



Center for International Legal Education

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We are witnessing dramatic shifts in the practice of law, and in legal education. Large law firms have “rationalized,” not only hiring fewer recent graduates, but terminating young associates. Law schools have adjusted curricula to provide more “practical” courses, responding to law firms that no longer want to be the next step in legal training. Law students have begun to question whether assuming more debt in order to face a declining job market is a wise choice.

All of this requires that law students become better consumers of legal education. A stellar transcript is no longer, by itself, a ticket to the plum job. Three years of law school must be used to develop a complete resume. This requires **experience beyond the classroom and credentials beyond the degree.**

Our Center for International Legal Education (CILE) programs allow students to establish their credentials beyond the degree with more than just an expanded



Professor Brand during the Hague Academy Lectures at the Peace Palace

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international and comparative law curriculum. We have created and supported internships that give students real world international experience, as well as programs that place students in advanced training environments.

During the past year, I have had the opportunity to work with and watch our students in the process of growth and

development, not just here in Pittsburgh, but in Qatar and the UAE, in Serbia and Croatia, in Austria and Italy, at the United Nations and in the classroom. Pitt Law alumni have made an impact around the globe in their careers; and Pitt Law students are having an impact even before they graduate. I invite you to check out their stories in this issue of *CILE Notes*.





Flechtner Heads U.N. Effort to Catalogue CISG Case Law

The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) has been described as the single most successful attempt to bring international uniformity to commercial law. Professor Harry M. Flechtner is at the forefront of both CISG scholarship and CISG practice. In 2009, he authored the fourth edition of *Uniform Law for International Sales under the 1980 United Nations Convention*, the leading U.S. commentary on the CISG, originally authored by Professor John O. Honnold. He also is one of the two U.S. national correspondents on the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) case law, and was one of five professors worldwide to create the original Digest of CISG Case Law for UNCITRAL. **In July 2011, at the 44th Session of the UNCITRAL Commission at the United Nations in Vienna, he presented the final draft of an updated version of the CISG Digest**, a project for which he served as chief editor and coordinator of the work of nine experts on behalf of the UNCITRAL Secretariat. According to the Report of the UNCITRAL Secretary General on the 44th Session, Flechtner's presentation "highlighted the

crucial role of the Digest in facilitating the uniform interpretation of the Convention . . . [and] . . . the inclusion of some 1000 new decisions which cover questions such as the interaction between express contractual provisions addressing the quality and description of goods and the implied obligations of quality described in article 35 (2); the effect of changed circumstances on the parties' obligations (i.e. whether a tribunal can "adapt" the terms of a contract in light of changed circumstances that cause one of the parties hardship in performing); a buyer's obligation to notify the seller if the buyer claims that delivered goods do not conform to the contract." With the conclu-

sion of Flechtner's presentation at the commission session, followed by the approval by the UNCITRAL national correspondents, the updated digest is considered final and will be published in the six UN languages.

Flechtner's work on the CISG during the summer of 2011 also included teaching two courses at the University of Augsburg Faculty of Law, Comparative International Sales Law and a seminar on Delivery of Non-Conforming Goods Under the CISG and German Law, as well as a week of instruction on the CISG to the students in the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb, Croatia. The Institute is a joint program



Professor Harry Flechtner (second from right) with members of the second class of the Institute in International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution in Zagreb, Croatia.

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of Pitt Law, the Touro Law Center, and the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law. Flechtner also delivered a lecture at the University of Freiburg titled “Recent U.S. CISG Decisions: What They Tell Us about the State of the Convention in the U.S.” The lecture was sponsored by the German-American Bar Association (*Deutsch-Amerikanische Juristen-Vereinigung*). Flechtner has been awarded a Fulbright

Scholarship to support teaching and research as a visiting professor at the University of Salzburg in spring 2012. The grant, part of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, is sponsored and funded jointly by the Austrian-American Education Commission and the University of Salzburg. He will teach two courses during his time at the University of Salzburg: Comparative American and (Emerging) European Contract Law and

Comparative International Sales Law. During the research phase of the award, Flechtner will explore the influence of the structure of court systems in Europe and the United States in creating divergent underlying assumptions concerning the nature of law—assumptions that, he posits, threaten uniform interpretation of uniform international law, such as the CISG.

CILE Director Scores Grand Slam in 2011

CILE Director Ronald A. Brand is the recipient of four honors in 2011, any one of which would have made it a career year. The combination marks a very special achievement for Brand and for CILE.

On January 1, 2011, Brand **became the Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg University Professor**. He succeeds Political Science Professor Alberta M. Sbragia, who relinquished the Chair when she became Pitt’s vice provost for graduate studies during the fall 2010 term. The Nordenberg Chair was created in 2005 to mark the 10th anniversary of Nordenberg’s service in that office. It was funded with \$2.5 million in personal contributions from trustees, alumni leaders, and other donors. The Chair allows Brand to support special programming, including three annual Nordenberg Fellowships that fund law student internships in Europe.

On August 1–5, 2011, Brand **taught a special course on private international law**, titled “Transaction Planning Using Rules on Jurisdiction and Judgments Recognition,” **at the Hague Academy of International Law summer program**. More than 300 students from 67 countries attended the course on the grounds of the Peace Palace in The Hague, The Netherlands. The Hague Academy, created in 1923, is housed in the Peace Palace with its sister organizations, the International Court of Justice and the Permanent Court of Arbitration. The academy has been described as the most prestigious school for international legal matters in the world. Former U.N. Secretary General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, is president of its governing body, the Curatorium. Brand’s lectures will be published in the Hague Academy

Collected Courses, one of the world’s leading sources of public and private international law scholarship. Brand was the only U.S. professor among the 15 who taught courses on public and private international law in the 2011 summer program.

On October 15, 2011, at the fall meeting of the **ABA Section on International Law** in Dublin, Ireland, Brand **will receive the section’s Leonard J. Theberge Award for Private International Law**. The award honors those persons who have made distinguished, long-standing contributions to the development of private international law. Prior recipients have included such luminar-

ies as Philip W. Amram, Allan Farnsworth, John Honnold, and Arthur Von Mehren.

On November 11, 2011, Brand **will be awarded the degree of doctor iuris honoris causa by the University of Augsburg Faculty of Law**. Brand has led more than two decades of close collaboration with the Augsburg Faculty of Law that began in 1987 with a State Department grant to celebrate the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The two law schools have exchanged faculty and students, and engaged in novel cooperative teaching experiences. Brand’s receipt of the honorary doctorate will commemorate that cooperation.



Professor Brand teaching classes at the Hague Academy of International Law in August.



BEYOND THE DEGREE: Credentials that Set Pitt Law Students Apart

Alcoa Scholarships Support Student Internships and Study Abroad

The Alcoa Foundation and Alcoa Corporation have provided consistent support to CILE from its inception. This past year was no different, with a grant from Alcoa that has been used with other CILE funds to provide support for students who study and do internships abroad. 2011 recipients, and their activities, included the following:

- Sarah Beaver:** summer internship at the **Center for Legal Assistance** in Lilongwe, Malawi
- Ingrid Burke:** winter internship as an election observer for the **International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)** in Prishtina, Kosovo
- Rhea Chakraborty:** summer internship at the **Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)** in Washington, D.C.
- Melinda Cooper:** summer internship at the **Malawi Human Rights Resource Centre** in Lilongwe, Malawi
- Megan Crouch:** summer internship at the **Malawi Human Rights Resource Centre** in Lilongwe, Malawi
- Holly Forsberg:** summer internship at the **U.S. Embassy** in Christchurch, New Zealand
- Laura Frano:** summer internship at **Studio Legale Villata, Degli Esposti e Associati** in Milan, Italy
- Phillip Houghtby:** summer internship at **J. Haroldo Advogados** in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Torrey Hullum:** summer internship at the **International Art and Cultural Heritage Division of Cultural Heritage Partners** in Alexandria, Virginia
- Haris Hussain:** summer internship at the **Assembly of Kosovo** in Prishtina, Kosovo
- Kevin Leary:** summer internship at the **Kosovo Ministry of European Integration** in Prishtina, Kosovo
- Patrick Lemon:** summer internship at **Lawyers for Human Rights** in Johannesburg, South Africa
- Yajuan Lu:** summer internship at the **Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)** in Washington, D.C.
- Lauren McChesney:** summer internship at the **Environmental Conservation Project of Nexos Voluntarios** in Urubamba, Peru
- Max Parmelee:** summer internship at the **Kosovo Ministry of Justice** in Prishtina, Kosovo
- Steven Salas:** attended the **Santa Clara University School of Law Humanitarian Law Workshop** in Santa Clara, California
- Michael Schwarz:** summer internship at **Felsberg e Associados law firm** in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Yuriy Vilner:** summer internship at the **U.S. Embassy** in Managua, Nicaragua



Alcoa Assistant General Counsel Max Loun (JD '88), right

A Summer at the Courts of Europe

By Lauren Mullen (Class of 2012)

One day after my last spring exam, I packed my bags and headed to a country where I didn't know a soul, the language, or even where I would be living. I didn't know how to get from the airport to the city, what the local cuisine consisted of, or even how to get to work on Monday morning. But perhaps more importantly, I didn't know how this summer would influence my career aspirations.

The Nordenberg Fellowship allowed me to live in Luxembourg and work for two institutions of the European Union. As a trainee at the Court of Auditors, I conducted legal research on various facets of European Union law. Specifically,

I researched the jurisdictional competence of the court, reviewed draft legislation for compliance with internal regulations, and published an article on a pending case before the Court of Justice. As a research assistant at the Court of Justice, I prepared a note for publication on the potential extraterritorial effect the EU Emissions Trading Scheme has on airlines all over the world. All assignments, both big and small, were challenging and intriguing. I looked forward to heading to work every day to see what my next project would be.

Luxembourg is an ideal location for anyone interested in European Union law. The country, though small, is big in personality.

Home to many of the EU Institutions and EU citizens from all 27 member states, the country has a vibrant international feel unlike any place I have ever visited.

I truly appreciated the opportunity to spend the summer living and working in Luxembourg for the EU. I will remember these experiences for years to come. The summer not only added to my professional and career experiences, but it confirmed my desire to work in an international setting. Narrowing down "what I want to be when I grow up" has always been a challenge, and my summer confirmed that I truly do want a career in international law.



Nordenberg Fellows Take Advantage of Special Opportunities

The three students selected as Nordenberg Fellows for summer 2011 continued the tradition of high quality legal internships in Europe. Lauren Mullen (Class of 2012) interned at the European Court of Auditors as well as at the European

Court of Justice, both in Luxembourg. Thomas Rollins (Class of 2012) conducted research at the Max Planck Institute for International and Comparative Private Law in Hamburg, Germany. Kimberly Stains (Class of 2012) interned at Moravcevic

Vojnovic Zdravkovic law firm in Belgrade, Serbia. The Nordenberg Fellowships are funded through the Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg University Professorship, currently held by Ronald A. Brand.

Shipping off to Hamburg

By Thomas Rollins (Class of 2012)

Wide open boulevards bordered by beautifully refurbished buildings form downtown Hamburg. The center of Germany's second largest city opens into the ancient Alster Lake and quickly runs into a well-known and fully functioning industrial harbor. The city center leads one to universities, housing, state buildings, libraries, and the Max Planck Institute of Private International Law; which works to understand and solve problems through international cooperation. The city, through its shipping industry, experiences the foundational problems of international law first hand.

While being graciously provided with a desk in the Max Planck Institute's library, I was able to scour the Institute's legally

and linguistically diverse shelves for relevant materials on shipping. My research revealed a complex situation heavily influenced by finance, engineering, safety, coordination, and, most importantly, concepts of sovereignty. In shipping, like many disciplines, there is an ongoing conflict of international standardization, freedom of trade and movement, and control of local ports. In an attempt to balance local and global needs, shipping law is organized at both the international and national levels. The international level is composed of both regional understandings and global regulators. These organizations attempt to balance the needs of the global market, local cities, human sailors, and environmental vanguards.

Funding provided by the Nordenberg Fellowship allowed me to immerse myself in the work of a globally significant and influential port. I was able not only to focus in the institute's library, but also to participate in the Hamburg community. The city is politically and socially active at the city-state and national level, organizing to protect human rights as well as the environment. The influence of local demonstrators that I witnessed earlier in the summer regarding nuclear power, underscores some of the ongoing conflicts that occur in international shipping. It was, indeed, a setting for productive research, both inside and outside the Institute's library.

Summer in Serbia

By Kimberly Stains (Class of 2012)

When I accepted a summer position at Moravcevic Vojnovic Zdravkovic, an international law firm based in the Serbian capital of Belgrade, I had no idea what to expect. Would the work be the same as at an American firm? What were the working hours? Then there were the additional anxieties that just come with living abroad. Where would I stay? What was Serbian food like?

My experience in Belgrade was wonderful, both personally and professionally. It turns out that law firms are pretty universal when it comes to work ethic, and I gained valuable, practical insight into the realm of corporate law. Whether it was helping to prepare a due diligence report, writing a memo on the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, or writing an article about the importance of ethical codes, I learned about a variety of subjects in my

short time at the firm. My coworkers made me feel so at ease; sometimes I forgot that I was thousands of miles from Pittsburgh. We also took time to have fun, including an infamous team-building weekend spent white water rafting in Bosnia. Anyone who knows me would tell you that "roughing it" is not exactly my thing, so camping in the Bosnian wilderness was about as out of my comfort zone as it could get. But I had a blast.

I look back on my summer with the Moravcevic firm with a lot of fondness and gratitude. Professionally, my knowledge of corporate law has expanded internationally. While a lot of my work entailed analyzing Serbian legislation, I was pleasantly surprised that my efforts were also focused on American and British jurisprudence, both of which are seen as the leaders in the realm. Many of the firm's clients were Russian

and German as well so I gained valuable comparative insight between practicing law under the common law tradition and in the civil law.

I had a truly international summer in a fantastic city. As a law student whose primary focus has been on private international law and international commercial arbitration, my job could not have been a better fit. Not that life was always perfect—it could be very frustrating to be a non-Serbian speaker, even though most of the work was in English. Professionally, I will continue to pursue private international law with greater confidence and maintain contact with my Moravcevic colleagues. Personally, I fell in love with the city of Belgrade (including the food!) and would love to return again.



We Had Plane Tickets

by Amelia Mathias (JD '11)

We had plane tickets, and hotel reservations. We had trophies and placards and score sheets and maps. We had more than 20 excited students, their coaches, and their schools all on board. We were ready to go to the first Middle East Vis Pre-Moot, a culmination and a continuation of what the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) and Professor Brand had started four years before.

That's when the Arab Spring came to Bahrain, and my introduction to the hazards, challenges, and ultimate rewards of working on development projects really began.

I started my internship at CLDP, part of the Office of the General Counsel at the United States Department of Commerce, in January 2011. I was looking forward to continuing to work with the Vis program, particularly the highly-anticipated pre-moot in Bahrain as well as with countries and programs in Eastern Europe. CILE had prepared me well, both through the Vis Moot, in which I competed in 2010, and through my summer in Kosovo, where I worked in summer 2010. Those experiences were perfect stepping stones

between classes in Pittsburgh and an internship that meant being a “real person” in Washington, D.C., with a real job, heady expectations, and entire programs riding on my performance.

I jumped into it feet first, and my supervising attorneys and coworkers at CLDP were kind enough to give me all the work, guidance, and training I needed. I worked on fighting counterfeit medicines and exploring the uses of biotechnology in Ukraine, training judges in Bosnia Herzegovina, and expanding American markets for handicrafts from Kyrgyzstan. I got to work with a friend from Kosovo—another member of the Prishtina ‘Heinz Ketchup Society’—on an intellectual property manual. But most of all, I worked on the Vis Pre-Moot in Bahrain, while obsessively following the news coming out of Manama, as the situation in the Middle East grew increasingly precarious.

It was a disappointing day when our Bahraini partners recommended that we find another venue for the pre-moot, as well as an intense few days while we rearranged our entire program to take place in Vienna, right before the Vis Moot itself. The

looming threat of a government shutdown didn't help either! I was relieved to get to Vienna, and it was rewarding to finally meet the students, coaches, and faculty members I had been corresponding with for months as we planned this event. We held two days of training and practice arguments in the beautiful offices of Baker & McKenzie in Vienna, a firm generous enough to welcome us on short notice. The students, from Egypt, Tunisia, and Oman, were eager to learn, and worked hard during their few days with us—effort that was visible in their arguments during the actual Vis Moot. While it occurred in a form other than what we originally had envisioned it, the first Middle East Pre-Moot was a success.

My semester as an intern at CLDP was an invaluable capstone to my education at the University of Pittsburgh. I was able to put into practice the lessons I had learned both in the classroom and in past CILE programs and experiences. I also saw how my education and skills can relate directly to the goals of American foreign policy, something I hope to continue in my future career.



Amelia Mathias (JD '11), seated second from right, with the participants of the First Annual Middle East Pre Moot



Way Beyond the Classroom: Jungle Lawyering Made Real

By Ingrid Burke (JD '11)

When I entered law school, I wanted to be a jungle lawyer. I know that's not a thing, but this didn't phase me. I had every intention of carving out a new path that involved fieldwork, adventure, and justice. My mental image involved pristine wilderness, wronged rural communities, lots of international travel, and potentially some spear fishing and rugged survivalism. During my third year at Pitt Law, CILE helped me turn my jungle lawyering dreams into reality, metaphorically speaking. I found everything I was looking for when I stumbled into international election monitoring.

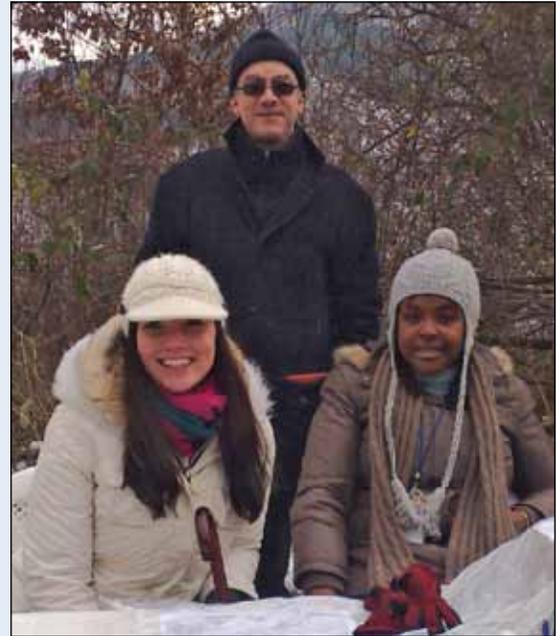
While I realize this might look like a substantial leap, it really is not. Elections that draw international observers are those that are highly susceptible to tampering and unjust results. Countries that draw repeat observation missions are those in various stages of the development process. Weak or absent democratic institutions and processes define the political histories of many of these countries. The presence of international organizations during elections can and often does instill hope that individual voices will be heard and that voters do have some degree of power in shaping their nation's future. My work as an election observer has involved fieldwork, adventure, justice, pristine wilderness, wronged rural communities, a lot of international travel, and in some cases rugged survivalism. And while I have not yet been driven to learn to spear fish, I have not given up hope! For all intents and purposes, I found a way to hold tight to my fantasies of what lawyering could be, and I am confident I would not have found my way without CILE.

Throughout my law school education, everyone at CILE—Professor Brand, Wes Rist, and Gina Huggins—encouraged me, no matter how farfetched my goals. In different ways and at different times, each of them provided support, guidance, and invaluable advice and resources.

In late 2010, Kosovo's government collapsed. Based on Pitt Law's strong Kosovo affiliation, I attempted to convince CILE

that we should send our own election observation team to monitor Kosovo's December snap elections. Instead of laughing me out the door, Wes encouraged me to find a way to make it happen—not for Pitt Law, but at least for myself. Within a couple of weeks, I was hired to work as a polling station adviser in Kosovo's contested northern region with a prominent international organization. After a two-day crash course in domestic and international election laws and norms, a team of two other internationals and I set out to run a polling station in a small village about two kilometers south of the Serbian border. The area was a known security risk. Ethnic tension and violence have prevailed in Kosovo's north for the past decade. Late on the night before the elections, a Kosovo Force (KFOR) base in our village was attacked by AK-47s. The perpetrators left a note threatening to put an end to polling activity in the area by any means necessary. We spent election day sitting outside in the snow manning our makeshift polling station. We were flanked on either side by security forces, both public and private. We even had snipers watching over us from the hills above our station. At the end of the day, zero ballots were cast. But I am confident that our presence, while detested by some, provided hope to others and, in its own way, contributed to the strengthening of democratic institutions in Kosovo.

In May 2011, I joined the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) as a short-term observer in Albania. I was based in Central Tirana. This round of elections was the polar opposite of those I experienced in Kosovo. With real votes, we found that the counting process is highly intricate and susceptible to party filibustering. I primarily worked night shifts, observing the counting process in two different Tirana gymnasiums. I witnessed all



Ingrid Burke (JD '11) at a northern Kosovo polling station during the December 2010 national elections

manner of inter-party antics inherent in a tense, prolonged competition. During the long spells of filibustering, I met party activists and cronies, journalists, and individuals from all walks of life who felt compelled to spend their nights sitting in smoke-filled gymnasiums watching democracy happen. Some nights were tense, others were relentlessly uneventful, but all were rewarding. And in the end—for what I believe is the first time in OSCE history—an extension of our mission was requested due to political tension and issues that occurred during the counting process. The trip was extremely rewarding and I hated the idea of leaving by the time it ended.

I already have my sights set on several upcoming election missions and am in the process of trying to secure a long-term means of ensuring my future in the field. Thanks to CILE, I graduated from Pitt Law with an already firmly developing niche in election observation. I will always be grateful to CILE for its help, guidance, and undying optimism in helping me bring my jungle lawyering dreams down to an equally exciting reality.



From Moots to Moi: How CILE Opened the Door to Africa

by M. Patrick Yingling (JD '11)



Patrick Yingling (JD '11, right) at the Vis Competition in Vienna, Austria

As a Pitt Law student, I had many opportunities to explore activities outside of the standard curriculum. Notably, with the help of the Center for International Legal Education (CILE), I was fortunate to find an appropriate one-semester study abroad program for the fall of my second year. During that semester, I attended Bucerius Law School's International Exchange Program in International and Comparative Business Law in Hamburg, Germany. The program was composed of approximately 100 international students. It was a wonderful experience, and Pitt Law was very accommodating in regard to accepting the credits that I had earned in Germany.

After my second year at Pitt Law, I desired to study abroad once again. I was seeking a short-term summer program that would conclude before I was scheduled to begin as a summer associate with Reed Smith LLP in Pittsburgh. Through

CILE, I was able to find a two-week program at the University of Bologna in Italy that focused on World Legal Systems—it was perfect.

During both of my study abroad experiences, I enrolled in a number of courses dealing with international sales and commercial arbitration. Fortunately, these courses were extremely helpful in preparing me for my most cherished law school experience - the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition. The Vis competition is one of the largest moot court competitions in the world. From September to April of my third year, Professor Harry Flechtner and Professor Ronald Brand prepared our four-person team for the Vis competition, which is held each spring in Vienna, Austria. We completed dozens of practice arguments and gained a huge amount of confidence, which was of great benefit in Vienna.

Although my law school experiences were rewards in themselves, they also led to exciting career opportunities. With the help of CILE Director Ronald Brand, I was able to secure a position as a Visiting Lecturer of Law at Moi University in Kenya for the first semester of the 2011–12 academic year. I will be teaching courses in International Commercial Transactions and Legal Writing while at Moi University. Upon returning to Pittsburgh in January 2012, I will begin as an attorney with the international law firm of Reed Smith LLP. In August 2012, I am scheduled to commence a one-year leave of absence from Reed Smith in order to serve as a law clerk for Judge D. Michael Fisher in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

The last three years have been fun and exciting. I am hopeful that such fun and excitement will continue for at least a little while longer.



From Fuzzy Ideas to the ICTR

by Brittany Conkle (JD '10)

Many students come to law school with only a fuzzy idea about what they want to do upon graduation and what kind of law they want to practice. I was one of those students. I knew I wanted to work internationally and that I had a specific interest in Africa, but I didn't know how to channel those aspirations. CILE became an invaluable resource for me. The Center supported me with a grant to study abroad in South Africa after my 1L year and assisted me in my 3L year when I was selected to go to the International Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Workshop at the University of Santa Clara. It was at that workshop that I had the first opportunity to speak at length with attorneys who had interned at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for Yugoslavia and Rwanda. They encouraged me to consider applying for an internship after graduation at the Rwanda tribunal as it dovetailed nicely with my interests.

I was fortunate enough to take the International Criminal Law Seminar with

Professor Charles Jalloh in my final semester of law school. The seminar was the highlight of my law school experience because it gave me the opportunity to learn first-hand from a scholar and professional in the international criminal law field. As luck would have it, an optional part of the course was a trip to visit the Rwanda tribunal. Again, CILE supported those of us who were able to make the trip with grants to ease the burden of a round-trip ticket to Tanzania! During our trip, I was able to talk to many professionals in the field, both formally and informally, and make invaluable contacts.

I now work as a Legal Researcher at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in the Office of the Prosecutor. I am assigned to a trial team that is currently prosecuting a Captain in the Rwandan Armed Forces for genocide and crimes against humanity committed during the genocide of 1994. Our trial team is comprised of exceptional professionals, and I contribute by researching and drafting motions, working on disclosure, and writing portions of our Closing Brief, among many

other things. One thing I will never forget about my time here is assisting in gathering information for our case in Rwanda. I was traveling with one of our investigators, far out in the countryside, in a place called Cyahinda. A freak rainstorm hit and our UN 4x4 became stuck on the muddy road. It took 45 minutes and 15 men from the nearby village to push us out and get us back on our way. At that moment, I couldn't help but think how far I was from Pittsburgh, yet how vital Pitt Law and CILE had been in getting me there.

The best advice I can give to current students and soon-to-be graduates is to find an international internship and do an exceptional job. Work the late hours, go above and beyond what you are asked to do, and work to make yourself invaluable to whatever entity you are working for. Your supervisors will remember you, and the practical experience and contacts you will make will be invaluable. Take advantage of CILE's network of contacts and get out there!



Brittany Conkle (JD '10) on her way to Rwanda to conduct on-site research during her stint at the ICTR in Tanzania.



Nothing Boring About Training Students for the Vis Moot

By Kristine Long (JD '11)

They say that in the first year of law school they scare you to death, in the second year they work you to death, and in the third year they bore you to death. For me, this could not be further from the truth. In my third year, work through CILE with the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) had me aiding a team from a Middle East university in its preparation for the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. In early October, two fellow students and I traveled to Doha, Qatar, to prepare four Qatar University (QU) students for their first appearance at the Moot. I was amazed to watch the transformation of the QU students. Their work ethic and enthusiasm for the project

enabled them to grasp highly complex legal rules, and I left Qatar knowing that the next few months would be both challenging and rewarding.

As I continued to work with the students, I learned as much as they did. While they prepared lengthy memoranda and polished oral arguments for the first time, I learned about Middle East culture, student-faculty relationships, and the importance of technology in bridging gaps of both culture and distance. The CLDP project is a unique learning tool, allowing student coaches to learn important life lessons alongside the students who are preparing for the Moot.

By the spring of my third year, my students had changed enormously. What I

now realize is how much I had changed. In hindsight, I see the Vis Moot and the CLDP project as the high points of my legal education. The experience profoundly shaped my approach to life and the law. I am more open-minded, flexible, and confident about my ability to tackle problems. The CLDP project taught me how to be a critical thinker, one of the single most important skills for being a lawyer. There are very few classroom experiences that could measure up to my Vis Moot experience in Doha, Qatar; Al-Ain, UAE; and Vienna, Austria. My third year was anything but boring, and instead proved to be an enriching and eye opening year.

Law and Life in Malawi

by Sara Beaver

We awoke on July 21, aware that our experience in Malawi had taken on new meaning. The day before, we witnessed governance at its worst. July 20 was to mark a day of peaceful demonstrations, during which concerned citizens, led by civil society leaders, would loudly demand answers from their government regarding the frequent and unannounced power outages, the lack of water that would last anywhere from one to eight hours a day, and a fuel crisis that left individuals and businesses grounded. Although the

government had sanctioned the constitutionally-permitted protests the day before, and police and district commissioners had mapped out march routes with NGO leaders, an injunction granted by the High Court the night before the demonstrations left citizens without a legal outlet to vent their frustrations.

A judge vacated the injunction by 3 p.m. on July 20, but not before police officers, armed with live bullets against a gun-free populace, unleashed fury. Civil society leaders, journalists, and ordinary citizens were beaten and arrested, then beaten again at the police station. For Melinda Cooper, who interned with the Malawi Human Rights Resource Centre (MHRRC), this experience illuminated a project she had been assigned regarding police brutality. Megan Crouch, also an intern with the MHRRC, added first hand experience

to her access to justice project after learning of detainees who had been held well beyond the 48 hour holding limit.

David Rohlfling, an intern with the Centre for Legal Assistance (CELA), learned that a legally grounded approach may not be the most effective method for seeking change in a country with an inefficient legal system, particularly when rule of law and legislation can quickly and carelessly be turned against the very citizens they were designed to protect. I went to the hospital in the days that followed the unrest to photograph and interview a 16-year-old boy and two young men who had each been shot by police while trying to escape the chaos of the riots. The language barrier had been a challenge for all of us throughout the summer, but at the hospital, a sympathetic look expressed more than words could have possibly conveyed.

As law students with international ambitions, the summer put into perspective how we could contribute to the fields of criminal justice, global health, and human rights. Our experiences in Malawi will certainly continue to inform our careers and our lives in the years to come.



Megan Crouch (Class of 2013, second from left), Melinda Cooper (Class of 2013, third from left), David Rohlfling (Class of 2013, third from right), and Sarah Beaver (Class of 2013, second from right) with friends and coworkers in Lilongwe, Malawi.



CILE BY THE NUMBERS In the past three years:



Our Students

62 JD students have done internships in **30** foreign countries.

69 JD students have studied abroad in **18** foreign countries.

CILE hosted **14** visiting professors from **6** foreign countries who provided courses including European Union Law, Criminal Aspects of the European Court of Human Rights, EU Consumer Protection Law, and State Building.

CILE hosted lectures by distinguished speakers from Belgium, the European Commission, European Council, Germany, Italy, the UN Tribunal in Rwanda, and the United Kingdom.

Our LLM and U.S. Law & Language programs have enrolled **58** students from **29** countries.

Our SJD program has enrolled students from China, Kosovo, Nigeria, and Saudi Arabia.

We are perhaps the only law school in the nation to offer courses in foreign languages for lawyers, with French, German, and Spanish for Lawyers courses.

CILE Financial Support

CILE provided **\$77,250** in direct support to students for study and internships abroad.

CILE facilitated the awarding of **\$48,000** to students for Nordenberg Fellowships for internships in Europe.

CILE worked with the Area Studies programs in the University Center for International Studies to assist **12** law students in obtaining Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships that have resulted in more than **\$430,000** of scholarship support for law students.

CILE provided more than **\$65,000** in funding to support student teams participating each year in the Vis International Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria.



For the Profession

17 Pitt Law professors participated in more than **80** presentations and programs in **33** foreign countries.

Pitt Law professors spoke on international topics in at least **27** U.S. law schools, including Columbia, Duke, Vanderbilt, and Yale.

Pitt Law professors have provided consultation and advice on international legal matters to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, to the Legal Adviser for the US Department of State, to the U.S. Congress, and to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

CILE hosted **13** major international conferences and similar events.

CILE hosted **three** annual McLean Lectures on World Law.

CILE offered **18** events on international legal issues for CLE credit.

CILE published "The Export of Legal Education" with Ashgate publishing, featuring contributions from **12** of our own LLM graduates from around the world.

One year... like no other

“The LLM Program at Pittsburgh was
**one of the most exciting things
that happened in my life.”**

Eva Col Debella, Brazil

**The intentionally small size of
our program allows a personalized
experience and the opportunity
for an internship after graduation.**

“**My internship** in the legal department
at Westinghouse Electric Company
was a fabulous opportunity
to apply the knowledge I received at Pitt’s law school
to real, practical matters.”

Professor Daniil E. Fedorchuk, Ukraine

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2011 LLM Class

(Right) The 2011 LLM class spent three days in Washington, D.C. with CILE staff, Wes Rist and Gina Huggins. The annual trip allows students to visit legal institutions and sites such as the White House, the National Archives, the U.S. Capitol building, and the Supreme Court.

(Below) The Class of 2011 celebrates a successful year.



LLM Class of 2012

Iryna Dasevich (Ukraine) received her bachelor's and master's degrees in law from the Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy in Kharkiv, Ukraine in 2006. She worked in a legal clinic, providing free legal services to elderly citizens. Dasevich interned at the police department, district court, city notary, and city magistrate's offices in Turnopol, Ukraine.

Abeer Hashayka (Palestine) received her bachelor's degree in law from An-Najah National University in Nablus, Palestine in 2008. She worked as an assistant researcher at the Institute of Law at Birzeit University, providing training sessions on human rights issues to Palestinian judges. Hashayka is the recipient of a Palestinian Rule of Law Program Fellowship, administered by the Open Society Foundation.

Anna Heatherington (Russia) received her bachelor's degree in law and a certificate of Foreign Relations Expertise with knowledge of foreign languages from the

Moscow State Institute of International Relations University in 2000. She joined KPMG in Moscow as a legal advisor in 2000. In 2004, Heatherington moved to Italy to work for Pavia e Ansaldo in Milan as an associate. She received a certificate of Italian as a foreign language from the University for Foreigners in Siena, Italy in December 2004. In 2006, she returned to Moscow to work as an in-house lawyer at Media-Market-Saturn. Heatherington is in the second year of her part-time studies.

Nahla Kamaluddin (Bahrain) studied law at the University of Bahrain in Sakhir, Bahrain, from 2008–11. She was a member of the 2010 Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team for the University of Bahrain. Kamaluddin worked as a legal intern at Baker and McKenzie Law Offices and Delmon Attorneys Legal Office in Bahrain. She was employed at the Bahrain Development Bank Legal Division.

Andrii Kril (Ukraine) received his bachelor's degree in law from Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Kyiv, Ukraine in 2011. He worked at Ernst & Young Ukraine and Kushnir, and Yakymyak & Partners, both in Kyiv, Ukraine. Kril spent two months in Canada as a research intern at the office of the Honorable Laurie Hawn, Member of the Canadian House of Commons. He is a recipient of a scholarship from the Victor Pinchuk Foundation.

Wael Lafee (Palestine) received his bachelor's degree in law and police science from the Cairo Police Academy in Egypt in 1999. He is the Chief Prosecutor of the Jericho office of the Palestinian Attorney General, working on and prosecuting criminal investigations. In 2004, Lafi was a participant in the U.S. State Department's International Visitors Program, visiting criminal law institutions in the U.S. with a group of Palestinian prosecutors and judges. Lafi is the recipient of a Palestinian Rule of Law Program Fellowship, administered by the Open Society Foundation.



Ivan Milosević (Serbia) received his bachelor's degree in law from the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law in 2010. He was a trainee lawyer at the Milosevic Law Offices in Belgrade, where he participated in several international arbitration cases. Milosevic also had several legal internships at law firms in Belgrade during his legal studies. He is a recipient of a CILE tuition fellowship.

Cristian Minor Sanchez (Mexico) received his first degree in law from the Autonomous University of Puebla State, in Puebla, Mexico in 2003, where he also received a diploma in Mediation as an Instrument for the Resolution of Conflicts in 2007 and a diploma in Human Rights, Public Safety, and Administration of Justice in 2008. Minor worked for several years as a law clerk at the Commission for Access to Public Information and Protection of Personnel Data in Puebla, Mexico, before moving to Pittsburgh, where he was a member of the UPMC Health Plan Insurances Services Division for two years. During his legal studies, Minor worked as a legal intern at the Senate of the Republic in Mexico City.

Mais Qandeel (Palestine) received her bachelor's degree in law from Al-Quds University in Palestine in 2006. She has been a legal advisor for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, working with administrative and corporate contracts and representing the Society in court. Qandeel worked for a year as a trainee lawyer at the Arab Bank, reviewing legal documents and representing the bank in court proceedings. She also worked as a Partner at the Ahmad Qandeel Law Office, representing private clients. Qandeel is the recipient of a Palestinian Rule of Law Program Fellowship, administered by the Open Society Foundation.

Sandeep Kanak Rathod (India) has a bachelor's degree in Finance and Taxation and received his bachelor's degree in Law from the Government Law College in Mumbai, and a LLM from the University of Mumbai, India. He is a certified India Patent Agent and has worked in the intellectual property field within the pharmaceuticals industry for nine years and presently heads the Intellectual Property Division of Matrix Laboratories Ltd, handling patent analysis, IP licensing, and litigation. Rathod is also associated with civil society

groups in India working to increase access to medicines.

Leyla Safarova (Azerbaijan) received her bachelor's degree in international law from Baku State University in Azerbaijan in 2008, where she also received an LLM in Commercial Law in 2010. She received a certificate in international relations from Eastern Michigan University in 2007 on a scholarship from the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. She was a member of the 2010 Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team from Baku State University. Safarova has been a lawyer at the Baker & McKenzie law offices in Azerbaijan and a teaching assistant at Baku State University. She is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship administered by the Institute of International Education.

Kushtrim Tolaj (Kosovo) received his bachelor's degree in law from the University of Prishtina in Kosovo in 2009. He has served as a projects coordinator for Inicijativa Vizionare Rinore, a Kosovo NGO, a Customs Agent for the Republic of Kosovo, and as a coordinator of legal education reform and staff attorney at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in Prishtina. Tolaj is the recipient of a tuition fellowship from the University Center for International Studies (UCIS).

Anna Udartsova (Ukraine) received her bachelor's and master's degrees in law from Donetsk National University in Donetsk, Ukraine in 2010 and 2011 respectively. She held an internship at the Public Prosecutor's office in Donetsk and was a member of the European Law Student Association's Delegation to the UNCITRAL Working Group II on Arbitration and Conciliation. Udartsova was a member of the Donetsk 2011 Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team and the 2010 team for the European Moot Court Competition on WTO law. She is the recipient of a Franklin West housing fellowship.

Dmytro Vorobey (Ukraine) received his bachelor's degree in law from the Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy in Kharkiv, Ukraine in 2011. He was a member of the 2009 and 2010 Yaroslav teams at the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. Vorobey interned at the Novomoskovsk District Prosecutor's Office and District Court during his legal studies. He was also selected as the Ukrainian delegate to the European Youth Parliament in 2009. He is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship administered by the Institute of International Education.

Dora Zgrabljic Rotar (Croatia) received her bachelor's and master's degrees in law from the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law in Zagreb, Croatia in 2005 and 2007 respectively. She is a teaching assistant at the Zagreb Faculty of Law in the Department of Private International Law. Rotar was the 2011 on-site Associate Director of the Institute for International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution, held each summer in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia. She was a member of the 2006 Zagreb Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team, receiving honorable mention as an individual oralist. Rotar is the recipient of a University Center for International Studies (UCIS) tuition fellowship and a Franklin West housing fellowship.

Long Zuo (China) received her bachelor's degree from Beijing Jiaotong University in Beijing, China in 2011. She has worked as a law clerk at the Beijing Fengtai District People's Court.



The 2012 LLM class visits Fallingwater



Foreign Visiting Professors Provide Lectures for Pitt Law Community

On September 9, 2010, Professor Marco Torsello from the University of Bologna Faculty of Law in Italy presented the first of a series of special lectures for the Pitt Law community by the foreign visiting professors CILE arranged for the 2010–11 academic year. He spoke on “Pre-contractual Liability in Cross-border Transactions.” Students and faculty engaged in a lively discussion following the lecture on the importance of transnational awareness of contractual obligations for the average lawyer. Professor Vladimir Pavic, from the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, gave the second lecture, on September 14, 2010, addressing “The ICJ Advisory Opinion on Kosovo: A Serbian Perspective.” Students and faculty from across the university discussed with Professor Pavic the impact of the Opinion and the Serbian government’s reaction. Professor Chiara Giovannucci Orlandi, from the University of Bologna Faculty of Law, joined Professor Ronald Brand in speaking to the Pittsburgh legal community on “Tricks and Treats Governing International Litigation and Arbitration,” at the Law Alumni Weekend on October 29, 2010.



Visiting Professor Chiara Giovannucci Orlandi with her class during the 2010–11 academic year

CILE Selected as Expert Observer for UNCITRAL ODR Meetings

In December 2010, CILE Director Professor Ronald A. Brand attended the first session of meetings for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Working Group III on Online Dispute Resolution in Vienna, Austria. CILE was invited to send an Expert Observer delegation, a recognition of the Center’s work in international dispute resolution scholarship and practice. In May 2011, Professor Brand attended the second session of the Working Group at the United Nations in New York, at the United Nations. LLM graduates Jing Peng (LLM ‘08, JD ‘11) and Cristina Mariottini (LLM ‘11) assisted Prof. Brand in preparing a document for the Working Group on the substantive legal principles governing ODR. Dr. Mariottini accompanied Professor Brand to the Working Group Session in New York.

Alumni Return to Share Experiences

CILE continued its Alumni Lecture Series with visits by Ivan Abrams (JD ‘75) and Ginny Nagy (JD ‘06). Abrams, who is the Chief of Party for the DAI-USAID Mission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kosovo, spoke to students on October 14, 2010 and Nagy, who is Program Manager at the Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine at the Department of Defense, spoke to students on April 1, 2011. Both spoke on the paths they took to get to their current positions and the skills they have seen as valuable for students seeking similar career paths.



Pan-American Health Organization Provides Lecture and Internships

On September 16, 2010, CILE, in cooperation with the Center for Global Health, the Center for Bioethics and Health Law, and the Interdisciplinary Curriculum in Global Health Training, hosted Javier Vasquez, Director of Ethics and Human Rights Programs at the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO). Vasquez spoke to students, staff, and faculty from across the university on “A Human Rights Law-based Approach in the Context of PAHO’s Technical Collaboration: Trends and Targets for Action in Public Health.” The event was standing room only in a room that seats 125. Students engaged Vasquez in discussion about PAHO programs and their impact in the developing world on public and global health and human rights issues.

After Vasquez’s lecture, representatives from several schools at the University of Pittsburgh, including the School of Law, met with PAHO’s internship coordinator, resulting in an agreement authorizing Pitt student internships at PAHO’s D.C. headquarters. Pitt Law students, Rhea Chakraborty (Class of 2012) and Yajuan Lu (Class of 2012) were selected in a competitive process as the first Pitt Law interns at PAHO in summer 2011.



Farida Kerouani, PAHO internship and practicum coordinator, and Javier Vasquez, PAHO Director of Ethics and Human Rights Programs, with CILE and Pitt Global Health representatives

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Students Receive FLAS Fellowships

Six Pitt Law students have received Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowships to support their study of languages along with their legal studies. The FLAS Fellowships, funded through the U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI program, provide tuition and travel expenses for summer language study and full tuition and a monthly stipend for academic year awards. Summer 2011 awards went to Marie Brown (Class of 2012, Swahili) from the Global Studies Center; Timothy Capria (Class of 2013, Portuguese) from the Center for Latin American Studies; and John Paul Putney (Class of 2013, Chinese) from the Global Studies Center. Academic year awards went to Sarah J. Miley (Class of 2012, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian) from the Center for Russian and East European Studies; Kelly Miskowski (Class of 2012, Polish) from the Center for Russian and East European Studies; and Ngofeen Mpotubwele (Class of 2013, Swahili) from the Center for Global Studies.

ILS Highlights Student Experiences

On November 2-3, 2010, the Pitt International Law Society hosted the first International Student Symposium, allowing students to share their experiences with international opportunities, including study abroad, overseas internships, and internationally-focused research. The event included a panel of international law faculty who commented on the student presentations.

International Law Society 2011-12

- President: John Paul Putney
- Vice-president: Jeff Murray
- Secretary: Lauren Bier
- Treasurer: Marie Brown



Jean Monnet Lectures Focus on European Union Issues

Two 2010-11 Pitt Law Visiting Professors were sponsored by CILE's Jean Monnet European Union Module grant from the European Union. Professors Volker Behr and Thomas Möllers of the University of Augsburg Faculty of Law taught "European Union Law" during the spring semester. Each of them gave a lecture in the Jean Monnet Lecture Series on European Union Law. Professor Behr spoke on "US Implications of New Developments in European Private International Law" and Professor Möllers spoke on "Investor Protection in the System of European Capital Market Law."



Dr. Thomas Möllers (second from left), 2011 Jean Monnet Lecturer, talks with Pitt Law professors and students following his lecture.

Pitt International Moot Teams Excel at Competitions



Above: (L-R) Patrick Yingling (JD '11), Kaitlin Young (Class of 2012), Sarah Miley (Class of 2012), and Kimberly Stains (Class of 2012) ranked 5th out of 267 teams at the 2011 Vis International Arbitration Moot competition.



Above right: Jessup team coach, Mathias Grabmair (LLM '05), with team members Maxwell Parmelee (Class of 2012), Charles Martinez (Class of 2012), Haris Hussain (Class of 2012), and Stephen Salas (JD '11).

Right: Niagara coach Wes Rist (middle) with team members (L-R) Kelsey Romeo (Class of 2012), Sarah Paulworth (Class of 2013), Tara Tighe (Class of 2012), and Torrey Hullum (Class of 2012).





ICTR President Delivers Annual McLean Lecture

Judge Erik Møse, Justice of the Norwegian Supreme Court and former President of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, provided the 19th Annual McLean Lecturer on World Law on April 4, 2011. Judge Møse spoke on “Reflections on the ICTR and International Criminal Justice.” Global Solutions Pittsburgh once again co-sponsored the McLean Lecture. During his visit, Judge Møse met with members of Professor Charles Jalloh’s International Criminal Law Seminar for a private lunch discussion.



(L-R) Professor Charles Jalloh, Global Solutions Executive Director Dan Giovannelli (JD '09), Judge Erik Møse, CILE Director Ronald A. Brand, and Global Solutions President Felix Yerace at the 19th Annual McLean Lecture on World Law.

U.S. Steel Foundation and European Union Provide Support for “Year of Europe”

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Three European professors will provide special courses at Pitt Law in 2011–12. Each year CILE arranges to have several foreign professors and practitioners teach unique courses at Pitt Law in order to provide global variety

in the curriculum. In 2011–12, this group of Visiting Professors will provide a “Year of Europe,” with four very special courses focused on various aspects of law in Europe. In fall 2011, Dr. Bernhard Schloh, a former member of the Legal Service of the European

Union Council of Ministers and a professor at Vrije Universiteit in Brussels, Belgium, will teach “Introduction to European Union Law.” In early spring 2012, Professor Davor Babić of the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law in Croatia will teach “European Private International Law.” And in late spring 2012, Kurt Riechenberg, who has served for nearly thirty years as a Law Clerk, Chief of Cabinet, and Senior Law Clerk at the European Court of Justice, will teach “EU Common Market Rules for US Businesses” and “Intellectual Property Regimes in Europe.”

Schloh and Babić will give Jean Monnet Lectures. The courses provided by Schloh and Babić are supported by a Jean Monnet Module grant from the European Union. Each of the them will provide a lecture in CILE’s Jean Monnet Lecture Series on European Union Law.

Riechenberg will give U.S. Steel Lecture. Riechenberg’s visit is funded primarily through a grant of \$10,000 from the U.S. Steel Foundation. As the 2011–12 “U.S. Steel Scholar,” in addition to his courses, he will present the “U.S. Steel Lecture.”



U.S. Steel Senior General Attorney Jim Bond (right) awards CILE a \$10,000 grant check from the U.S. Steel Foundation.



Pitt Law Students Write and Judge High School International Criminal Court Competition

CILE and Global Solutions Education Fund-Pittsburgh hosted the Second High School Moot International Criminal Court Competition at Pitt Law. Ten high school teams competed over two days of argument rounds and over 20 Pitt Law students served as judges for all rounds. This year's problem was selected through the Global Solutions-sponsored McLean International Criminal Law Writing Competition. The winning entry was submitted by Samuel Derrick (Class of 2013), who received a \$500 cash prize and the M.W. McLean International Law Writing Award from this year's McLean Lecturer on World Law.



Pitt Law students served as judges for the 2nd annual High School Moot ICC competition.

William F. Schulz Jr. Fund Created to Support Human Rights Internships

Four Pitt Law students were recognized as William F. Schulz, Jr. Scholars during summer 2011. Each of the Schulz Scholars received \$750 from the William F. Schulz, Jr. Fund for International Legal Education and \$250 from CILE to support summer work in a human rights law internship overseas.

William F. Schulz, Jr. was a professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law for 33 years (1949–82) and had a strong interest in international matters. The fund was created in his honor with support from family and friends, including his son, Dr. William F. Schulz, III, former Executive Director of the American Branch of Amnesty International. This year's recipients were:

- Sarah Beaver (Class of 2013): Centre for Legal Assistance, Lliongwwe, Malawi.
- Melinda Cooper (Class of 2013): Malawi Human Rights Resource Centre, Lliongwwe, Malawi.
- Megan Crouch (Class of 2013): Malawi Human Rights Resource Centre, Lliongwwe, Malawi.
- Patrick Lemon (Class of 2013): Refugee and Migrant Rights Project of Lawyers for Human Rights, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Dr. William F. Schulz, III will give a lecture in honor of his father at the School of Law on September 20, 2011. Donations to support the Fund are welcomed.

Award Winning Filmmaker Screens Documentary at Pitt Law

Michealene Cristini Risley, a documentary film-maker, presented a free screening of her award winning documentary, "Tapestries of Hope," at the School of Law on April 2, 2011. The film is a feature-length documentary following human rights activist Betty Makoni and her work with the Girl Child Network in Zimbabwe and reveals the impact of the long-held myth in many African societies that intercourse with virgin girls under the age of 14 will "cure" HIV/AIDS. The raw footage was seized by Zimbabwean officials as Ms. Risley attempted to leave the country and had to be smuggled out in order to make "Tapestries of Hope."

Connect with Pitt Law Alumni in D.C.

In D.C.? Looking to find other Pitt Law Alumni? The University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association's D.C. Chapter is the place to meet fellow alums, enjoy intellectual exchanges through compelling programming, and network your way around the beltway. Co-Chairs Thomas Beline (JD '07) and Emily Ruger (JD '08) encourage fellow alums to get involved! Find them on Facebook, LinkedIn, or at <http://law.pitt.edu/alumni/association/dc-chapter>





CILE Continues Moot Training with First Middle East Vis Pre-Moot

For the fourth year, CILE and Pitt Law students provided training to student teams from Middle Eastern law schools for the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition. In October 2010, Professor Ronald A. Brand traveled with Pitt Law JD students Richard Kyle, Kristine Long, and Amelia Mathias to Doha, Qatar, to help Qatar University (QU) select and train their first Vis Moot team. Kyle, Long, and Mathias then joined Marc Coda (JD '10) and Rick Grubb (JD '10) to assist the teams from the University of Bahrain, Sultan Qaboos University (Oman), QU, and the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) preparing their written submissions. CILE worked with the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) and the Bahrain Center for Dispute Resolution to plan the first ever Middle East Vis Pre-Moot. Those plans were interrupted, however, by the region-wide Arab Spring. Plans were adjusted, and Brand, Kyle, and Long visited UAEU in March to train the QU and UAEU teams for oral argument. Brand and Mathias arrived early for the Vis Moot in Vienna, along with CLDP attorney Katerina Ossenova (JD '09), to join teams from SQU, Egypt, and Tunisia, for the first Middle East Vis Pre-Moot. Quick adjustments to hold the Pre-Moot in Vienna were facilitated by the presence of Mathias as a spring term intern at the Washington office of CLDP. The teams from QU and UAEU joined the Pre-Moot teams for the Vis competition, where the Pitt Law Consortium included ten teams.

Jalloh Chosen as Visiting Scholar at ICC

Assistant Professor Charles C. Jalloh was selected to serve as a Visiting Scholar at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the summer of 2011. Professor Jalloh was a resident in The Hague during the period, and advised the Registry's Office of the Public Counsel for the Defense on International Criminal Law issues. According to the ICC, these visitorships are "offered to candidates who have extensive academic and/or professional expertise in an area of work relevant to or related to the Court."

Second Croatia Summer Program a Success

Professors Ronald Brand and Harry Flechtner taught in the 2011 Institute in Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia, in July 2011. The second year for the unique summer program, operated as a joint venture of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law, and the Touro Law Center, provided students with an overview of international business transactions, a week of instruction in substantive international commercial law, and a week of coverage of international commercial arbitration. The course then concluded with arbitration skills training, in which students prepared and presented written and oral submissions. One-third of the students were from law schools outside the United States, providing a strong element of diversity in the classroom, which included instruction by eight professors from four different law schools.



Pitt Law students during the second summer program in Croatia.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

During the 2010–11 academic year, the Center for International Legal Education awarded funds exceeding \$64,000 to the following students for a variety of activities:

Sarah Beaver (Class of 2013): summer 2011 internship at the Center for Legal Assistance in Lilongwe, Malawi

Amelia Brett (Class of 2013): summer 2011 study at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

Ingrid Burke (JD '11): winter 2010 internship as an election observer for the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) in Prishtina, Kosovo during the national elections

Patrick Carew (Class of 2013): summer 2011 study at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

Rhea Chakraborty (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington, D.C.

Melinda Cooper (Class of 2013): summer 2011 internship at the Malawi Human Rights Resource Centre in Lilongwe, Malawi

Megan Crouch (Class of 2013): summer 2011 internship at the Malawi Human Rights Resource Centre in Lilongwe, Malawi

Holly Forsberg (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at the U.S. Embassy in Christchurch, New Zealand as a U.S. Department of State international intern

Laura Frano (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at Studio Legale Villata, Degli Esposti e Associati in Milan, Italy

John Dallas Grant (Class of 2013): summer 2011 study at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

Phillip Houghtby (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at J. Haroldo Advogados in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Torrey Hullum (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at the International Art and Cultural Heritage Division of Cultural Heritage Partners in Alexandria, Virginia

Haris Hussain (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at the Assembly of Kosovo with Kosovo member of parliament Vjosa Osmani (LLM '05, JSD)



Yajuan Lu (Class of 2012) and Rhea Chakraborty (Class of 2012) at the flag display outside of the Pan American Health Organization's offices in Washington, D.C.

Aman Kakar (Class of 2013): summer 2011 study at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

Katherine Lampron (JD '11): 2010-11 LLM study at the Utrecht University School of Law in Utrecht, The Netherlands

Kevin Leary (Class of 2013): summer 2011 internship at the Kosovo Ministry of European Integration in Prishtina, Kosovo

Patrick Lemon (Class of 2013): summer 2011 internship at Lawyers for Human Rights in Johannesburg, South Africa

Yajuan Lu (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington, D.C.

Lauren McChesney (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at the Environmental Conservation Project of Nexos Voluntarios in Urubamba, Peru

Megan McKee (Class of 2013): summer 2011 Arabic language study at the Saifi Institute in Beirut, Lebanon

Rexford Morgan (Class of 2013): summer 2011 study at the Institute in International

Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia

Lauren Mullen (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at the European Court of Auditors and European Court of Justice in Luxembourg

Max Parmelee (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at the Kosovo Ministry of Justice in Prishtina, Kosovo

John Paul Putney (Class of 2012): summer 2011 Chinese language study at the Beijing Language and Culture University in Beijing, China

Thomas Rollins (Class of 2013): summer 2011 internship at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany

Steven Salas (Class of 2012): spring 2011 study at the Santa Clara University School of Law Humanitarian Law Workshop in Santa Clara, California

Michael Schwarz (Class of 2013): summer 2011 internship at Felsberg e Associados law firm in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Kimberly Stains (Class of 2012): summer 2011 internship at Moravcevic Vojnovic Zdravkovic law firm in Belgrade, Serbia

Yuriy Vilner (Class of 2013): summer 2011 internship at the U.S. Embassy in Managua, Nicaragua as a U.S. Department of State Political Section Intern

Other Student Activities

Nikolaus Baikow (Class of 2013) studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2011 summer program, in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

Ingrid Burke (JD '11) served as an election observer in May 2011 for the Organisation for Security & Cooperation in Europe, in Tirana, Albania.

Rachel Divosevic (Class of 2013) studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2011 summer program, in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

Brian Fraile (Class of 2013) studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2011 summer program, in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.



Gregg Freeburn (Class of 2012) studied at the Touro College Law Center's 2011 summer study program in Jerusalem, Israel.

Gregory Graham (Class of 2013) studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2011 summer program, in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

Padma Kolluru (Class of 2013) studied at the Tulane School of Law 2011 summer study program in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Jonathan Kraft (Class of 2013) studied at the American University Washington College of Law 2011 summer study program in Jerusalem, Israel.

Katherine Lampron (JD '11) participated in a summer 2011 internship at the

Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Charles Martinez (Class of 2012) was selected as an NAACP Law Fellow for the 2011 summer.

William McCall (Class of 2013) studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2011 summer program, in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

Michael Mihalov (Class of 2013) studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2011 summer program, in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

James Pipino (Class of 2013) studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2011 summer program, in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

Trisha Ritenour (Class of 2013) studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2011 summer program, in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

David Rohlfling (Class of 2013) participated in a summer 2011 internship at the Center for Legal Assistance in Lilongwe, Malawi.

Jacob Shuford (Class of 2013) studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2011 summer program, in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.

Mathew Smith (Class of 2013) studied at the Institute in International Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution 2011 summer program, in Zagreb and Zadar, Croatia.



ALUMNI NEWS

Ivan Abrams (JD '75) coauthored an article in the March 2011 edition of the International Business and Diplomatic Exchange journal on "Kosovo - the Reset Button on Foreign Aid: A Report from the Support Project on Economic Diplomacy."

Kathleen Bradley (JD '84) accepted a position as Counsel at K&L Gates. She will be establishing their new office in Doha, Qatar.

Renee Martin-Nagle (JD '84) published her LLM thesis, "Fossil Aquifers: A Common Heritage of Mankind," in the *Journal of Energy and Environmental Law*. Her thesis received the Jamie Grodsky Prize for Environmental Scholarship from George Washington University Law School. In April 2011, she accepted a position as a Visiting Scholar at the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C.

James Kolan (JD '89) started his second year as a Lecturer at the University of Notre Dame Australia School of Law.

Luke Dembosky (JD '94) received the Department of Justice's Director's Award for exemplary service and dedication in carrying out the mission of the DoJ. He received the award in December 2010 for his work on the investigation and successful prosecution of the largest cybercrime offender at that time.

John Blanck (JD '95) completed a 13 month posting as the first U.S. State Department attorney based in the U.S.

Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. He is now working on international law enforcement and intelligence matters for the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C.

Mark Walter (JD '95) accepted a position as a Principal Associate in the Trade and Investment Practice at Nathan Associates, a firm specializing in overseas development contracts.

Amanda Beamon (LLM '98) was promoted to Assistant General Counsel at H.J. Heinz Company in July 2011.

Alejandro Osuna (LLM '98) was selected to sit on the Advisory Committee of the Construction Industry Arbitration Center in Mexico City, Mexico. Alejandro was one of the drafters of "Model Contracts for Small Firms: Legal Guidance for Doing International Business" which was published by the International Trade Center of the United Nations World Trade Organization in 2010. He also wrote the chapter "Interpretation of the Sales Convention by Mexican Courts" for the book "Arbitration and International Contracting" in 2010.

Corin Stone (JD '98) married Chris Thuma on June 11, 2011.

Thomas Ogoreuc (JD '99) was appointed Executive Director—Law & General Affairs at U.S. Steel Serbia in Belgrade in September 2010.

Melissa Evans (JD '00) joined Jackson Lewis LLP in Pittsburgh in July, 2011.

Francesco G. Mazzotta (LLM '00, JD '05) coauthored *A Practitioner's Guide to the CISG*, published by JURIS in November 2010. He accepted a position with The Honorable Judge Joy Flowers Conti of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania as her judicial law clerk in Pittsburgh in August 2011.

Adolfo Céspedes Zavaleta (LLM '01) published "El Estado Empresario: Verdades, Conjeturas y Mitos Jurídicos" ("The State Enterpriser: Truth, Myth, and Legal Guesswork") in 2010. In November 2010, Céspedes accepted a position at the Peruvian Department of the Treasury as a Legal Advisor.

Daniil Fedorchuk (LLM '01) and his wife Anna welcomed their first child, Roman, on November 9, 2010.

Nasos Mihalakas (JD '01) authored an article in the March 2011 edition of the International Business and Diplomatic Exchange journal on "China's Investments in Greece - Creating Economic Opportunities for both Nations."

Pavel Astakhov (LLM '02) and **Luke Dembosky (JD '94)** both chaired the delegations for their respective countries, Russia and the United States, at the U.S.-



Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission Working Group on Child Protection, held in mid-February, 2011.

Evelyn Kamau (LLM '02) published "Domestic Adjudication of Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Armed Conflict: Considerations for Prosecutors and Judges" in the *African Journal of Legal Studies* in 2011.

Irina Nurzad (LLM '02) and her husband welcomed their second child, a daughter, into the world on June 18, 2011.

Robert Paulson (JD '02) and his wife Katie welcomed their second child, a son named Aidan Sweeny, on May 17, 2011.

Oleksandra Gorak (LLM '04) joined the DLA Piper Kyiv office as an associate in 2010.

Vjosa Osmani (LLM '05, SJD Class of 2013) was elected as a member of the National Parliament of Kosovo in January 2011. She was one of several members of the Democratic League of Kosovo to file a complaint at the Constitutional Court, Kosovo's highest judicial body, addressing the constitutionality of the presidential selection process.

Annick Imboua-Niava (LLM '06), along with two other lawyers, opened her own firm, IKT, in Cote d'Ivoire.

Ines Litzenberger (LLM '06) accepted an associate position at Heuking Kuhn Luer Wojtek law offices in Brussels, Belgium in April 2011.

Ravi Reddy (JD '06) accepted a position at the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste as an Associate Legal Officer of the Legal Affairs Section.

Cynthia Yializis (JD '06) accepted a position as an Immigration Specialist at the University of Pittsburgh Office of International Services in February 2011.

Aleksandra Jurewicz (LLM '07) and her husband Alex welcomed their second child, Alexander Jan, into the world on April 5, 2011.

Krista (Contino) Kahn (JD '07) is a law clerk for the Honorable Jimmie V. Reyna of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C.

Chris Kovach (JD '08) is a Captain in the United States Air Force. He is currently serving as a contracts and fiscal law attorney and is on deployment in Afghanistan.

Amelia (Kuschel) Knollman (LLM '08) and her husband Friedrich, welcomed their third daughter, Aurelia Gracey Josephine, into the world on July 29, 2011.

Debra Lefing (JD '08) completed her position as a member of the Defense Team for the Accused at the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials in April 2011 and joined the Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Cambodia (COMFREL) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia as a legal advisor, focusing on international election law and election monitoring.

Maksym Sysoiev (LLM '08) gave a presentation on "Green Tariff Projects for Biomass" at the "Chemistry and Technology of Fats: Prospects of the Oil and Fat Industry" conference in the Crimea in September 2010 and the "Modern Technologies of Energy Production from Biomass" conference in October 2010 in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Erin Hoffman (JD '09) married Paul Gray on May 29, 2011. Erin is a Presidential Management Fellow, currently working at the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C.

Derek Illar (JD '09) published "Cyber Fatwās and Classical Islamic Jurisprudence" in the *John Marshal Journal of Computer & Information Law* in the summer of 2010.

Yongwook Kim (LLM '09) is a Prosecutor with the Korean Ministry of Justice at the Incheon District Prosecutors' Office, in Incheon, South Korea.

Chase LoVerde (JD '09) accepted a position as a Legal Consultant at Integrity One Partners in Washington, D.C. in October, 2010.

Elena Petraskova (LLM '09) was promoted to Vice President of Management Services

and Administration at the US Steel Kosice office in Slovakia in February, 2011.

Donike Qerimi (LLM '09) accepted a position as a Legal Advisor at the Kosovo Ministry of Justice.

Raed Taher (LLM '09) joined Baker Hughes Saudi Arabia as the Legal Specialist for Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Kuwait.

Lithemba Velleman (LLM '09) accepted a promotion and new position as Senior Associate at Bowman Gilfillan law offices in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Elina Aleynikova (LLM '10) was promoted to Vice President at Priroda Agricultural Holding Company, Ltd in Rostov-on-Don, Russia in November 2010.

Zana Berisha (LLM '10) accepted a position at a Team Leader at the Kosovo Private Enterprise Program, funded in part by the US Agency for International Development.

Carrie Cecil (JD '10) accepted a position as an Associate at Spilman Thomas & Battle in Charleston, West Virginia.

Brittany Conkle (JD '10) completed a six-month internship as a Legal Researcher at the Office of the Prosecutor Trial Division of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Lillian Destin (LLM '10) and her husband Yven welcomed their first child, Isaiah Magala, on October 30, 2010.

Amy DiBella (JD '10) completed a six month internship position in February 2011 at the International Criminal Court in the Hague, the Netherlands.

Yi He (LLM '10) is a legal assistant at West Legend Corporation, a China-headquartered construction company in New Jersey.



Pavel Astakhov (LLM '02), fourth from right, and Luke Dembosky (JD '94), second from right, at the U.S.-Russia Bilateral Presidential Commission Working Group on Child Protection in Moscow in February.



Ryan Olden (JD '10) accepted a position as an analyst for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection office in Washington D.C. in October 2010.

Chuan Tang (LLM '10) accepted a position as an associate at Guangxi Qianxing Law Firm in Nanning City, China.

David Willey (JD/MBA '10) accepted a position as a contractor at US Forces-Iraq in January 2011. He is currently in country, working with senior military officers and U.S. State Department foreign service officers.

Cristina Mariottini (LLM '11) successfully defended her doctoral dissertation at the University of Milan Faculty of Law in February, 2011, and received her Ph.D.

Morgan (Kronk) Matson (JD '11) accepted a position as an Associate in the Manhattan, New York office of Littler Mendelson P.C.

James Quinn (JD '11) was in Benghazi, Libya in May 2011 with ACTED, a French NGO, and the United Nation's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). James worked with the humani-



Chris Kovach (JD '08), sixth from right, with students from the Kabul University Faculty of Law. Chris arranged for books donated by CILE to be delivered to the University to aid students in their academic research.

tarian support mission and also provided expertise on information mapping.

Abby Wilson (JD '11) accepted a position as Director of Public Sector and NPO Relations at the LUMA Institute in Pittsburgh.

Patrick Yingling (JD '11) published an article "Learning Disabilities and the ADA: Licensing Exam Accommodations in the Wake of the ADA Amendments Act of 2008," in the *Cleveland State Law Review* in 2011.



FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Professor Elena Baylis was an invited participant at the "Law Beyond Borders: Jurisprudence for a Hybrid World" third annual international law roundtable held at Temple University Beasley School of Law's Institute for International Law and Public Policy on October 5, 2010. She spoke on "The Limits of International Adjudication" on October 22–23, 2010 at the International Law Weekend held at Fordham Law School in New York and sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA).

Professor Ronald Brand instructed a group of judges and academics from Iraq, including Iraqi Chief Justice Madhat Al Mahmood, on International Sales Contracts on September 28–29, 2010, as part of a three-week Judicial Development Institute for Iraqi judges in Washington, D.C., provided by the Commercial Law Development

Program of the U.S. Department of Commerce. On October 3–7, Professor Brand was joined by Pitt Law 3Ls Richard Kyle, Kristine Long, and Amelia Mathias, on a visit to Doha, Qatar, where they worked with the Qatar University School of Law (QU) to select and train the QU team for the 2011 Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. On October 22, Professor Brand presented a talk on "Dispute Resolution and Party Autonomy in Cross-border Consumer Transactions," as part of a panel on "Private International Law and Cross Border Consumer Redress," at the International Law Weekend held at Fordham Law School in New York, and sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA). Professor Brand also participated in the biennial meeting of the ABILA Executive Committee and Memberships by providing the reports of the Nominating Committee.

On October 26, 2011 Professor Brand participated as a member of the ASIL Working Group on Implementation of the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements at Tillar House in Washington, D.C. Professor Brand reviewed his paper for the Working Group discussing the Canadian method of implementation of the Convention through the Uniform Law Commission of Canada. The Working Group advises the U.S. State Department Legal Adviser, Harold Koh, on the implementation of the 2005 Hague Convention. On October 28, 2010, Professor Brand participated in the meeting of the Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law in Washington, D.C. On October 29, 2010, Professor Brand presented a one-hour CLE program for the Pitt Law Reunion Weekend with Professor Chiara Giovannucci Orlandi of the University of Bologna, on "Tricks and Treats in International Litigation and



Arbitration” at the Phipps Conservatory. On November 6, Professor Brand spoke on “Due Process and Personal Jurisdiction: Unfinished Business for Foreign Litigants” at a two-day International Seminar on “Constitutional Litigation: Procedural Protections of Constitutionalism in the Americas . . . and Beyond” at the Duquesne University School of Law.

On December 13–17, 2010, Professor Brand represented CILE as an Expert Observer in Vienna, Austria, at the opening meeting of Working Group III of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) to discuss instruments governing online dispute resolution (ODR). He was also one of the Amici Law Professors on the Brief of Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* for Respondent, filed with the United States Supreme Court on December 20, 2010, in the case of *J. McIntyre Machinery Ltd. v. Robert Nicastrò*.

On March 4–9, 2011, with students Kristine Long (JD ’11) and Richard Kyle (J.D. ’11), Brand traveled to Al Ain, UAE, to assist the Qatar University and UAE University Vis Mott teams in preparations for the Vis Moot competition. On March 24, he attended the meeting of the Secretary of State’s Advisory Committee on Private International Law, where he provided an overview of the EU Commission proposal for revisions to the Brussels I Regulation. On April 12–13, 2011, Amelia Mathias (JD ’11), Katerina Ossenova (JD ’09), and Rick Grubb (JD ’10) accompanied Brand to Vienna to administer the First Middle East Vis Pre-Moot with teams from Egypt, Oman, and Tunisia. On April 14–21, Brand and Professor Harry Flechtner worked with the Pitt Law team, as well as nine other Pitt Law Consortium teams at the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

On Friday, May 22, 2011, Professor Brand participated as a member of the ASIL Working Group on Implementation of the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements at Tillar House in Washington, D.C. On May 23–27, he represented CILE at the UNCITRAL Working Group III Second Session on ODR at the United Nations in New York, accompanied by Jing Peng (LLM ’08, JD ’11) and Cristina Mariottini (LLM ’11). On June 6–10, 2011, Brand lectured on Transaction Planning Using Rules of Private International Law in the International Commercial Contracts Summer School in Ravenna, Italy. On

June 15, he participated in the Study Group on implementation of the Hague Choice of Court Convention of the Secretary of State’s Advisory Committee on Private International Law, in Washington, D.C. On July 11–15, 2011, he Brand taught international business law issues in the 2011 Pitt/Touro/Zagreb Institute in International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution in Zagreb, Croatia. On August 1–5, 2011, Professor Brand gave a Special Course on Private International Law, titled “Transaction Planning Using Rules on Jurisdiction and Judgments Recognition,” at the Hague Academy of International Law summer program.

During the past year, Professor Brand published the following: “Mr. Bergsten’s Neighborhood: The Vis Moot, Legal Education, and Rule of Law,” *International Arbitration and International Commercial Law: Synergy, Convergence and Evolution, Liber Amicorum Eric Bergsten* 687 (Stefan Kröll, Loukas Mistelis, Pilar Perales Viscasillas & Vikki Rogers, eds., 2011); “U.S. Implementation vel non of the 2005 Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements,” 2010 *Yearbook of Private International Law* 107; and “Promoting the Rule of Law: Cooperation and Competition in the EU-US Relationship,” 72 *University of Pittsburgh Law Review* 163 (2010)

Professor Douglas Branson, in preparation for a book to be titled *Tastes of Nuoc Mam - Service in the Brown Water Navy and Visits to Vietnam*, spent the month of May 2011 traveling and conducting interviews. While in Hanoi, Vietnam, Professor Branson spent two evenings with Chi Lieu Dang (LLM ’08), who is now an associate at Baker & McKenzie’s Hanoi office doing mergers and acquisitions work.

Professor John Burkoff taught for three weeks in February 2011 at the University of Navarra, in Pamplona, Spain in the Law School’s Anglo-American Law Program. He taught courses on U.S. Criminal Law to second-year students.

Professor Nancy Burkoff taught for three weeks in February 2011 at the University of Navarra, in Pamplona, Spain in the Law School’s Anglo-American Law Program. She taught courses on common law legal reasoning and on-line legal research. Burkoff received a Hewlett International Grant from the Pitt University Center for International Studies and a Center for Russian and East European Studies Grant to fund her participation in the Global Legal Skills Conference in Istanbul, Turkey in June 2011.

Professor Vivian Curran was part of a panel discussing “The 20th Century Phenomenon of French Anti-Semitism” at Cardozo School of Law on October 26, 2010. She spoke at the Collège de France, in Paris on March 7 on “Comparative Law and American Democracy” and on March 8 she spoke to the Collège de France on the Second Circuit decision on the case “*Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum Company*” and the future of the Alien Tort Claims Statute. Curran spoke at Villanova Law School about the French Headscarf Law on April 21, 2011.

Associate Professor Mirit Eyal-Cohen presented her paper “Small Business and Government: A Theory of Path Dependence” at the International Law and Society Association Conference on “Law, Interdependence, and Crises Within and Beyond National Borders” in Israel on December 20, 2010.

Professor James Flannery served as the copy editor of *A Practitioner’s Guide to the CISG*, authored by Camilla Baasch Andersen, Francesco Mazzotta, and Bruno Zeller and published by Juris Publishing.

Professor Harry Flechtner spoke on “The Exemption Provisions (Art. 79 & 80) of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods” at a conference on International Sales Law organized by the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law on November 13–14. He published the chapter “The Future of the Sales Convention: In Defense of Diversity (Some Non-Uniformity) in Interpreting the CISG” in the *Festschrift in Honor of Professor Ingeborg Schwenzer*, the chapter “Excluding CISG Article 35(2) Quality Obligations: The “Default Rule” View vs. the “Cumulation” View” in the *Festschrift in Honor of Professor Eric Bergsten*, and the article “The Exemption Provisions of the Sales Convention, Including Comments on ‘Hardship’ Doctrine and the 19 June 2009 Decision of the Belgian Cassation Court” in the *Vindobona Journal of International Commercial Law and Arbitration*, all in June 2011. Flechtner was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to support teaching and research as a Visiting Professor at the University of Salzburg (Austria) in spring 2012. The grant, part of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, is sponsored and funded jointly by the Austrian-American Education Commission and the University of Salzburg.



Assistant Professor Haider Ala Hamoudi moderated the panel on “Islamic Finance in the 21st Century” at the Plenary Session of the International Academy of Comparative Law in Washington, D.C. on July 27, 2010. He spoke on “The Regulatory State in Iraq” at a conference on “Rule of Law Reform in Iraq and Afghanistan” at the University of Pennsylvania on September 24, 2010. On October 2, 2010 Professor Hamoudi spoke on “The Challenges of Constitutional Supremacy in Iraq” at a conference on “Judicial Independence in Times of Crisis” at the University of Utah Quinney School of Law. On October 7–8, 2010, he spoke at Fordham Law School to a group of senior Iraqi judges and legal academics on “U.S. and Iraqi Company Law” and “Minority Rights in Company Law: A Comparative Perspective.” On November 5, 2010, he spoke on “Religious and State Loyalties in Iraq” at a Law and Religion Symposium at St. John’s University School of Law in New York. Hamoudi spoke on “Islam and the International” at a conference at Santa Clara University on February 19, 2011 entitled “Religion and International Law.” Hamoudi presented a talk addressing the evolution and development of the oil and gas provisions of the Iraqi constitution at the University of Tulsa School of Law on February 26, 2011 during a conference on Oil and Gas Law. He spoke to students at Widener University School of Law (Harrisburg) on “The Evolution of the Iraqi Constitution” on March 22, 2011. Hamoudi spoke on “What is an Islamic Bank?” at the conference “Ethics and Regulation: Critical Approaches to Islamic Banking” held at the University of California at Berkeley School of Law on April 9, 2011. He spoke to the New York City Bar Association on May 25, 2011 on “Democracy and the Shari’a.”

Professor Hamoudi published the book review “Islam and Liberal Citizenship” in the *Journal of Law and Religion*.

Assistant Professor Charles C. Jalloh presented an invited paper titled “Law and Politics in the International Criminal Justice Process: Exploring the Meaning of Article 16 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court” to the faculty at University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, on November 4, 2010. He spoke at Washington and Jefferson College on April 15, 2011 on “The 1994 Rwandan Genocide: Is there an International Responsibility to Protect?” Jalloh was selected as a Visiting Scholar at

the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the summer of 2011.

Jalloh coauthored “Assessing the African Union Concerns about Article 16 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court” in the Spring 2011 issue of the *African Journal of Legal Studies*. Jalloh published “Special Court for Sierra Leone: Achieving Justice?” in the Spring 2011 issue of the *Michigan Journal of International Law*. He published a chapter, “The International Criminal Court on Trial” in *Protecting Humanity: Essays in International Law and Policy*. Jalloh’s article, “International Decision: Michelot Yogogombaye v. Republic of Senegal” appeared in the *American Journal of International Law*. On October 26, 2010, he co-authored an academic study assessing the legality and practicality of the November 2009 African Union (AU) proposal for an amendment to Article 16 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Professor Jules Lobel was an invited participant at the Wayne State Law School Symposium on “9/11 and the Legal Landscape: A Decade Later,” in Detroit, Michigan on February 4, 2011. He was on the panel addressing “Rethinking Executive Power and Counterterrorism”

Professor Michael Madison gave a talk titled “Intellectual Property and Knowledge” at the fourth annual Progressive Property Scholars Workshop at McGill University

Faculty of Law in Montreal, Quebec on May 16–17, 2011.

Professor Alan Meisel spoke on “Trends of End-of-Life Decisions in the United States” at the NALSAR University of Law in Hyderabad, India on February 11, 2011 and on “Informed Consent and Information Overload” at the International Congress on Euthenasia and Law in Naples, Italy on May 20, 2011.

Professor Peter Oh presented his paper “Veil-Piercing Unbound” in London, England at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.

Professor Thomas Ross received a Hewlett International Grant to travel to Muenster University in Germany on May 13–15, 2011, where he delivered his paper “Hell-Bent for Absolutes” at the Seminar Philosophie und Methodik der Rechtsvergleichung (“Seminar on the Philosophy and Methods of Comparative Law”).

Professor Ann Sinsheimer was accompanied by Pitt Law grad Kerry Ann Stare (JD ’10) to teach English for Lawyers in Doha, Qatar in February 2011. The course was attended by law students and faculty at Qatar University Faculty of Law.

Professor Rhonda Wasserman published “Transnational Class Actions and Interjurisdictional Preclusion” in the *Notre Dame Law Review*.



Professor Brand, Steve Gardner (CLDP), Katerina Ossenova (JD ’08, CLDP), Gina Huggins, and Professor Flechtnr in Vienna, Austria for the Vis International Arbitration competition.

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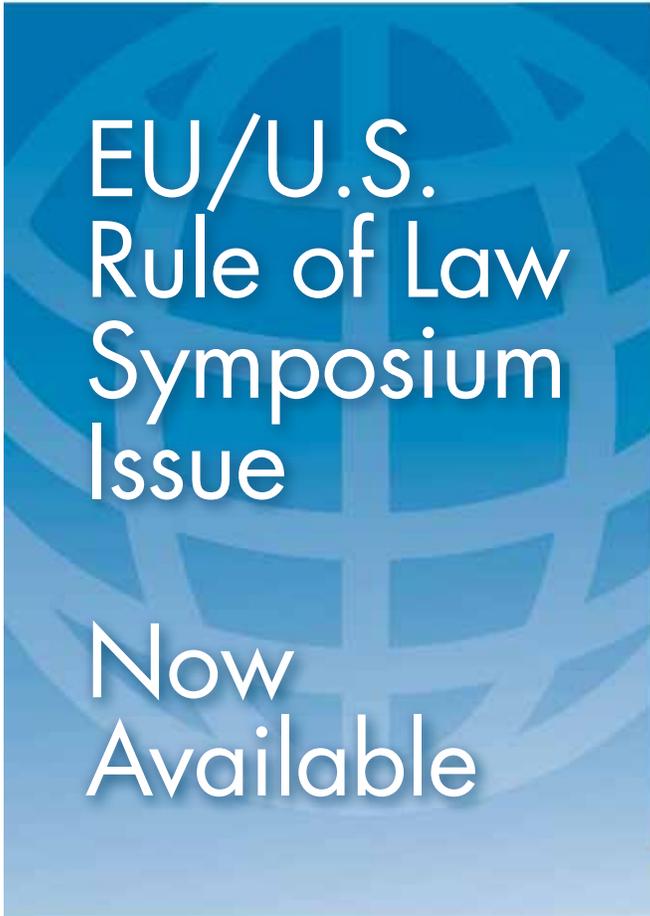
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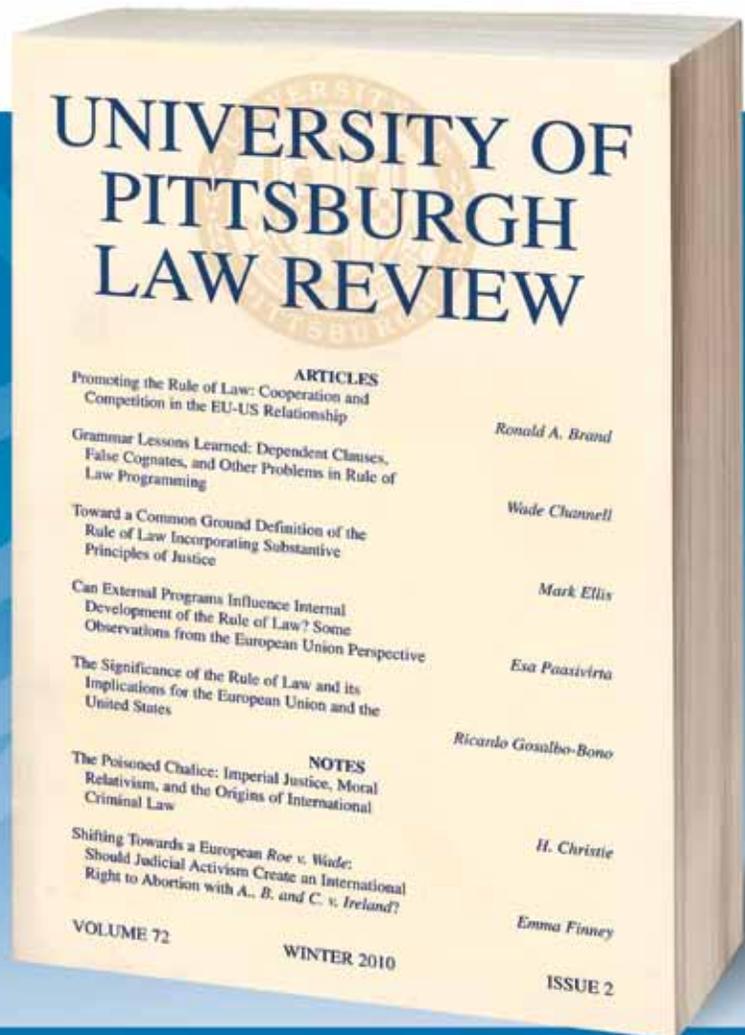
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