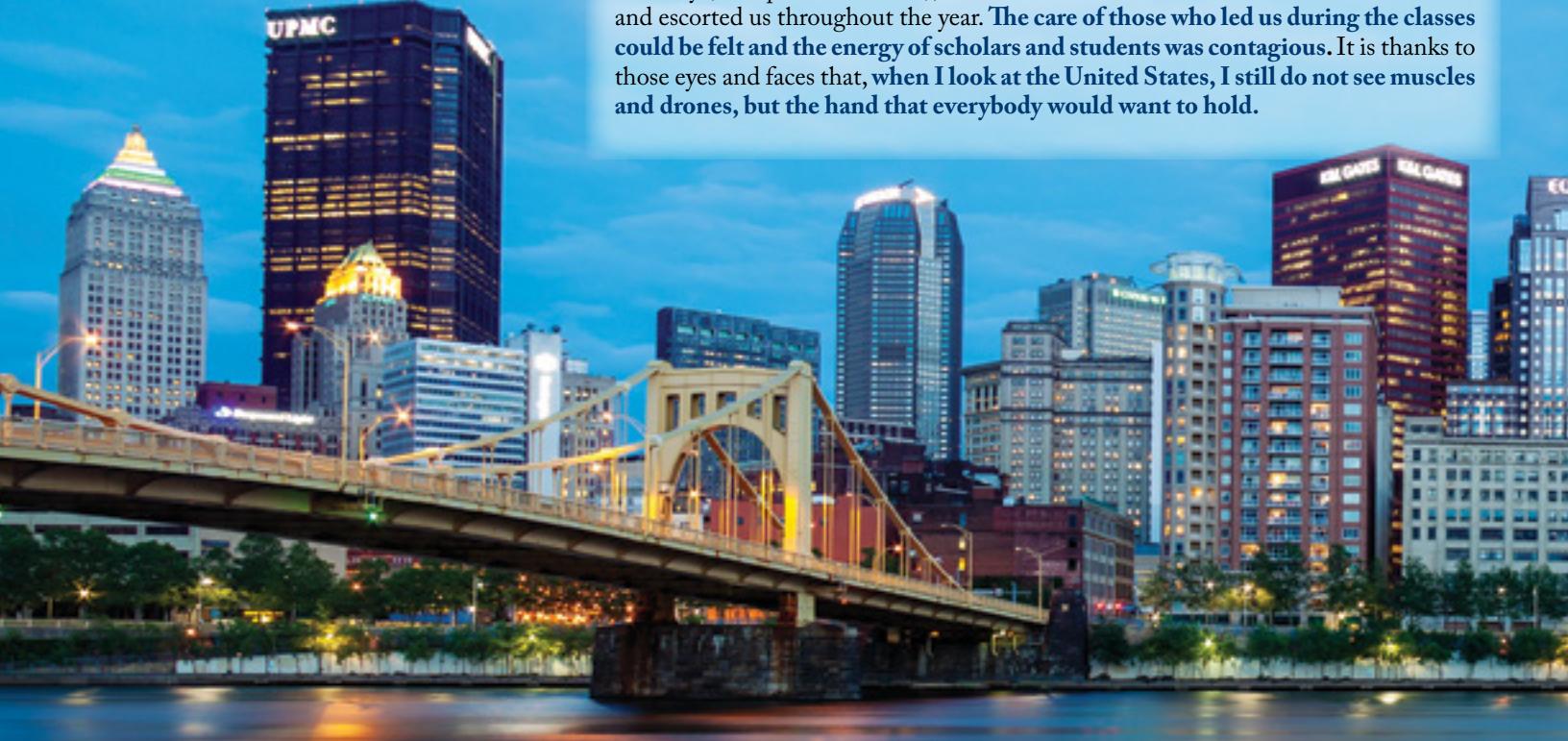
**CILE has not only paved my way to a successful career, it has helped me to become a better lawyer and a better person.**

### Brandon Gardner (*JD '06*)

I can honestly say that **my best memories from law school came from CILE**. Whether it was traveling to Vienna for the Vis Moot, or to Haiti for an independent study abroad opportunity, CILE helped to make it all happen. More importantly, **CILE was the catalyst that directly led to me working with the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)**. When I was a law student looking for an interesting legal internship overseas, CILE helped send me to Kosovo. Once there, CILE Assistant Director Mark Walter introduced me to the right people in UNMIK who brought me into their Department of Justice as a legal intern. Now, nearly 10 years later, I'm still working with UNMIK as a legal officer for its Human Rights Advisory Panel. I am forever thankful for all of the opportunities that CILE gave to me.

### Marco Gardini (*LLM '97-Italy*)

If I had to choose a title that could capture the essence of the year I lived in Pittsburgh 19 years ago, I would choose "facts before words." The law was presented in that way (facts preceded words), and it was with facts that the LLM course welcomed and escorted us throughout the year. **The care of those who led us during the classes could be felt and the energy of scholars and students was contagious.** It is thanks to those eyes and faces that, when I look at the United States, I still do not see muscles and drones, but the hand that everybody would want to hold.





### Natalia Valencia Mejia (*LLM '15-Colombia*)

My LLM experience was great. I gathered legal and cultural knowledge. I pushed myself to work harder every day; I had to give 110 percent of myself in every assignment and every class. I have had great professors who not only cared about teaching and answering my questions, but who also were interested in making me think and understand that sometimes there is no such thing as the correct answer for every question. **I met amazing people and I got the opportunity to learn about their culture. My LLM experience was one year like no other.**

### Aleksandra Jurewicz (*LLM '05-Poland*)

Even though international students were far away from home, they felt at home due to the warm and inviting atmosphere created by CILE. My LLM class was relatively small, allowing us to know each other very well and establish lasting relationships with our professors. I have to say that **the expectations of us were high, and we were challenged by a**

**completely different legal system, but we received a lot of help and support from our teachers. Our professors believed in us and encouraged us to challenge ourselves even more.** I am very thankful for that inspiration and experience.



### Lieu Dang Chi (*LLM '08-Vietnam*)

My study at Pitt Law contributed significantly to what I am today. CILE supported the fulfillment of my dream to study law at a well-regarded law school in the U.S. CILE gave me the chance to intern at Alcoa Inc. after my graduation, where I assisted Alcoa's legal department in exploring potential business opportunities in Vietnam. That internship in turn paved the way for me to join Baker & McKenzie when I returned to Vietnam, as Baker was assisting Alcoa

Inc. in that project. **Knowledge about the U.S. legal system (especially corporate law) that I gained at Pitt Law helps me serve our firm's clients, especially in bridging the gaps between the common law system in the U.S. and the civil law system in Vietnam.**

### Kimberly (Stains) Karr (*JD '12*)

CILE was critical to my law school and career success. By participating in the Vis Moot program, I developed legal skills and personal connections that helped me to land a great internship abroad. That internship got me noticed by law firms that value international experience, which gave me excellent job opportunities even when jobs were scarce after the last recession. Once at my job, I felt more than prepared to handle the international arbitration cases that came my way, and it was exciting to see how much my Vis Moot experiences helped me during the real thing. But CILE has meant so much more to me than just career advancement (although that part has been great, don't get me wrong). Its programs allowed me to travel the world, appreciate new experiences, and gain lifelong friends. **Choosing to take advantage of CILE's programs was the single best decision of my law school experience.**

### Yong Gan (*LLM '09-China*)

Whether I was working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC, or visiting Max Planck Institute in Hamburg, Germany, or attending international academic conferences, I heard people speaking of CILE and Professor Ronald Brand. My status as a member of this institution gave me prestige in their eyes, and quickly brought me closer to those strangers. My time at Pitt Law was the best time I ever had in my life as a student and researcher. Not only did I learn a lot about law and how to be a real academic, I also made many friends there.





# **20 YEARS OF CILE – OUR LLM CLASSES**



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# Contributing to the Democratic Development of a 'Newborn' Kosovo

By Ashley Hogan (Class of 2017)

I was honored to have been chosen as one of this year's Nordenberg fellows. The funds provided by the Nordenberg scholarship and CILE allowed me to have my first international professional experience as a legal intern at the Assembly of Kosovo. I had the privilege of working with Dr. Vjosa Osmani, a current member of Parliament and an LLM and SJD graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. Vjosa is a true believer in the democratic future of the Republic of Kosovo, and her actions have gained her the respect and attention of the nation and the international legal community. Working with Dr. Osmani, I had the opportunity to participate in drafting major new legislation for Kosovo that may lead to significant democratic reforms. This process allowed me to research the constitutional process in other countries and to reflect on the manner in which major changes come about in the United States through decisions of its Supreme Court. Working on the legislative process, and in particular on important constitutional matters, was a special experience.

I also had the privilege of working closely with the Committee on European Union Integration. One of the highlights of my work with the committee, aside from practicing my conversational Albanian, was attending an international conference on Kosovo's progress toward EU membership. Many international government representatives, as well as NGO delegates were present, and my understanding of the current status of the economy, the challenges of ending corruption, and the problems posed by the rapid creation of legislation all were greatly improved. Prior to the meeting, I reviewed amendments designed to better align existing laws with EU



Ashley Hogan (JD '07) at her internship at the Kosovo Assembly

standards, and completed research on best international practices on subjects including interception of electronic communication and conflict of interest restrictions on members of Parliament. As much of my time was spent reading laws for compatibility with the Kosovo Constitution and existing legislation, my 1L studies in constitutional law and legislation and regulation prepared me for the level of analysis required to create a constitutional and effective law.

In addition to her government position, Dr. Osmani also is an accomplished law professor at the American University of Kosovo. In this capacity, I helped her to prepare a hypothetical problem to select a team to attend the Vis Moot competition in Vienna. Achieving international com-

petitiveness is a top priority of the Kosovo government as it helps to promote international recognition and national pride. The exciting recognition of Kosovo to compete in the 2016 summer Olympics is an important step in developing a positive cultural identity both nationally and abroad.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I had to join the prominent group of University of Pittsburgh representatives in Pristina, and I thank Professor Ronald Brand and Austin Lebo in the CILE office for helping to make it possible. Living and working in Kosovo allowed me to experience a unique and welcoming culture, and I look forward to following the continued progression of this 'newborn' country. ♦



# Migrants' Rights in Israel: Circumvention, Detention, Deportation

By Eric Rowling (Class of 2017)

This summer, after eight years away, I was awarded the opportunity to return to Israel to work for the Clinic for Migrants Rights at the College of Law and Business in Ramat Gan, a bustling city in the Tel Aviv district. As a law student, I examined my time in Israel more closely than I did as a 16 year-old summer camper, and took the opportunity to understand the Israeli mindset and way of life from legal, humanitarian, and cultural views. The College of Law and Business in Ramat Gan (CLB) is a small college nestled in one of the many busy Ben Gurion Streets found in Israeli towns and cities. The 20 year-old college, through its attorneys, has twice argued in front of the Israeli High Court of Justice (the Israeli Supreme Court) and twice has successfully brought about change in Israeli immigration laws.

I was tasked with aiding attorneys Osnat Cohen-Lifshitz and Tally Kritzman-Amir in their service on behalf of migrants' rights. Through research in international and Israeli law, we considered the legal responsibilities of the Israeli government for the thousands of Eritrean and Sudanese migrants held in detention facilities in the Negev desert. The project combined consideration of the raw fears of Israelis as Jews wanting to maintain a majority in the state of Israel and the government's unwillingness to make exceptions for "infiltrators" when migrants crossed Israeli borders illegally. I was astounded to learn that many of the Eritreans and Sudanese who traveled through the Egyptian Sinai into Israel were held, tortured, raped, and held for ransom by Sinai Bedouins who profited from those few Eritreans and Sudanese who were lucky enough to make it into Israel and through the asylum process (see the documentary film, "The Sound of Torture").

Thankfully, there is an organization called Project Holot that arranges visits to the freshly instituted Holot (Sands) detention facility. When we arrived at Levinsky Park in Tel Aviv, it seemed pleasant. A balmy 77 degrees kissed our shoulders as we waited for a bus to take us three hours south to the detention facility. Tranquil chatter surrounded Allison (my fellow Pitt Law intern) and me until a group of individuals carrying a suitcase-sized speaker began to march through the park. The luggage resonated a single song played on repeat while a congo-line of people banged on metal pots, pans, and drums. I soon learned they were activists in favor of the state of Israel, but with a fervent and ideologically misplaced intensity opposed to Project Holot. Project Holot's humanitarian trips are designed to bring to the thousands of Sudanese and Eritrean people held in the facility some sense of comfort through human contact and food. However, one of that day's opponents was so outraged that a trip such as this could take place that she shoved a small American woman who was taking a video of the spectacle, spat in an Australian student's face when the student told her she had too much anger inside of her, and rambled on about an elderly woman whom she held on display shouting that we should care for her and not the detainees. After a half-hour of waiting for the police to disperse the crowd of clamor, the bus was able to depart.

We did not enter the detention facility when we arrived. Instead we stood awkwardly outside the gates in a dirt lot stinking of garbage. An Israeli Afro-funk band joined us for the journey and set up for their performance. The detainees, who pooled their money together, grilled meats purchased with their stipends (160 shekels or \$40 that they receive every 10 days), while most us stood by. Once the Israeli band's notes began to fly, everyone circled the tent and took out cameras to

record the music to listen to later. It made everyone forget the constant waft of garbage for a few moments. Existing almost entirely on rice and eggs, an Eritrean detainee named Rafael told me that he can no longer drink alcohol because it will make him violently sick without enough food in his stomach to absorb the intoxicant. I discovered that once a month detainees can leave the facility for 48 hours, but otherwise they must be in the facility every day from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Anything that would comfort them or make them feel at home seems to be explicitly forbidden.

Under the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, Israel is bound to recognize these migrants as refugees or asylum seekers because of the consequences that would face them if they were to return. Eritrea currently practices mandatory conscription into the military, and Sudan has few to no diplomatic ties to Israel. The likelihood that both of these countries would persecute these migrants upon repatriation from Israel dictates that the Israeli government cannot deport them under international law. Thus, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, through a resurgence in conservative Israeli politics, has encouraged the detention and deportation of migrants in circumvention of international law, rather than engaging in integration through the asylum process.

My work at the clinic included the opportunity to interview an Eritrean migrant client at CLB and formulated a timeline of his migration for Ms. Cohen-Lifshitz to use in her arguments and petitions to the Israeli Interior Ministry. The internship was indeed a profound legal opportunity. I look forward to using the knowledge I've gained of international law and the international legal system to serve future clients in their pursuit of citizenship. ♦



# The Multifaceted Role of a Public Interest Attorney in Kenya

By John Scialabba (Class of 2017)

This summer, Taylor Staiger (Class of 2017) and I had the privilege of interning at the Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret (LACE) in Eldoret, Kenya. LACE is a nongovernmental and nonprofit institution providing free legal aid. LACE works to promote access to justice for the poor and vulnerable in Kenyan society. LACE specifically assists those who have been affected by HIV/AIDS and those who have suffered from sexual and domestic violence. There are three lawyers in the LACE office who take on thousands of cases dealing with these matters. In order to describe what I have done and achieved in Kenya, I think it would be best to give you a detailed description of a day in the life of an attorney at LACE.

Imagine waking up as an attorney in Eldoret, Kenya—you are devoted to your life's passion of obtaining justice for your clients, who have been raped, molested, and/or assaulted. The victims, who are now your clients, test positive for HIV/AIDS as a result of their traumatic experiences. On the way to work, you think about whether or not LACE will even exist tomorrow because the only source of funding for your nonprofit organization is time-limited or otherwise uncertain aid from private donors. One of LACE's senior attorneys is currently working all of her cases pro bono because a primary funding source has recently backed out. A majority of your evenings are thus spent writing grant proposals in an attempt to keep your nonprofit organization alive and to get a paycheck for your colleagues.

Once you get to work you find clients who have traveled hours to reach your office to seek justice. When interviewing your clients you find the horrors they have lived through, such as young children who have been defiled by a parent or a woman who was kidnapped and raped for multiple days. While you want to be able to offer legal help to all of your clients, much of your work will first focus on helping educate these victims and their families about what it means to be HIV positive, and ensuring them that your clients will



*John Scialabba (Class of 2017) with LACE Director Jackline Kibaru in Eldoret, Kenya*

have all of their medical expenses covered throughout their treatment for the HIV virus.

The saying "knowledge is power" has never been so accurate as it is in Kenya concerning HIV/AIDS education. The vast majority of the Kenyan community is underinformed concerning HIV/AIDS. Many learn they are HIV positive and take it as an immediate death sentence. In Kenya, if you have been infected with HIV/AIDS, you often are rejected by the community in which you live. You might be fired from your job without cause, chased away from your home through force, ostracized by your family, or denied from all forms of financial loans.

The reality, however, is that having HIV/AIDS today is not a death sentence—even in a developing country such as Kenya. LACE has a strong working relationship with the Academic Model Providing Access To Healthcare (AMPATH). AMPATH provides all individuals who test positive for HIV/AIDS with free medical services and medications that can provide them the opportunity to live full lives.

Finally, you must also find time to actually do your job as an attorney. You must find time to perform your duties as a legal advocate by prosecuting rape, murder, and assault cases, fighting for single mothers who need child support from fathers who have disowned their children, writing and filing pleadings and motions, and rescuing street children from negligent or absent parents.

I have never been so proud to be a part of anything in my life as I am to be a part of the LACE organization. While there is so much poverty and despair found in Kenya, the good that I found exceeded the bad. While never in my life have I been so frustrated with government corruption and indifference, I do have hope—hope because organizations like LACE and AMPATH exist to help the most desperate. The people at LACE are genuine and kind, and strive to seek justice for their clients. In the future I hope to use the skills and passion I have learned from LACE in my own practice as an attorney. ♦



## Jenny's Story

By Taylor Staiger (Class of 2017)

As John Scialabba writes on page 12, a significant aspect of being a public interest attorney in Kenya consists of what we in the United States refer to as social work. Due to the essential nature of their work and passion, advocates such as LACE's Jackie Kibaru often find themselves faced with unintended clients through circumstance. One such unintended client is a baby girl named Jenny, who became an important part of the experience John and I had in Eldoret, Kenya.

Jenny became LACE's client when we—John, Jackie, and myself—were walking in downtown Eldoret and I quite literally almost walked over Jenny. She is a small girl, malnourished and undersized for a child of 18 months. She was wearing a donated t-shirt, sized to fit a much older girl of 10 years, and nothing else. Her lack of diaper and care were apparent from a quick glance: she was covered in dirt and her own filth, barefoot, and infested with "jiggers." Jiggers are small parasites that infect a human host through exposure to the soft skin on hands or feet. They commonly plague people living on the streets due to the unhygienic environment, and cause major irritation.

Jenny's "father" is disabled and sat nearby begging for change while Jenny roamed unencumbered by supervision or restraint. We later determined that the so-called "father" was in fact just the mother's boyfriend and colleague in begging. The man and child were sitting outside the Eldoret Police Station, their normal begging location, when we came upon them. The state of the child was shocking, not only to my western eyes but also to Jackie, born and raised in Kenya. I asked Jackie if it would be alright if we bought clothes and food for the baby. It was the rainy season, chilly and damp, and potentially deadly to an infant living on the street with essentially no parents. Jackie acquiesced, but explained that the clothes needed to be used and no money should be given. She explained that any new clothes would be sold as soon as we turned our backs.



Taylor Staiger (Class of 2017), second from left, with the staff of LACE in Eldoret, Kenya

Having bought second-hand clothes and some essential food items, we took Jenny to a secluded area of the police station parking lot to tend to her state and gather more information from the silent "father." As I wiped the child down with a wetnap, she shrieked in pain. We discovered countless tiny scratches over her body, undoubtedly from living on the streets, and the alcohol stung the open cuts.

Questioning Jenny's mother, Jackie ascertained that she was a patient at AMPATH during her pregnancy with Jenny. This allowed us to deduce three troubling facts: the mother is at least HIV positive; she has continued to live on the street without taking HIV medications; and she could possibly be transmitting the virus to Jenny via breastfeeding. We convinced the mother (assisted by an offer of clothes) to bring herself and Jenny to LACE's office situated within AMPATH so that we might speak with her further about the child and their wellbeing on the street.

Happily, the mother did bring the baby to us the following day. Sadly, it was abundantly clear that the mother was high from smelling glue, common among the homeless in Kenya. We convinced the mother to have the baby tested for HIV, this time trying to bribe her with an offer of jigger medication. She refused the medication and insisted on a disinfectant for the house. Jackie adamantly refused her request, later disclosing to me her fear that the mother would use the disinfectant to either commit suicide or poison the baby, a rather common occurrence. The mother stormed off after having Jenny

tested and examined by AMPATH doctors, complaining that she missed a whole day of begging for nothing. In her tantrum, she purposefully left Jenny's prescribed antibiotics. The mother seemed to see Jenny as a pawn, using her own child as a ploy to garner attention on the street and, hopefully, some change from passersby.

We were more than shocked and dismayed by this, and we quickly discussed with Jackie what avenues were available to get Jenny off the street and into a safe children's home. Our determination begot plans, plans became actions, and actions became court pleadings and meetings with the Children's Office. As I write this article, Jenny is still living on the street outside of the Eldoret Police Station, uncared for by her mother and overlooked by the hundreds of pedestrians each day. We still are encountering great pushback from government officials who have frustrated our efforts to help Jenny, dragging their feet on signing documents, putting off a home assessment visit, and even challenging the seemingly self-evident facts that Jenny is living in an unsafe environment with an unfit mother.

As determination has been the starting point of this long and heartbreak- ing journey with Jenny, determination also is causing us to push even harder to see Jenny loved and cared for. In the short term, we still hope to have Jenny placed in a children's home. The children's home will house and feed her, but clothes, toys, and school fees must be provided by others. If you are interested in an update on Jenny's story, please contact me at [tbs13@pitt.edu](mailto:tbs13@pitt.edu) or John at [jcs143@pitt.edu](mailto:jcs143@pitt.edu). ♦



# In Shanghai: Israeli, U.S. and Chinese Law

By Qiwei Chen (LLM '13, JD Class of 2016)

I received a Nordenberg Fellowship from CILE to work as a summer intern at Dacheng Law Offices in Shanghai. My decision to seek this internship had its origins this past January, when I saw an article in the legal news announcing that the multinational law firm, Dentons, would merge with the Dacheng Law Offices of China. The new firm, branded Dacheng Dentons, has more than 6,500 lawyers in more than 50 countries, making it the largest law firm in the world by number of lawyers. The firm's Shanghai office has an extensive international practice, making it an excellent match for my own professional interests and plans.

The tasks assigned to me included a combination of legal work and business development activities. My first assignment was to review an international licensing agreement to manufacture backpacks, including draft terms governing remedies and intellectual property infringement. In addition to reviewing these agreements, I was assigned to research the procedure for establishing a business in Israel as well as Israeli business law. My supervisor, licensed to practice in both the U.S. and Israel, specializes in international

investments between Israel, the U.S. and China. Therefore, his practice is a combination of U.S., Israeli, and Chinese law.

While I already am familiar with both U.S. and Chinese law, I was new to Israeli law and therefore needed to first spend some time familiarizing myself with the cultural, religious, and legal background of Israel. During that research, I learned that Israel is a hotbed of pioneering technologies, profitable business opportunities, and high investment returns. As part of my research assignment, I have investigated the procedures for applying for funding from the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) of Israel, which provides funding to Israeli technology startups to facilitate their R&D cooperation with multinational corporations from all over the world.

In addition to Israeli law, I did research on the Chinese law on Wholly Foreign Owned Enterprise (WFOE). Specifically, I researched the steps needed to establish a WFOE and other related legal matters. I also was assigned to prepare a brochure about the U.S. Immigrant Investor Program. The U.S. Congress has tried to stimulate

the U.S. economy by encouraging job creation and capital investment by foreign investors. As an incentive for this, foreign investors can receive permanent residency cards. In recent years, many Chinese entrepreneur clients have been interested in this investor program. The brochure I helped to prepare is used to give them a basic introduction to this program.

One unexpected aspect of the internship was being assigned business development tasks. My supervisors showed me how to make full use of professional social networks, such as LinkedIn and personal business blogs. I also learned about using customer relationship management (CRM) software to keep in touch with clients. I felt like a business class was added to my legal education.

My internship was extremely valuable in allowing me to strengthen my legal experience while gaining practical business development skills. During my internship, I met so many bright, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic international lawyers. In Shanghai, there is no single culture, no single language. But I was amazed at how fast international lawyers there adapted to the global legal market. ♦



Qiwei Chen (LLM '13, JD Class of 2016) at her summer internship in Shanghai



## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### LLM Internships

CILE has been fortunate over its first two decades to have had the opportunity to assist many of its LLM students to obtain internships in Pittsburgh and elsewhere in the United States for the summer following their year of study. These internship opportunities ideally give our students not only a window on the everyday practice of law and business in the United States beyond that provided in the classroom, but foster relationships between our internship hosts and these future international leaders that will redound to their mutual benefit for years to come. Our LLM interns and their hosts this year were:

**Ali Haydar Al-Dabbagh (Iraq):**

Professor Ronald A. Brand, Pitt Law

**Ammar Almuraee (Saudi Arabia):**

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### Phillip Hellwege Discusses Legal Treatment of Nazi-looted Art



Pictured from left to right are: Professors Ronald Brand, Phillip Hellwege, Vivian Curran, and Harry Flechtner.

On September 15, 2014, Professor Dr. Phillip Hellwege, who currently serves as chair of private law, commercial law, and legal history at the University of Augsburg in Germany, spoke at the School of Law about "How to Deal with Nazi-looted Art after Cornelius Gurlitt." The event was cosponsored by CILE and the European Union Center of Excellence/European Studies Center. ♦

### John Cerone Examines the Work of the ICC

On October 16, 2014, Visiting Professor John Cerone gave a lecture at the School of Law about "The ICC in Palestine, Syria, and Ukraine." Cerone has worked for a number of different intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, including the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the International Secretariat of Amnesty International, and the International Crisis Group, and has served as a legal adviser to various international criminal courts

and tribunals. He also has extensive field experience in conflict and post-conflict environments, such as Afghanistan, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, and East Timor. He has taught in over 40 countries across all regions of the globe and is the author of dozens of articles and book chapters on international law, as well as of the casebook *Public International Law: Cases, Problems, and Texts* (with Dinah Shelton and Stephen McCaffrey). ♦

### Renee Martin-Nagle Examines Global Water Law

On November 10, 2014, Visiting Professor Renee Martin-Nagle (JD '84) gave a lecture at the School of Law on "Global Water Law Issues." During the fall term, Martin-Nagle taught a course at the School of Law on international environmental law and policy. Martin-Nagle served for 25 years as U.S. general counsel for European aircraft manufacturers, ultimately serving as general counsel, chief compliance officer, head of environmental affairs, corporate secretary and a member of the board of directors

of Airbus Americas at the time of her retirement in 2011. The birth of her first grandson in April 2007 inspired Martin-Nagle to devote the remainder of her productive years to environmental causes. Since 2011, she has been pursuing independent pro bono research and writing as a visiting scholar at the Environmental law Institute in Washington D.C., while also honing her journalistic skills as a freelance writer with *OOSKAnews*, a global water publication. ♦



## Max Laun Speaks on Corporate Legal Ethics

On October 29, 2014, Max Laun (JD '88), the vice president and general counsel of Alcoa Inc., returned to the School of Law to give a lecture on "Ethics in Corporate Legal Practice." Laun dealt in particular with issues raised by international legal practice. Laun joined Alcoa after his graduation from Pitt Law in 1988 and his areas of practice have included mergers and acquisitions, energy, and general commercial law. He was named counsel/general attorney in 1994, and progressed to senior counsel in 2001 and then to assistant general counsel in 2009, before becoming general counsel in 2011. ♦



Max Laun (JD '88), Alcoa vice president and general counsel, speaks on Ethics in Corporate Legal Practice.

## Gabriella Saputelli Discusses EU Citizenship and European Case Law

On December 2, 2014, CILE Visiting Scholar Gabriella Saputelli (Italy) spoke at an event titled "The Evolution of EU Citizenship in the European 'Federalizing' Process." In her talk, she explored the characteristics and the evolution of EU citizenship during the more than two decades after the Maastricht Treaty, exploring the tensions between EU citizenship and the case law of the European Court of Justice. ♦

## CILE and Thornburgh Forum Cosponsor Forum on Democracy in Asia

On November 13, 2014, CILE cosponsored an event with the Dick Thornburgh Forum for Law & Public Policy titled "The Challenges and Promise of Democratic Governance in Asia." David D. Arnold, president of The Asia Foundation, was the keynote speaker for the event. Arnold talked about the

remarkable year that Asia had in terms of democratic developments, and examined both the opportunities and obstacles facing different Asian countries on their paths toward more transparent, accountable and responsive systems of government. ♦



David Arnold, Asia Foundation president (center), with (left to right) Professor Brand, former Governor Dick Thornburgh (JD '57), Thornburgh Forum Director Edward McCord (JD '90), and University Honors College Dean Edward Stricker

## The Global Lawyer and the Rule of Law

On February 2, 2015, Jones Day partner Charles Kotuby (JD '01) spoke on the topic of "The Role of the Global Lawyer in Promoting the Rule of Law." Kotuby discussed the growth in available fora to resolve cross-border disputes over the past decade, and the increasing mechanisms available in an era of globalization to ensure that the promise of justice travels far and wide. He noted that, rather than the aspirational goals of due process and rule of law being left to traditional actors such as provincial authorities, human rights instruments, and public lawyers, the burden is increasingly falling on private lawyers to expand access to justice by exposing wrongdoing, helping to create substantive norms, and fostering effective mechanisms to vindicate them. Mr. Kotuby discussed the emerging roles of the private lawyer in this context as an



Charles Kotuby (JD '01) discusses the role of global lawyers in promoting the rule of law.

advocate, a counselor, an investigator and a lawmaker. He animated these observations with anecdotes and reflections from his own career, and engaged the audience on his views of what it takes to be a modern global lawyer. ♦



## Marc De Vos Explores the European Debt Crisis

On January 13, 2015, Visiting Professor Marc De Vos delivered a presentation that discussed how Europe had entangled itself within multiple overlapping crises, with the euro at the core of these issues. He explained the main steps that have been taken to address the crises and indicated the policy options that are ahead. He gave historic, macro-economic, monetary, and legal context to an ongoing crisis that risked engulfing the world's largest economic bloc in near-permanent stagnation. ♦



*Professor Marc De Vos, arms folded, with (left to right) Professors Sinsheimer, Curran, Flechtner, Brand, and Brostoff*

## CILE Cohosts Conference in China

On February 27 and 28, 2015, CILE, University Center for International Studies (UCIS), the Asian Studies Center and Global Studies Center, the Confucius Institute at the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and the China Council hosted a conference on Law and the Legal Profession in China. The conference brought together an international panel of multidisciplinary experts to explore the development and current practice of the legal profession in China. Invited panelists included Alison Bailey from the University of British Columbia, Xiaoqun Xu Christopher from Newport University, Glenn Tiffert from the University of California, Berkeley; Donald Clarke from George Washington University, Ronald Brand from the University of Pittsburgh, Mary Gallagher from the University of Michigan, Pierre Landry from the University of Pittsburgh, Jothie Rajah from

the American Bar Foundation, Jacques DeLisle from the University of Pennsylvania, Sida Liu from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, John Wagner Givens from the University of Pittsburgh, Ronald L. Francis Jr. from Reed Smith, Diane Lazzaris from Wesco Distribution, Max Laun from Alcoa, Dennis Unkovic from Meyer, Unkovic & Scott, and Heidi Zhang from Westinghouse. The conference panelists spoke about the tremendous changes that the profession of law within China had undergone over the past two decades. They discussed how China's ascension to the World Trade Organization, massive foreign investment, and an increasingly cosmopolitan middle class have forced both the central government in Beijing and the country's practicing attorneys to grapple with new clienteles, new areas of practice, and an increasingly nuanced popular response to legal issues. ♦

## Series Highlights LLM Presentations of Home Country Legal Issues

On February 10, 2015, and March 24, 2015, members of the 2015 LLM class continued CILE's tradition of educating the law school community about rule of law challenges in their home countries. This year's series covered recent issues in Iraq, Ukraine, Nigeria, Kosovo, and Indonesia.

During the February 10 session, Ali Al Dabbagh discussed issues relating to state-building in Iraq, Artem Hrytsak examined

the protection of internally displaced persons in Ukraine, and Volodymyr Rog discussed international rule of law and the annexation of Crimea by Russia.

In the March 24 session, Nnenna Anozia discussed the threat of Boko Haram in Sub-Saharan Africa, Fjolla Krasniqi examined the current state of the process of Kosovo's accession to the EU, and Dinda Saragih discussed legal pluralism in Indonesia. ♦

## ASIL Director Addresses Law Students on Building an International Career

On February 5, 2015, former CILE assistant director D. Wes Rist (JD '05) returned to Pitt to give a presentation on "International Career Development and Skills Building." Rist, director of education and research at the American Society of International Law, discussed the steps that students can take while still in law school to help them stand out in the search for an international law position. Topics that were covered included targeted job searching, resume drafting, managing one's professional contacts, identifying appropriate international experiences, pursuing valuable volunteer and professional membership opportunities, and other practical actions that students can take during their studies. ♦



*Wes Rist (JD '05) advises Pitt law students on international career strategies.*

### International Law Society 2015–16

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## Professor Eric Bergsten Delivers 22nd McLean Lecture

On April 29, 2015, CILE hosted the 22nd McLean Lecture in International Law. Professor Eric E. Bergsten spoke on "The Genesis and Development of the Vis Moot: A Platform for Global Legal Education and the Rule of Law." Bergsten spoke about his involvement in the creation of The Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition. Bergsten has taught commercial law at Fordham University, the University of Iowa, Northwestern University, and Pace University. He served for 16 years with the United Nations, where he was senior legal officer

and the secretary of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law. From 1985 to 1991, he was chief of the International Trade Law Division of the U.N. Office of Legal Affairs. Most importantly, Bergsten developed and for 20 years administered the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, which has been held annually for the past 22 years in Vienna, Austria. Nearly 300 law schools from approximately 70 countries participate in the Vis Moot each year.

Following Bergsten's talk, Professor Ronald A. Brand discussed how Pitt

Law and CILE have expanded the use of the Vis Moot platform to develop the international commercial law and arbitration curricula in nearly 20 countries. The program included a screening of the 2015 documentary "Afghan Dreams," which follows four young female law students as they travel from Afghanistan to the Hong Kong Vis Moot and receive training from CILE.

The cosponsors for this year's event were Global Solutions Pittsburgh and Sherrard, German, Kelly P.C., Attorneys at Law. ♦



Professor Eric Bergsten (center) with Pitt Law Vis Moot alumni, after the 22nd McLean Lecture

## Pitt Team Wins First Place Memorial at Regional Jessup Competition

Neil Devlin (Class of 2016) and David Murren (Class of 2016) traveled to Washington D.C. with team coach Iva Grgic (LLM '14) for the U.S. Mid-Atlantic Super Regional Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition on February 12-15, 2015. Devlin and Murren received the award for First Place Memorial, coming in first out of a field of 40 memorials submitted by 20 university teams. Considered to be the world's largest moot court competition, the Jessup is also the oldest moot court competition dedicated to international law. ♦



Neil Devlin (Class of 2016), David Murren (Class of 2016), and coach Iva Grgic (LLM '15) with the Mid-Atlantic Jessup First Place Memorial Award

## Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship Recipient 2015–16

**Kyle J. Watson** (Class of 2017) – Arabic (Global Studies Center)

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**Qiwei Chen** (Class of 2016) – Dacheng Law Offices, LLP (Shanghai)

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**John C. Scialabba** (Class of 2017) – Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret (Kenya)

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## Whitehill Fellowship Recipients

**Allison Fedorka** (Class of 2017) – Clinic for Migrants' Rights, Ramat Gan, Israel

**Eric Rowling** (Class of 2017) – Clinic for Migrants' Rights, Ramat Gan, Israel



## LLM Class of 2016

**Basil Ali Abbas (Iraq)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Al-Qadisiya in 2009. He wrote his final year project on the subject of "The International Legal Protection of Children during Armed Conflicts." He then practiced family law, financial law and criminal law in the Iraqi courts until 2013, when he began further studies in the United States. He is the recipient of a full scholarship from the Higher Committee for Education Development in Iraq.

**Bashir I. S. Alghussein (Palestine)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the Islamic University of Gaza in 2012. He worked as a trainee lawyer at Al Zaeem & Associates, the largest commercial law firm in Palestine, from 2012 to 2013, and then worked at the Al Mezan Center for Human Rights. He is the recipient of a scholarship from the Palestinian Rule of Law Program of the Open Society Foundations, a Bruhns Fellowship, and a CILE scholarship.

**Ammar Almuraee (Saudi Arabia)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Um Al-Qura University in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. He worked as a trainee lawyer in Saudi Arabia and then relocated to Pittsburgh in order to improve his English language skills. Almuraee is the recipient of a scholarship from the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

**Hassan Falah Hassan Al-Senairy (Iraq)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2007 from the College of Law of the University of Basrah in Basrah, Iraq. After graduation, he worked first as a teaching assistant in the University of Basrah College of Law and then as an Attorney Assistant in the office of the Basrah District Attorney. He was a Legal Advisor in the South Oil Company, the company responsible for oil production in the key southern producing regions of Iraq. He is the recipient of a full scholarship from the Higher Committee for Education Development in Iraq.

**Gustavo Javier Arrobo Moncayo (Ecuador)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2013 from the Universidad de

los Hemisferios in Quito, Ecuador. As a law student, he interned with local firms in Quito and participated in a study abroad program on Law and Business at the Centro Universitario Villanova in Spain. He was an associate lawyer at Gonzalez Penaherrera & Asociados in Quito, focusing his work in the areas of commercial and corporate law.

**Maria Cintia Benitez Nunez (Argentina)** received her Bachelor of Laws degree from Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2007 with orientation in Notarial Law and obtained a specialty degree in the Practice of Notarial Law from Colegio de Escribanos de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires in 2012. She worked for four years as notarial assistant in several lawyer-notary firms drafting contracts. She also worked as a technical notarial assistant at the Argentine Consulate in Los Angeles, California, during 2009-2010. She also worked as head of clerk assistants for the lawyer-notary Diego B. Walsh for two years.

**Veronica Del Valle Cruz Salazar (Venezuela)** received her law degree in 2005 from the Universidad Catolica Andres Bello in Caracas, Venezuela, and pursued a master's degree in tax law from the Universidad Central de Venezuela. Her legal experience includes work for Caritas de Venezuela / United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, for Asesoria Legal Integral, and as a senior associate and law department manager for the legal department of Taxand Venezuela in Caracas. She is the recipient of a CILE scholarship and a Franklin West Housing Scholarship.

**Beryl Fellous (France)** received her Bachelor of Laws degree in 1996, a Master of Laws degree in 1998, and a specialized degree of Master of Laws in business and tax law in 2000, each from Université Panthéon Assas (Paris II). She worked as legal counsel in the firm of SCP Dubarry Le Douarin Veil in Paris from 2000 to 2002, with a focus on M&A and labor law matters. From 2002 to 2008, she was in-house legal counsel for corporate and M&A matters in the Paris office of Allianz Global Assistance. In 2008, she joined Alcoa Inc. as its in-house legal counsel responsible for matters relating

to the European operations of Alcoa's Power and Propulsion and Fastening Systems business units.

**Rafal Sabah Jasim (Iraq)** received her Bachelor of Laws degree in 2014 from the University of Baghdad. As a law student, she participated in the Vis Middle East Pre-Moot in 2013 as a member of the team that was awarded the Best Respondent Memo honor. She is the recipient of a full scholarship from the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research.

**Nevena Jevremovic (Bosnia)** received her Bachelor of Laws degree in 2010 from the University of Sarajevo, and received an LLM from the University of Sarajevo in 2014. She was an associate at the law firm of Wolf Theiss in Sarajevo. She is the founder and president of the Association ARBITRI, and has coached the University of Sarajevo Vis Moot Competition teams and has worked with other law schools in Bosnia to build their participation in the Vis Moot. She is the recipient of a scholarship from the University Center for International Studies (UCIS), of a living stipend from the UCIS Center for Russian and East European Studies, and of the Franklin West Housing Scholarship.

**Thomas K. Joseph (India)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2002 from the University of Delhi. He ran a successful full service legal practice over the past decade through his firm Zeus Consulting in New Delhi, India, practicing before the Supreme Court of India as well as other specialized and regional high courts. Prior to embarking on his legal career, he served for 20 years as an officer in the Indian Army. He is the recipient of a CILE scholarship.

**Guljamiyla Adilbekovna Kaipbergenova (Uzbekistan)** received her Bachelor of Laws degree in 2010 and a Master of Laws degree in 2012, each from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO). While a law student, she interned with the law firm of Astropolis in Moscow and with the Moscow office of Baker Botts. She worked in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, for Colibri Law, a leading regional law firm in Central Asia and the Caucasus, and has taught international law in joint courses of the University of World Economy and



Diplomacy and Tashkent State University. She is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship.

**Ewelina Kemp (Poland)** received her Master of Laws degree in 2007 from the Adam Mickiewicz University Law School in Poznan, Poland. She received four years of bar training at the National Chamber of Legal Advisors in Poznan, Poland, and also participated in the International LLM program in Xiamen, China. Her legal experience includes work as an associate at the law firms of Zamlewski & Partners and Weremczuk, Bobel & Partners in Poznan, Poland, and as an attorney for Ernst & Young Legal Services in Warsaw, Poland.

**Ohoud Talal Mosuily (Saudi Arabia)** received her Bachelor of Laws degree in 2015 from Dar Al Hekmah University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. She was a member of the championship team in the Vis Middle East Pre-Moot in 2015 and participated in the Vis Moot Competition in 2015. She interned with the Alam law firm and the law firm of Al-Suraihi & Associates.

**James Peter Tugee Ochieng (Kenya)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2011 from Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, and a Post-Graduate Degree in Law from the Kenya School of Law in Nairobi in 2012. As a law student, he interned with Mohamed Muigai Advocates and Hamilton, Harrison & Mathews Advocates in Nairobi. He then worked as an associate attorney with Hamilton, Harrison & Mathews Advocates in Nairobi. He is the recipient of an H.J. Heinz Fellowship.

**Glory Chiamaka Ohaekwusi (Nigeria)** received her Bachelor of Laws degree in 2010 from Nnamdi Azikiwe University in Awka, Anambra, Nigeria, and her Barrister at Law degree in 2012 from the Nigerian Law School in Abuja. Her legal experience includes work as a State Counsel for the Citizens Rights Department of the Ministry of Justice of Rivers State, Nigeria, and as a law associate with the firm of Alegeh & Co. in Lagos, Nigeria. She is the recipient of a CILE scholarship.

**Partin Pruthi (Kosovo)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree with honors from Queen Mary and Westfield College of the University of London in 2010. He was as a Legal Officer for the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo in Prishtina, Kosovo, where he worked on legal operations,

drafting, and compliance matters and represented the bank in legal proceedings. He is the recipient of a fellowship from World Learning as a part of the Kosovo Transformational Leadership Program.

**Engjell Rexhepi (Kosovo)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2012 from the University of Prishtina in Prishtina, Kosovo. He has worked as a law practice intern with the District Court of Prishtina, with the law practice of Sc. Ali Latifi in Prishtina, and with the Mitrovica Basic Court, Vushtrri Branch, in Vushtrri, Kosovo. He is the recipient of a fellowship from World Learning as a part of the Kosovo Transformational Leadership Program.

**Valeriaiia Yurivna Shablii (Ukraine)** received her Bachelor of Laws degree in 2015 from the National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute" in Kyiv, Ukraine. Her particular areas of interest include antitrust, commercial, and business law. She has published an article on "Consumer Law: Standards and Reality." She is the recipient of a CILE scholarship and of a tuition fellowship from the UCIS Center for Russian and East European Studies.

**Shadi Hanna Shahoud (Syria)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2004 from Damascus University. He then performed two years of bar program practice with the Syrian Bar Association in Homs and at the Hanna Shahoud Law Office. From 2006 to 2011, he was a partner with the Hanna & Shadi Shahoud Law Firm in Homs, working as a banking and insurance lawyer and also practicing in the area of real estate law. After leaving Syria because of the start of the civil war there, he worked for Western Pennsylvania Behavioral Health Resources in Grindstone, Pa.

**Yevhenii Oleksandrovich Shatskyi (Ukraine)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2015 from the National "Yaroslav the Wise" Law Academy of Ukraine in Kharkiv. While a student, he worked with the Ukrainian human rights organization "Svit-Ukraine" as a volunteer. During the 2013-2014 academic year, he studied at Utica College in New York where he also volunteered for refugee and human rights programs. After returning to Ukraine, he was an

intern with the Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group. He is the recipient of a CILE scholarship.

**Isuf Zejna (Kosovo)** received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2007 from FAMA College in Prishtina, Kosovo. He subsequently studied for a master's degree in civil law at the South Eastern European University in Tetovo, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. He has worked in various capacities for the Kosova Democratic Institute, including as lead researcher for Transparency International Kosova/Kosova Democratic Institute, where his focus was on improving transparency and accountability in public procurement. He is the recipient of a fellowship from World Learning as a part of the Kosovo Transformational Leadership Program. ♦

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## LLM Class of 2015 December Graduates

**Ali Hayder Al Dabbagh (Iraq)** earned a Bachelor of Laws from Baghdad University School of Law in 2014. He competed in the Vis Commercial Arbitration Moot Court and the Middle East Pre-Moot for two years with the University of Baghdad and went on to serve the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education as a coach for the Vis Moot. Mr. Al Dabbagh has also completed an internship with Al Tamimi & Co. in Baghdad. He is the recipient of a full scholarship from the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research.

**Fjolla Krasniqi (Kosovo)** received her Bachelor of Laws from the University of Pristina Faculty of Law in 2013. She served as a Legal Assistant for the Kosovo Chamber of Commerce, where she worked closely with the Permanent Tribunal of Arbitration. Ms. Krasniqi is the recipient of a fellowship from World Learning as a part of the Kosovo Transformational Leadership Program.

**Catherine Tonui (Kenya)** received her Bachelor of Laws from Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, in 2009, and received a postgraduate diploma in law in 2010 from Kenya Law School in Nairobi. From



2010 to 2014 she worked for Honda East Africa Ltd. in Nairobi. She is the recipient of a CILE scholarship. ♦

## MSL Class of 2016

**Kastriot Rexhepi (Kosovo)** received his bachelor's degree in criminology in 2011 from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. He has worked as a customs supervisor at BINA SHPED in Kosovo, as a regional supervisor for the Probation and Parole Service of the Kosovo Ministry of Justice, and as Senior Officer for Receipt of Seized or Confiscated Assets in the Agency for Managing Seized or Confiscated Assets of the Kosovo Ministry of Justice. Rexhepi is the recipient of a fellowship from World Learning as a part of the Kosovo Transformational Leadership Program. ♦

## SJD Candidates, 2015–16

**Hisham Mahmoud Mohamad Ababneh (Jordan)** is writing his dissertation on a comparative study of foreign investment laws and their application in Jordan and the United States. His dissertation supervisor is Professor Brand. He received his bachelor's degree in law from the University of Jordan in 2011 and his LLM degree from McGill University in 2012. He worked in the Amman, Jordan, offices of the law firms of Ababneh & Jarar, of Aljazy & Co. and of Eversheds LLP. He is the recipient of a full scholarship from Petra University in Amman, Jordan.

**Abdullah Suliman F. Alaoudh (Saudi Arabia)** is writing his dissertation on the role of religious institutions in post-revolutionary Arab countries and the transition to democracy. His dissertation supervisor is Professor Hamoudi. He received his LLM degree from Pitt Law in 2011, and received his bachelor's degree in Islamic law from Alqassim University in 2005. He is the recipient of a full scholarship from the Cultural Mission of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia.

**Wasfi H. Abdal Kareem Al-Sharaa (Iraq)** is writing his dissertation on the use of criminal law in the fields of energy and environmental regulation. His dissertation supervisor is Professor Hamoudi. He received his bachelor's degree in law from Shatt-El-Arab University College in 1998 and a master's degree in law from the University of Baghdad in 2001. He was an assistant professor of law and assistant dean of academic affairs at Basra Law School in Iraq. He is the recipient of a full scholarship from the University of Basra.

**Ohud Ali A. Alzahrani (Saudi Arabia)** is writing her dissertation on the rights of orphaned children under international and Islamic law. Her dissertation supervisor is Professor Velez Martinez. She received her bachelor's degree in 2009 from Princess Norah Bint Abdul Rahman University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and her LLM degree in 2014 from Pace University School of Law. She is the recipient of a full scholarship from the Cultural Mission of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia.

**Dareen Muath Mosaoa (Saudi Arabia)** is writing her dissertation on the arbitration laws of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United States from a comparative perspective. Her dissertation supervisor is Professor Brand. She received her bachelor's degree in law in 2008 from King Abdul-Aziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and her LLM degree in 2012 from the Michigan State University College of Law. She was a lecturer in the law and international relations department of Dar Al-Hekma University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. She is the recipient of a full scholarship from the Ministry of Higher Education of Saudi Arabia.

**Zvenyslava Iosipivna Opeida (Ukraine)** is writing her dissertation on a comparative analysis of the law on subsidies in the World Trade Organization, the European Union and the United States. Her dissertation supervisor is Professor Brand. She received her jurist's degree with honors in 1998 from Donetsk National University in Ukraine, and her LLM degree from the University of Illinois in 2001. She was a senior lecturer in the economics and law department of Donetsk State University. ♦

## Visiting Scholars, 2015–16

**Hasan M. M. A. Alrashid (Kuwait)** is a doctoral candidate at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland, where he is writing his PhD dissertation on the concept of party autonomy in choice of court agreements in Kuwait. He received his bachelor's degree in law from the University of Kuwait in 2010, and his LLM degree from the University of Dundee in 2013. He will be in residence with CILE from August 2015 through December 2015.

**Johanna Schwartz Miralles (U.S./France)** is a doctoral candidate in law at Aix-Marseille University in Marseille, France, where she is writing her thesis on a comparative study of whistle-blowing in French and U.S. law. She received her JD degree from Harvard Law School in 2010. She has practiced as a litigator with the Pittsburgh office of Jones Day. She will be in residence with CILE from September 2015 through May 2016.

**Fatma Beril Ozcanli (Turkey)** is a doctoral candidate at the Faculty of Law at the University of Istanbul, where she is writing her dissertation on the unlawful exercise of control under Turkey's new group of companies law. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree in 2007 and her LLM in 2010, both from the Faculty of Law at the University of Istanbul. She is a research assistant in the corporate and commercial law department of the School of Law at Koc University in Istanbul. She will be in residence with CILE in August and September of 2015.

**Hui Wang (China)** is a lecturer in the Humanities and Law School of South China Agricultural University in Guangzhou, China. She is a PhD candidate in the Law School of Wuhan University, where she is writing her dissertation on the protection of children's rights in custody relationships from a comparative law approach. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree in 2001 and her Master of Laws degree in 2005, both from Wuhan University. She will be in residence with CILE from February 2016 through February 2017.



**Wigong Xu (China)** is a professor of law in the international law department of the law school of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan City, People's Republic of China. He is conducting research for an analysis of conflicts of laws based on game theory. He received his bachelor's degree in law from Wuhan University in 1992, his LLM degree from Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in 1999, and his

LLD from Wuhan University in 2002. Professor Xu was a Visiting Scholar with CILE during the 2010-11 academic year. He will be in residence with CILE from September 2015 through September 2016.

**Patricia Zivkovich (Croatia)** is a doctoral candidate in the SJD program in international business law of the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. She is writing her doctoral thesis

on the subject of costs in international commercial arbitration. She received her bachelor's degree in law from the University of Zagreb in 2010, and her LLM degree from the Central European University in 2012. She will be in residence with CILE from August 2015 through November 2015. ♦



## STUDENT ACTIVITIES



2015 Pitt Vis Team members (left to right) Drew Roberts, Benjamin Morrow, Denise Attar, Professor Flechtner, and Sydney Normil

**Denise Attar (Class of 2015), Benjamin Morrow (Class of 2016), Sydney Normil (Class of 2015), and Drew Roberts (Class of 2015)** participated in the 2015 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria.

**Adam Boucek (Class of 2017)** received a CILE fellowship to fund his study abroad during the summer of 2015 at the Tulane University Law School's program in Shanghai, China.

**Sean Buckley (Class of 2016)** received a CILE fellowship to fund his study abroad during the spring of 2015 at the Global Research Practicum in Munich, Germany.

**Qiwei Chen (Class of 2016)** received a Nordenberg Fellowship to support her internship during the summer of 2015 in the Dacheng Law Offices in China.

**Elizabeth Dennis (Class of 2017)** received a CILE fellowship to fund her study abroad during the summer of 2015 at the Summer Law Program in The Hague in The Hague, Netherlands.

**Neil Devlin (Class of 2016) and David Murren (Class of 2016)** participated in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic Super Regional Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition on February 12-15, 2015, receiving the First Place Memorial award. Iva Grgic (LLM '14) served as coach.

**Allison Fedorka (Class of 2017)** received a Whitehill Fellowship to support her internship during the summer of 2015 with the Clinic for Migrant's Rights of the College of Law and Business in Ramat Gan, Israel.

**Ashley Hogan (Class of 2017)** received a Nordenberg Fellowship to support her internship during the summer of 2015 with the parliament of Kosovo.

**Christopher Owens (Class of 2016)** received a CILE fellowship to fund his study abroad during the spring of 2015 at the Global Research Practicum in Munich, Germany.

**Eric Rowling (Class of 2017)** received a Whitehill Fellowship and a CILE fellowship to support his internship during the summer of 2015 with the Clinic for Migrant's Rights of the College of Law and Business in Ramat Gan, Israel.

**Ann Schober (Class of 2016)** studied abroad during the summer of 2015 at the Touro Law Center Study Abroad program in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

**John C. Scialabba (Class of 2017)** received a Nordenberg Fellowship to support his internship for the summer of 2015 at the Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret in Kenya.

**Matthew Shuck (Class of 2017)** received a CILE fellowship to fund his study abroad during the summer of 2015 at the Summer Study-Abroad Program in International and Comparative Law in Aberdeen, Scotland.

**Taylor Staiger (Class of 2017)** received a Nordenberg Fellowship to support her internship for the summer of 2015 at the Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret in Kenya.

**Kyle J. Watson (Class of 2017)** received a 2015-2016 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship from the University of Pittsburgh Global Studies Center to study Arabic. ♦



Professor Brand (center) with some of the Pitt Vis Consortium team members and coaches at the final banquet of the 2015 Moot

**Lisl Brunner (JD '08)** continues to work at the Global Network Initiative, a business and human rights organization focusing on freedom of expression and privacy in the ICT sector. She is Co-chair of the New Professionals Group at the American Society of International Law and a corresponding editor of *International Legal Materials*. She also blogs for International Law Grrls.

**Mariya Nizhnik (LLM '03)** was appointed on June 29, 2015, as a state commissioner of the Anti-Monopoly Committee of Ukraine by the president of Ukraine. This committee consists of a chairman and 11 state commissioners who are collectively responsible for Ukraine's antitrust and competition policies, performing functions equivalent to the combined responsibilities of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Bureau of Competition of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

**Ibrahim Faris (LLM '13)** published an article in the *Austrian Journal of Medicine and Law* comparing medical malpractice law in the U.S. and Palestine. He also published an article on JURIST about the secured transactions regime in Palestine. He is a member of subcommittees of the committee established by the Palestinian Authority to pursue potential charges against Israel at the International Criminal Court.

**Kaitlin (Young) Dewberry (JD '12)** is enjoying work as an associate at K&L Gates in Pittsburgh, focusing her practice in employment law and international arbitration.

**Anastasia Konina (LLM '15)** received a Faculty Writing Award for her independent study paper on "Consumer Dispute Settlement in the E.U. and the U.S."

**Ingrid Burke (JD '11)** has joined *L'Indro* as its Russia correspondent based in Moscow, and is continuing to work as the deputy new editor and night editor for *The Moscow Times*.

**M. Patrick Yingling (JD '11)** reports an active year of both legal work and academic writing:

- In November 2014, he coauthored amicus briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court in *United States v. Wong*, No. 13-1074, 135 S. Ct. 1625 (2015) and *United States v. June*, No. 13-1075, 135 S. Ct. 1625 (2015) on behalf of the Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans regarding application of equitable tolling to administrative claims and lawsuits filed under the Federal Tort Claims Act. The Court issued favorable decisions in both cases.
- Also in November 2014, he participated in—and drafted a response paper for—a symposium at Trinity College Dublin on “The Constitution of Conventions / Conventional Constitutionalism.” His response paper titled “Judicial Conventions: An Examination of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Rule of Four” will be published in the *Dublin University Law Journal* in October 2015.
- In June 2015, he presented a draft paper titled “Improper Dependencies and the Corruption of Egyptian Civil

Society” for a panel on “The Struggle of Civil Society in Post-Arab Spring Egypt” at Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law & Policy Conference.

- Also in June 2015, he coauthored an amicus brief to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Terrance Williams and Tom Wolf, governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, No. 14-EM-2015, on behalf of the ACLU of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Pennsylvania NAACP, the Jewish Social Policy Action Network, and Pennsylvanians Against the Death Penalty in support of Governor Tom Wolf’s temporary reprieve of death row inmate Terrance Williams.

**Kristine (Long) Carpenter (JD '11)** moved from private practice to an in-house position as corporate counsel at Wabtec Corporation. **Tom Carpenter (JD '11)** was promoted to manager at PwC. Kristine and Tom are the new owners of a house and a dog.

**Lieu Dang Chi (LLM '08)** has been promoted to partner in the Hanoi office of Baker & McKenzie, in charge of its mergers & acquisitions and energy, mining, and infrastructure practices.

**Felix Mehler (LLM '02)** was part of a team of Cohen & Grigsby attorneys to whom M&A awarded the Strategic/Corporate Acquisition of the Year title for their work advising Lapmaster Group Holdings LLC in its acquisition of Peter Wolters GmbH in June 2014. ♦



# Faculty International and Comparative Law Publications

**Books:**

Vivian Curran et al., translators, Gerard Cornu, *Dictionary of the Civil Code* (Lexis-Nexis 2014)

**Articles and Chapters:**

Elena A. Baylis, "What Internationals Know: Promoting the Effectiveness of Post-Conflict Justice Initiatives," 14 *Washington University Global Studies Law Review* 2015

Ronald A. Brand, "The Unfriendly Intrusion of Consumer Legislation into Freedom to Contract for Effective ODR," *Liber Amicorum Johan Erauw* 365 (Maud Piers, Henri Storme, & Jinske Verhellen, eds., Intersentia 2014)

Ronald A. Brand, "Understanding Judgments Recognition" in the North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation. 40 *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation* 877 (2015)

Douglas Branson, "Twenty First Century Corporate Governance: The World Turns from West to East," 7 *Auckland University Law Review* (2014)

William M. Carter Jr. and Vivian Curran, "The Use, Abuse, and Non-Use of International law in the United States and France," *Revisiting Van Gend en Loos*, (Hélène Ruiz-Fabri et al., eds., 2014)

Vivian Curran, "Le juge national américain et le droit de l'environnement," *Prendre la responsabilité au sérieux* (Mireille Demas-Marty & Alain Supiot, eds., forthcoming 2016)

Vivian Curran, "La jurisprudence récente de la Cour suprême des Etats-Unis en matière d'extraterritorialité et autres questions d'importance internationale," 43 *Recueil Dalloz* 2473 (11 Dec. 2014)

Vivian Curran, "Evolving French Memory Laws in Light of Greece's 2014 Anti-Racism Law," *Council for European Studies, Reviews & Critical Commentary (CritCom)*, at <http://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/critcom/evolving-french-memory-laws-in-light-of-greeces-2014-anti-racism-law/> and <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2519775>

Vivian Curran, "Les nouveaux défis pour le droit comparé dans un monde globalisé," *Journées internationales de la société de législation comparée* (forthcoming 2015)

Harry M. Flechtner, Book Review, 78 *Rabels Zeitschrift für Ausländisches und Internationales Privatrecht* 883-889 (2014) (reviewing UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) (Stefan Kröll, Loukas Mistelis & Pilar Perales Viscasillas, eds. 2011))

Harry M. Flechtner, "CISG Article 79: Getting Scafomed," *The CISG Convention and Domestic Contract Law: Harmony, Cross-Inspiration, or Discord?* 191-205 (J. Lookofsky and Andersen M. Bryde, eds. 2014)

Harry M. Flechtner, "Avoidance of Contract," *Restating International Sales Law: Contracts, Principles & Practice* 41 (L. DiMatteo and U. Magnus, eds. 2015)

Haider Ala Hamoudi, "The Political Codification of Islamic Law: A Closer Look at the Draft Shi'i Personal Status Code of Iraq," 32 *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law* (2015)

Haider Ala Hamoudi, Wasfi H. Al-Sharaa and Aqeel Al-Dahan, "The Resolution of Disputes in State and Tribal Law in the South of Iraq: Toward a Cooperative Model of Pluralism," *Negotiating State and Nonstate Law: The Challenges of Global and Local Legal Pluralism*, (Michael A. Helfand, ed., 2015)

Anthony C. Infanti and Bernard Moens, "Qualification of Taxable Entities and Treaty Protection: United States of America," 99b *Cahiers de Droit Fiscal International* 859 (2014)

Sheila I. Velez Martinez, "Remittances from Puerto Rico: Unsuspected Transnational Locality in Times of Crisis," 5 *Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty* 71 (2014)



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# FACULTY ACTIVITIES

**Professor Elena Baylis** participated in an invitation-only book round-table on October 10, 2014, at the Institute for International Law and Public Policy at Temple Law School. The roundtable focused on Andrew Guzman and Tim Meyer's "Goldilocks Globalism: The Rise of Soft Law in International Governance," forthcoming from Oxford University Press. On December 11, 2014, Professor Baylis's opinion was featured in *The New York Times* "Room for Debate" series. The series showcased six expert editorials on a contemporary issue and in this segment, *The New York Times* asked six experts if more should be done to strengthen the legitimacy of the International Criminal Court, or if it should be eliminated. In her response, "Empower National and Regional Courts," Professor Baylis argued that "the international community should facilitate increased engagement of national and regional justice systems by providing political support and, where needed, technical assistance and other resources."

**Professor Ronald Brand** participated as a member of the Working Group on Judgments of the Hague Conference on Private International Law in an October 7-10, 2014 meeting at the offices of the Hong Kong Department of Justice in the Hong Kong SAR. The Working Group is exploring the possibility of a future global treaty on the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments. On October 14-16, 2014, Professor Brand led a three-day training session in Amman, Jordan, for students from law schools in Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Tunisia. The program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) and the Jordanian Judicial Council, prepared

Middle East teams for participation in the 2015 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. Professor Brand was joined by Pitt Law alumna Janet Checkley (JD '14). Professor Brand then led a program on International Arbitration for Middle East lawyers, judges, and professors at the University of Jordan School of Law on October 17 and 18, 2014. The program brought the practicing bar and academics together in order to enhance the environment for international arbitration, and to encourage lawyers, judges, and arbitrators to participate as arbitrators in the 2015 Middle East Vis International Commercial Arbitration Pre-Moot, held at the University of Jordan on March 4-8, 2015.

On October 24, 2014, Professor Brand spoke as a member of the Theberge Award Winners panel at the fall meeting of the ABA Section of International Law in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Professor Brand's presentation covered recent developments on the negotiation of a recognition of judgments convention at the Hague Conference on Private International Law, as well as recent developments in the European Union. On November 24, 2014, Professor Brand spoke at New York University School of Law as part of the Center for Transnational Litigation, Arbitration and Commercial Law Program on "When U.S. Treaty Powers and State Law Collide—The Controversy over Implementing the 2005 Hague Convention."

On January 30, 2015, Professor Brand spoke on "Understanding Judgments Recognition" at the *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation* symposium, "The Changing Relationship between International Law and U.S. Law." Professor Brand's presentation traced recent developments in judgments recognition law in the United States, the European Union, and internationally, and considering problems of proximity of place and time which he

postulates have skewed the understanding and analysis of current judgments recognition law in the United States and affect how the international negotiations on a global convention on the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments are approached at the Hague Conference on Private International Law. Papers from the conference have published in the *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation*.

Professor Brand was a member of the U.S. delegation to a Working Group on Judgments at the Hague Conference on Private International Law on February 3-6, 2015. Other members of the U.S. delegation were John Kim, assistant legal adviser for international law at the U.S. Department of State, and Paul Herrup, senior attorney at the Office of Foreign Litigation of the U.S. Department of Justice. The Working Group is considering whether to recommend that the Council on General Affairs of the Hague Conference appoint a special commission to move forward on drafting a Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments.

From February 28 to March 8, 2015, Professor Brand traveled to Amman, Jordan, where he provided training in oral argument skills for Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot teams from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Tunisia. He was assisted in the training program by Pitt Law alumnus Janet Checkley (JD '14). He also provided two days of training for lawyers, professors, and judges to serve as arbitrators for the Fifth Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot. From March 19 to April 3, 2015, Professor Brand and Professor Harry Flechtner accompanied the Pitt Law Vis Moot team to Vienna for the 2015 Vis Competition. Prior to the competition, the coaches and team traveled to Belgrade, Serbia, and to Zagreb, Croatia, to participate in pre-moots. In Vienna, CILE hosted the Pitt Consor-



tium of 20 teams for a pre-moot at the offices of Baker & McKenzie.

**Professor Douglas Branson** spoke in August 2014 at the School of Law, University of Auckland, New Zealand, and before the New Zealand Law Reform Commission, also in Auckland.

**Visiting Professor John Cerone** travelled to Israel and Palestine in January 2015 to speak at a closed door expert meeting. Convened by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and the Norwegian Refugee Council, the purpose was to advise on the international law of armed conflict, international human law, and legal implications of recent treaty actions by the Palestinian authorities in relation to the Statute of the International Criminal Court. Also in January 2015, Professor Cerone took positions as Distinguished Chair in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute and as Visiting Chair in Public International Law at Lund University Faculty of Law, in Lund, Sweden.

**Professor Pat Chew** presented "Unraveling Chinese Arbitrations" and served as a panelist on a program titled "Diversity in the Legal Profession" at Northeastern University School of Law as part of the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty Conference, "Beyond Black and White: Asian Americans in the Legal Academy," on March 6-8, 2015.

**Professor Vivian Curran** spoke on the topic of "Comparative Law Methodology" at the Joint Section on African and Comparative Law of the AALS Conference on January 3, 2015, in Washington, D.C. On April 8, 2015, Professor Curran delivered a presentation on "Les nouveaux défis pour le droit comparé dans un monde globalisé (New challenges for Comparative Law in a Globalized World)" at the Supreme Court of France (Cour de cassation) at the conference of the Société de législation comparée. Professor Curran spoke at the Institut d'Etudes Avancées de

Nantes on June 9, 2015, on the topic "La responsabilité sociale et les droits de l'homme (Issues of Corporate Liability for Human Rights Violations)." On June 10, 2015, she spoke at the Collège de France in Paris on the subject of "Responsabiliser les entreprises transnationales (Making Transnational Corporations Legally Responsible)."

**Professor Haider Ala Hamoudi** spoke at the Union Project on September 18, 2014, as part of a panel sponsored by Global Solutions Pittsburgh titled "What is ISIS?". Other speakers included political scientists and counterterrorism experts. In March 2015, Professor Hamoudi spoke about his recent book, *Negotiating in Civil Conflicts: Constitutional Construction and Imperfect Bargaining in Iraq*, at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. He explained why deep social divisions forced Iraqi political actors to defer many contentious issues normally decided in a constitution drafting session for later resolution, and why this is the best that could have been done under the circumstances. Ambassador Feisal Amin Rasoul Istrabadi, who currently serves as the director for the Center of Study in the Middle East at Indiana University, provided commentary on the book.

Professor Hamoudi spoke on April 2, 2015, at a RAND conference in Arlington, Va., about prospects for the Iraqi judiciary in light of Iraq's continuing turmoil. Also participating on Hamoudi's panel was Iraq's former ambassador to the United Nations, Hamid al-Bayati, Kanan Makiya. Others participating in the daylong conference included Ambassador Ryan Crocker and Ambassador James Jeffries, both of whom served in Iraq for a period of years. Professor Hamoudi spoke at the April 9-10, 2015, University of Pittsburgh conference on "Countering Violent Extremism," focusing specifically on the history of the caliphate in Sunni Islam and its controversial misuse by groups such as ISIS. Also appearing on the panel was Dan Simpson, editorial writer for the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*,

Seamus Hughes from the National Counterterrorism Center, and Harald Weinbock from the EU Commission in Belgium. On April 18, 2015, Professor Hamoudi spoke at a conference organized by the Bayan Claremont Islamic Graduate School—one of the largest and most important Islamic seminaries in the United States, affiliated with the Claremont School of Theology—and cosponsored by the Pacifica Institute. The conference related to sectarianism in religious traditions. Professor Hamoudi spoke on the complex interplay of politics, theology, and law that has caused a rise in sectarian sentiment in Iraq. In May 2015, Professor Hamoudi spoke at a conference on Islamic criminal law held in Antalya, Turkey, sponsored by a number of prominent Turkish universities and law firms. Professor Hamoudi's talk concerned compensation for victims of homicides under Islamic law when those victims are members of minority, non-Muslim communities.

**Professor David Harris and Professor Rhonda Wasserman** taught American Law at the University of Latvia in Riga, Latvia, during the its 2nd annual Summer Program on American Law, July 5-12, 2015. (See photo on page 27)

**Professor Bernard Hibbitts** was awarded the John D. Lawson Award from the Canadian American Bar Association (CABA) on January 20, 2015. The award recognizes native Canadians who have excelled in the practice of law and/or made an outstanding contribution to the law or legal scholarship in the United States. Established in 2010, the John D. Lawson Award is named for the noted legal practitioner, educator, and judge, who also was a founding member of the Association of American Law Schools. Past recipients of the award include former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and Jonathan Anschell, executive vice president and general counsel for CBS Broadcasting Inc.

**Professor Anthony Infanti** was one of the U.S. national reporters at the 2014 Congress of the International Fiscal Association, held October 12-17, 2014



in Mumbai, India. On March 20, 2015, Professor Infantini delivered a paper titled “The House of Windsor: Accentuating the Heteronormativity in the Tax Incentives for Procreation” at the Conference on Reproductive Health, Rights, Access, and Action, presented by the University of Pittsburgh Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Program.

**Professor Michael Madison** attended a conference on January 23-24, 2015, at the University of Lucerne in Switzerland titled “Access to Material and Immaterial Goods.” At the conference, Professor Madison spoke on “Access as Knowledge Commons,” linked to his recent book *Governing Knowledge Commons* (Oxford, 2014). His paper is scheduled to be published in the conference volume. The book will explore the relationship between intellectual property and its physical materializations, with a particular focus on the issue of access and the challenges of new technologies. In May and June, 2015, Professor Madison gave a series of lectures to European law faculties based on his book, *Governing Knowledge Commons*. On May 27, he spoke at the University of Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Leuven, Belgium. On May 29, he spoke at the University of Amsterdam Institute for Information Law (IViR), Amsterdam, The Netherlands. On June 4, he spoke at Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, Germany, as part of the DLA Piper IP Lecture Series. On June 8, 2015, he spoke at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition and Munich Intellectual Property Law Center, Munich, Germany.

**Professor Peter Oh** spoke on the September 9, 2014, edition of NPR’s “Here and Now” about the pitfalls of the Dutch IPO, a reverse-auction procedure for taking a company public.

**Professor Sheila I. Velez Martinez** appeared before the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women for the Organization of American States Inter-American Commission on Human

Rights (IACHR), Tracy Robinson, as part of a series of public hearings before the commission taking place on March 13-27, 2015, in Washington, D.C. Robinson noted the presence of Professor Velez Martinez and welcomed and thanked the University of Pittsburgh School of Law for its assistance in bringing to the attention of the IACHR the plight of immigrant women in Puerto Rico. Professor Velez Martinez also

participated in a follow-up discussion of the rights of immigrants, specifically immigrant women, in Puerto Rico as part of “Human Rights in Puerto Rico,” an event sponsored by the American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law that featured leading activists, academics, and representatives of civil society organizations, who were in D.C. for the hearings. ♦



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