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Spotlight on Alumni Achievements



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In thirty-six years of teaching and twenty-three years of working with our students through our Center for International Legal Education (CILE) at the University of Pittsburgh, I have had the privilege of knowing and working with some of the best lawyers in the world. Many of those have been Pitt Law graduates. In this issue of *CILE Notes*, we highlight a sampling of those JD and LLM graduates who have made and are making their mark on the practice of law and the development of rule of law around the globe. Their professional experiences and accomplishments—from leading major law firms and corporations to leading rule of law development in their home countries—demonstrate the value of a Pitt Law education in a global society. They also make all of us at CILE and Pitt Law justifiably proud of those we have been privileged to call our “students,” when in reality they have taught—and continue to teach—us so much.

The past year at CILE has again been full of programs for both students and the profession. We have hosted visiting professors and visiting scholars; watched our students excel both in the classroom and in competitions around the world; worked to expand opportunities for study and internships abroad; presented CLE programs in Pittsburgh and abroad; developed new relationships with law faculties in other countries; engaged in training law students both here and in many countries; and much more. We invite you to explore all of these in the pages that follow—much of it in our students’ own words.

As we move into a new academic year, all of us at CILE express our thanks to **Dean William M. Carter Jr.**, for his steady and progressive leadership as he returns to

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full-time teaching. We welcome **Dean Amy Wildermuth** as she begins her leadership role at Pitt Law, and look forward to working with her to continue moving a great law school forward on a global level. In that process, we express our special thanks to **Vice Dean Haider Hamoudi** for his consistent guidance and assistance, and offer him our congratulations on his new position of leadership. We are privileged to be located in a law school and a university that are so supportive of international education. Our academic leaders make all that we do both more efficient and more effective.

We also acknowledge the huge contributions to CILE programs made by two professors who retired at the end of the 2017-18 academic year. **Harry Flechtner** taught at Pitt Law for 34 years, and provided support to CILE students and programs. His expertise

in international commercial law, his Vis Moot coaching, and especially his music about international commercial law, will be sorely missed. **Doug Branson’s** 44 years of teaching law, 22 of them at Pitt Law, included many trips abroad to teach, lecture, and consult. He was a supervisor of SJD dissertations and a regular speaker to our LLM students. Both Harry and Doug will leave shoes that are hard to fill. We wish them all the best in retirement, and hope they will forgive those times when we interrupt that retirement for their advice and good counsel. (For more, see the story on page 18.)

As you read the following pages, we invite you to send us your comments on our programs as well as to join us in the coming year in our work to make a Pitt Law global education better for our students, alumni, and the legal profession generally. ■



Professors Flechtner and Branson at their retirement party

CILE Students Depend on Your Support



By Richard Thorpe
Executive Director, CILE

The 2017-18 academic year has once more seen a wide array of successes chalked up by the JD and LLM students associated with CILE. Our students have demonstrated strength in competitions ranging from the Jessup to the Vis to the LLM International Arbitration Moot, and have gained insight and experience from J.D. internships and study abroad and from LLM internships in local firms, courtrooms, and legal departments. These accomplishments, while primarily the result of the students' own talents, would not have been possible without the support of CILE's alumni and friends. Our future depends on your continued assistance, and I urge you to consider contributing to CILE's future in one or more of the following ways:

Host an LLM student as a summer intern in a law office or in-house department in Pittsburgh or elsewhere in the United States: This is a unique opportunity to both provide an LLM graduate with an opportunity to see U.S. law in practice while building your international network by hosting one of these talented foreign lawyers.

Assist a JD student with locating an internship outside the United States: The most effective training in global legal practice for our U.S. students can be a summer of legal experience in another country, whether a private firm, a government office, an NGO, or other organization.

Refer a prospective student to CILE and Pitt Law: The best advertising that CILE has is you, our alumni and friends—if you have a friend or acquaintance considering law school in the U.S., please let them know about Pitt Law and how to reach CILE for more information.

Provide the financial support that funds CILE's student fellowships and events: CILE's work depends upon the critical financial support that your gifts and pledges to CILE provide. You can easily make your gift or pledge to CILE securely online at giveto.pitt.edu/cile.

I hope you enjoy this issue of CILE Notes, and with your help I look forward to reporting on an equally exciting and rewarding year come Fall 2019! ■

CILE by the Numbers

In the past three years, CILE has

- graduated **54** LLM students from **27** countries,
- enrolled **6** SJD students from **5** countries,
- facilitated study abroad by **22** JD students in **12** countries,
- facilitated overseas internships by **25** JD students in **14** countries,
- facilitated summer internships for **30** LLM students at **17** firms and organizations,
- aided **6** JD students to study **5** languages supported by Foreign Language Area Study fellowships with a value of more than **\$330,000**,
- supported **32** students participating on **8** international moot teams,
- awarded scholarships for summer internships and study abroad to **21** students amounting to **\$38,350**,
- facilitated the administration of **18** Nordenberg Summer Fellowships for internships amounting to **\$64,000**,
- facilitated the administration of **3** Nordenberg International Scholar Awards amounting to **\$60,000**,
- had **20** Pitt Law faculty members lecture and teach more than **94** times in **26** countries,
- supported international and comparative law courses taught by **6** visiting professors from **4** countries,
- received **17** visiting scholars from **10** countries to conduct research at Pitt Law
- presented **31** visiting lecturers from **13** countries, and
- sponsored **3** conferences on major international and comparative law issues.

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Hundreds of JD, LLM, and SJD students have benefited from Pitt Law and CILE opportunities and degree programs. In the following pages we provide a sampling of the careers and achievements of a few of these alumni. News featuring other alumni can be found in the Alumni News section (beginning on page 24), and in the articles in the Programs & Activities section (beginning on page 13).

Life After Pitt Law: Our JD Graduates



James Callaghan (JD '96) is an aviation consultant with Croon Callaghan Aviation Consulting in Amsterdam, Netherlands. After graduating from Pitt Law, he entered the

LLM program of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, from which he was awarded his Master of Laws in European and International Law in 1997. He worked as an associate at Linklaters from 1997 through 2000, and then joined Ryanair, where he became Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs. In 2009, he moved to Abu Dhabi, UAE, to become General Counsel of Etihad Airways. He became General Counsel for Uber's European, Middle Eastern, and African operations in 2016, before returning to the aviation industry.



Kristine Carpenter (JD '11) is a corporate attorney for Wabtec Corporation, a transportation, trucking, and railroad company headquartered in the Pittsburgh

metropolitan area, having joined Wabtec's legal department in 2014. She represents representing the company in international and domestic M&A transactions, commercial contracts, and other corporate matters. In she 2018 relocated to Wabtec's London, UK, offices, where she handles all corporate legal work for the company's UK subsidiaries as well as global M&A transactions. Between her graduation from Pitt Law and joining Wabtec, Ms. Carpenter worked as a corporate association for the law firm of Houston Harbaugh, where she focused on M&A and other corporate representations.



Janet Checkley (JD '14) is a Programme Manager at the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, which is Asia's global thought leader for learning and

research in negotiation and dispute resolution. An alumna of the Pitt Law 2013 . Vis Moot team, her experience since graduation has centered on the promotion of alternative dispute resolution throughout the world. This

has included work with U.S. funding agencies to present workshops and training sessions on international commercial law and arbitration in countries such as Qatar, Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan, and Bosnia & Herzegovina. She has also worked as a consultant for NGOs in Myanmar, Bangladesh, and elsewhere.



Luke Dembosky (JD '94) joined Debevoise & Plimpton in March 2016 after serving as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for National Security at the Justice Department,

where he oversaw DOJ's first national security cyber portfolio. He was the senior DOJ official on the Target, Sony Pictures, Home Depot, Anthem and OPM breaches, among many others, and received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for leading the Game Over Zeus botnet takedown. His roles at the DOJ included Deputy Chief for Litigation at the Computer Crime and IP Section; DOJ representative at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia; and federal cybercrime prosecutor in Pittsburgh. Mr. Dembosky participated in the negotiation of a 2013 cyber accord with Russia and the historic 5-point agreement signed by President Obama and President Xi Jinping of China in 2015. At Debevoise, he advises companies on managing cyber risks, responding to cyber incidents, and handling related litigation matters.



Charles Kotuby (JD '01) is a partner in the Global Disputes Practice at the Washington D.C. office of Jones Day. His practice is focused on investment arbitration and

international litigation involving states and sovereign entities. He has appeared as counsel in international matters before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Court of Justice of the European Union, ICSID tribunals, and UNCITRAL tribunals. He regularly advises energy and mining clients on investment protections in Latin America, Africa, and Southeast and Central Asia; and on maritime issues under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

His latest scholarly work (with Luke Sobota), *General Principles of Law and International Due Process*, was published in 2017 by Oxford University Press, as part of the *CILE Studies* series.



Katerina Ossanova (JD '08) is a Trial Attorney with the Office of Foreign Litigation (OFL) at the U.S. Department of Justice, which protects U.S. interests in all litigation

pending in foreign courts, whether civil or criminal, affirmative or defensive. She manages the Department of Justice's Office of International Judicial Assistance, which provides judicial assistance to foreign courts in civil and commercial matters pursuant to treaties or in response to requests made through diplomatic channels. An alumna of Pitt Law's Vis Moot team and JURIST, after graduation she joined the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) as an International Attorney-Advisor. While at the Commerce Department, Ms. Ossanova designed and implemented technical assistance programs in the commercial law arena, helping local stakeholders implement reforms to bring about improved legal and business environments in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. While at CLDP, she continued working closely with Pitt Law, to grow the Vis Moot program in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, and helped found the Vis Middle East Pre-Moot.



Krysta Smith (JD '14) works as a contractor in the Office of Foreign Litigation (OFL) at the U.S. Department of Justice. Her duties include reviewing judicial assistance

requests from foreign courts for the Office of International Judicial Assistance, and handling requests from foreign courts seeking evidence located in the United States. Previously, she worked as a contractor for the Office of International Affairs in the Criminal Division at DOJ, where her assignments included research

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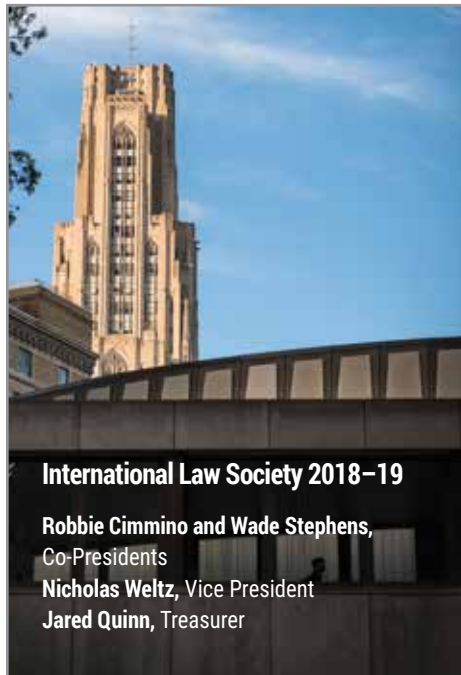
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on extradition issues. Her post-graduation work is an extension of her activities as a Pitt Law student, where she competed in the Vis Moot and trained Pitt Consortium Vis teams from other countries. Ms. Smith also worked as an intern in the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program. During her final semester at Pitt Law, she participated in the Semester in DC program, where she completed an externship at the U.S. Department of State Office of the Legal Advisor—Office of Private International Law.



Corin Stone (JD '98) is Deputy DNI for Strategy & Engagement in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. After graduation from Pitt Law, she worked for

the Hague Conference on Private International Law before joining the U.S. Department of State in 2000 as an Attorney-Advisor. During her service in the State Department, she served in the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq as an Associate General Counsel and then as legal advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq. In 2005, Ms. Stone became Principal Deputy General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and then became the Deputy Assistant DNI for Policy and Strategy, and then the Assistant DNI for Policy & Strategy. She then served as Executive Director of the National Security Agency before returning to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence in summer 2018. ■



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Life After Pitt Law: Our LLM Graduates



Lars Benecke (LLM '09) is the Head of Law, Patents & Compliance for the Crop Sciences Division of Bayer AG, based in Monheim, Germany. Before entering the Pitt Law LLM

program, he served as Attorney in a Law Firm located in Düsseldorf, as Personal Assistant to the Secretary of State in the German Federal Department of Economics, and as legal counsel at Bayer AG. He was General Counsel of Bayer Material Science (BMS) (now: Covestro) until 2008, when he became General Counsel for all of BMS's U.S. Businesses located in suburban Pittsburgh. He returned to Germany in 2016 to take his current position.



Chi Lieu Dang, (LLM '08) returned to his native Vietnam upon completion of his LLM degree at Pitt Law. He is a partner in the Hanoi office of Baker McKenzie, the

largest and most experienced international law firm in Vietnam. His practice focuses on inbound investment; mergers and acquisitions; corporate; energy, mining and infrastructure; and financial services. He has substantial experience in commercial, insurance and telecommunications. His clients cover a wide range of industries, including food and beverage, telecoms, oil and gas, mining, construction and insurance. In recent years, Mr. Dang has actively led the Firm's renewable energy practice in Vietnam. Before attending Pitt, he worked as in-house counsel for Asia Pacific Breweries (a joint venture between Heineken International and Fraser and Neave) and Sovico Holdings (one of the largest private conglomerates in Vietnam).



Daniela Ballao Ernlund (LLM '97) is a partner at Ballao Ernlund Advogados Associados in Curitiba, Brazil, where her practice focuses on contract drafting and negotia-

tion, international legal transactions, intellectual property, national and transnational corporate matters, mergers, acquisitions, due diligence, international financial transactions, and the import and export of goods. After her graduation from Pitt Law, she worked with a Brazilian law firm and as in-house counsel for Electrolux do Brasil, before founding her firm in 2006. Ms. Ernlund has also taught as a Professor of Law and Universidade Tuiuti do Parana and

served as an officer in professional organizations. She is the Vice-President of CAA/PR, a lawyer assistance organization of the Brazilian Bar Association, Section of Paraná State.



Dr. Cristina M. Mariottini (LLM '11) is a Senior Research Fellow in the Department of European and Comparative Procedural Law of the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg

for Procedural Law, where the primary focus of her research activity is cross-border litigation, both in civil and commercial, and in family matters. After her graduation from Pitt Law, and the completion of her PhD, Dr. Mariottini was a visiting research scholar at Pitt Law and then joined the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg as a Senior Research Fellow in 2012. From 2015 until 2017, she was a Legal Officer, first, and a Senior Legal Officer, at the Hague Conference on Private International Law, where she worked on the Hague Judgments Project.



Dr. Ardit Memeti (LLM '05) is a full-time Associate Professor of International Law at the Kuwait International Law School and at the China-EU School of Law in Beijing,

where he teaches WTO Law. He previously worked as a Lecturer at Maastricht University and an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of the South East European University in Tetovo, Macedonia. After earning his Pitt Law LLM., Mr. Memeti earned a PhD in Law from Maastricht University (2013). He is a fellow of the Netherlands Fellowship Programme funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ron Brown Fellowship of the U.S. State Department and the Open Society Institute Fellowship for Returning Scholars. His area of research is international and comparative law, and in particular power relations in international institutional law.



Victor Mosoti (LLM '01) is Chief Counsel of the International and Environmental Law Practice Group within the Legal Vice Presidency of the World Bank. In his current role,

Mr. Mosoti manages the work of the 15 lawyers in the Practice Group, including environmental and social safeguard policies, the interface between internal policy frameworks and broader

International Law, and climate change and natural resources law. Following his graduation from Pitt Law, he earned a Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His other work experience includes service with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, Italy, and the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.



Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu

(LLM '05, SJD '15) is a member of the Kosovo Assembly. She has been elected four times as a member of the Kosovo Parliament. In 2014, she

received the most votes of any woman in the history of parliamentary elections in Kosovo, and the second most votes of any official in her party (and repeated the latter feat in the 2017 elections). Before entering parliament, she served as Chief of Staff, foreign policy advisor, and legal advisor to the President of Kosovo. Dr. Osmani was also a member of the Kosovo legal team at the international Court of Justice in the proceedings related to Kosovo's Declaration of Independence. In spring 2017, she received the Sheth International Young Alumni Achievement Award in recognition of her accomplishments from Pitt's University Center for International Studies. During the fall semester of 2017, Dr. Osmani returned to Pitt Law as a visiting professor, teaching a course on State Building and the Law: The Kosovo Experience.



Olga Synoverska (LLM '13) is an Associate Counsel in the Pittsburgh headquarters of LANXESS Corporation, the U.S. subsidiary of LANXESS AG, a leading specialty

chemicals company based in Köln, Germany. Her responsibilities include corporate transactions, general corporate legal advice, and compliance matters. She joined LANXESS in 2013 after her graduation from Pitt Law. Before her LLM year, she worked in the Law Offices of OMP in Kyiv, Ukraine.



Tanja Unguran (LLM '03)

is a Partner at the law firm MIM Law in Belgrade, Serbia, where she is in charge of tax, corporate, and M&A matters. She advises

clients on some of the biggest commercial transactions in the region. She has significant experience in supporting large investment

projects, using investment incentives such as direct cash subsidies, tax incentives, and other types of governmental support available in Serbia to foreign investors. She has developed expertise in energy projects, and was among the first lawyers to advise clients on renewable energy projects in Serbia, Montenegro, and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Rami Shehadeh (LLM '98) Covers Crisis in Syria as 25th Annual McLean Lecturer



Rami Shehadeh (LLM '98), a Senior Political Affairs Officer at the United Nations headquarters in New York, returned to Pitt Law to deliver the 25th annual McLean

Lecture on World Law on April 10, 2018. The subject of his presentation was the ongoing crisis in Syria, which is the focus of his work at the UN. As head of the Syria Desk in the UN's Department of Political Affairs, Mr. Shehadeh develops strategic advice on the Syrian conflict for the senior leadership of the UN. He has also served as a senior advisor to former UN Syria envoys Kofi Annan and Lakhdar Brahimi. Prior to his work on the Syrian conflict, Mr. Shehadeh served as political advisor to the UN envoy for the Middle East Peace Process and for the UN Secretary-General's Personal Representative for Lebanon during the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah war.

Prior to joining the UN, Mr. Shehadeh worked as a legal advisor with Adam Smith International, a leading government advisory group in the UK, and providing advice on a wide set of issues related to the Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. Early in his career, Mr. Shehadeh was a human rights advocate who worked with the pioneering human rights organization Al-Haq, an affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists. He also participated in the 2004 precedent-setting request to the International Court of Justice at The Hague regarding the Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. ■



Reconnecting with Our Alumni Abroad

By **Richard Thorpe**

Executive Director, CILE

During October and November 2017, I traveled to 13 cities in South America and Europe to speak with scores of prospective LLM applicants, visit with current and potential partner institutions, and meet with several of our LLM alumni.

During the EducationUSA fair in Buenos Aires, Argentina, I was joined at the Pitt Law table by **Clara Pujol** (LLM '11). Pujol is an attorney with the law firm of Wiener Soto Caparrós in Buenos Aires, where she focuses on corporate matters, international business agreements, and regulatory compliance. It was a real pleasure both to have her assistance in answering the questions of prospective students.

In Santiago, Chile, I met with **Rodrigo Bulnes** (LLM '00) at the offices of CRUZ Abogados, where he is an attorney. Bulnes' practice includes advising companies and investors in a range of corporate matters, with a particular focus on intellectual property, electronic commerce, and information technology.

My visit to Zagreb, Croatia, was immeasurably enhanced by the warm welcome given to me both by our LLM alumni and by past Pitt Law visiting faculty. **Dora Rotar** (LLM '12) guided me on a tour of the Faculty of Law of the University of Zagreb, where she is an assistant professor of private international law. We then were joined for lunch by **Davor Babic**, also an assistant professor in the University of Zagreb law faculty, who taught EU law at Pitt Law as a visiting professor during the 2012 academic year. At the EducationUSA fair that evening, I was assisted by both Rotar and **Iva Grgic** (LLM '14), who, after working as an associate attorney with CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz in Zagreb, returned to Pitt Law for her SJD degree in fall 2018. The next day, I had the pleasure of coffee and a conversation with Professor **Tamara Capeta**, who was a visiting professor at Pitt Law during fall 2016.

I look forward to meeting more of our alumni during future travels. Please be sure to update your contact information by e-mailing cile@pitt.edu, so that Professor Brand and I can be in touch if our travels take us to your city. ■



Elizabeth Shackelford speaks at CILE's 20th anniversary celebration in fall 2015.

A CILE Alumna's Stand on Principle

In other circumstances, a Pitt Law and CILE alumna finding her way to an interview in a barn with TV comedian and host Samantha Bee would likely be the subject of one of the more light-hearted articles in this year's *Notes*. Unfortunately, the chain of events that led to the public prominence of Elizabeth Shackelford (JD '06) over the past year were sobering and disturbing both for her and for all who share CILE's commitment to the need for the United States to be an active participant in world affairs and a proponent of the rule of law at home and abroad.

In early December 2017, Shackelford resigned from the U.S. State Department where, at the time she was serving with the mission in Somalia. Shackelford was widely regarded prior to her resignation as one of the most promising members of the U.S. diplomatic corps. She was awarded the Barbara Watson Award for Consular Excellence in recognition of her work during the civil war in South Sudan in 2013-14, in the course of which she oversaw the evacuation of the U.S. embassy there, only leaving the grounds after all other U.S. personnel had been helicoptered to safety.

In the end, however, she felt that she had no option but to protest the Trump Administration's devaluing of the work of the State Department

by resigning. Her letter of resignation noted, in part, her

deep respect for the career Foreign and Civil Service staff who, despite the stinging disrespect this administration has shown our profession, continue to struggle to keep our foreign policy on the positive trajectory necessary to avert global disaster in increasingly dangerous times. With each passing day, however, this task grows more futile, driving the department's experienced and talented staff away in ever greater numbers.

Ms. Shackelford's letter of resignation was published by *Foreign Policy* magazine, and was quickly picked up in the national press. As Professor Elena Baylis, one of Shackelford's instructors at Pitt Law, noted in an interview with the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, "One of the reasons that Lizzy's resignation is having this impact is because it does so accurately represent what other people in the department have thought and felt for so long, and because it's so dramatic to see someone at such an arc in their career, who could continue to rise, voluntarily step away from it."

Over the weeks that followed, Shackelford was invited as a guest not only on Samantha Bee's show (where she was purportedly

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interviewed at a "farm upstate" for bureaucrats put out to pasture), but in the more serious setting of an interview with Cristiane Amanpour on CNN. ■

A link to the letter:
documentcloud.org/documents/4325020-Shackelford.html#document/p1
 Interview with Samantha Bee:
youtu.be/II-ejv_SlvY
 Interview with Cristiane Amanpour:
youtu.be/niMdVNBet-c



Providing Legal Aid in Kenya

By Brittany de Hoyos (Class of 2020)



Brittany de Hoyos with the staff of LACE

The Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret (LACE) is an NGO located within the AMPATH Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya. Clients typically are women and children who are victims of sexual and gender based violence, or individuals with HIV/AIDS. The clients may be referred to LACE by the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) after undergoing treatment for their diagnosis or after a report of sexual violence.

My daily duties at LACE during the summer of 2018 consisted of client interviews, drafting legal and non-legal documents, attending court, legal research, participating in presentations around Eldoret, and working on grant proposals

to help fund LACE. I focused on sexual abuse offenses and issues of intestate succession, as well as sexual health and reproductive rights. I attended a conference for legal professionals dealing with HIV, TB, and other human rights issues, where I learned more about how men and women who were being mistreated by the legal systems in surrounding countries and the fight attorneys were engaged in to obtain rights and freedoms for those groups.

I had no idea how emotionally taxing my internship would be. I knew generally what the lawyers did at LACE, but that could not prepare me for the heart break of hearing parents and

children explain how a child was defiled by a teacher or family member and ended up being infected with HIV before they were old enough to have any idea what that is. In too many situations, justice was not served for the injured parties and perpetrators were permitted to offend again. These stories were so raw and aggressive, on a near daily basis, that it made coming to work hard. I had to read recently resolved cases that moved me to tears, seeing how a small child handwrote a description of abuse that she endured before the age of 7.

Kenya is a beautiful country marred by poverty and corruption, but the people are appreciative and welcoming. You won't find dishwashers, laundry machines, or lawn mowers around Eldoret, because for centuries people handled these tasks with their own two hands and they don't see any reason to change that. Likewise, you won't find the latest Apple products and fast food chains because good old fashioned conversation and home cooking wins every time. The people of Eldoret were the friendliest and most inviting individuals I have ever come across. I learned so much about the Kenyan people and their history from first hand testimony. I was taught a very powerful lesson through a phrase often repeated by the happiest of individuals, "be happy with what you have, if you want more, work for it." ■

Summer at Democracy Plus in Pristina

Megan Yvorra (Class of 2020)

Democracy Plus (D+), in Pristina, Kosovo, is a nonprofit organization whose principal goal is to support democratic values and practices in Kosovo, focused on good governance, rule of law, elections and political parties, social issues, and human rights.

The projects to which I contributed during my 2018 summer internship at D+ were incredibly interesting, and I was able to learn a lot from my work and from the dedicated, intelligent individuals with whom I worked. The main project I worked on was a benchmarking report analyzing public procurement in five municipalities in Kosovo. I researched public procurement law and practices in Kosovo, and used this research to help develop sub-indicators for a questionnaire that is being used to measure the effectiveness of the public procurement systems in these municipalities. I also assisted in writing the report detailing the findings from

the responses to the questionnaire. For the report, I researched public procurement law and performance in other western Balkan countries in order to compare them with those in Kosovo. The purpose of the resulting benchmarking report is not only to compare data on public procurement across Kosovo municipalities, but to provide important information to the public, private companies, and procurement regulatory bodies, including the National Audit Office, Public Procurement Regulatory Commission, Procurement Review Body, and the Anti-Corruption Agency.

I also worked on some smaller projects, including research on a potential corruption case, on extraterritoriality, and on local and international laws regarding money laundering. What made my summer truly special was the opportunity to meet and work with some of the most driven, passionate, and kind people



Megan Yvorra at D+ with staff including Isuf Zejna (LLM 2016, seated third from left)

that I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. The people of D+ made sure to include me in as many projects as possible, educated me on the history of Kosovo and the current happenings in the country, and made me feel welcomed and at home. ■

From Kosovo to Germany and Back Again

Sarah Pybus-Elmore (Class of 2020)



Jon Churchin, Megan Yvorra, Alison Bustin, and Sarah Pybus-Elmore in Pristina

This summer I was able to both intern in Kosovo and study abroad in Germany. In Pristina, Kosovo, I interned at the USAID Justice System Strengthening Program (JSSP), which is a four-year program that is building on USAID's prior progress to advance the rule of law of Kosovo and ensure that the justice system is operating efficiently, professionally, and with accountability. Since declaring independence from Serbia in 2008, establishing an independent judiciary, and strengthening the rule of law have been a priority for Kosovo, and USAID and EULEX have continued working with the Kosovo people to help achieve those goals.

My work was on jump-starting the JSSP project on domestic violence. I analyzed the legal framework relating to crimes involving domestic violence and to the economic rights of women that have an impact on the vulnerability of women and children. I also observed responses by the Kosovo judiciary that affect women's rights and the safety

of women and children, in order to identify options for improving the capacity of the judiciary to ensure the protection of women's rights in Kosovo. My work was both challenging and rewarding, and often emotionally exhausting. Hearing the stories of women who didn't receive justice, or the stories from women who weren't confident enough in the legal outcome to pursue protections from the court, were heartbreaking. This is why the mission of the JSSP is so important, and is what continually inspired me to dig further throughout my research. I wanted our project to recommend real, meaningful, and achievable changes to civil court judges that would change the status

quo and protect victims' safety as well as their economic rights. Fortunately, our project seems well on its way to achieving that goal.

In between the first and second part of my internship, I left Kosovo to attend classes at the University of Augsburg where I participated in the International Economic Law Summer Program. I earned six credits in six weeks, and learned an incredible amount about European Law, the civil law system in general, and the culture of Germany. I took classes such as: European and World Trade Organization Law, Venture Capital Law, German and European Company Law, International Investment Law, and Law and Economics. The program was excellent, and the opportunity to study so many subjects in such a short amount of time solidified my ideas about which areas of law I want to practice.

My time in Kosovo and Germany totaled almost four months. It was my first time outside the United States, and I loved it. I was challenged by language barriers and cultural differences. I grew as a student and as a legal professional. Most importantly, I grew as a person, and I learned far more about myself and my capabilities than I possibly could have had I chosen to stay in the U.S. "Travel makes one modest, you see what a tiny place you occupy in the world."—*Gustave Flaubert* ■

Promoting Gender Equity and Property Rights in Kosovo

By Alison Bustin (Class of 2020)

I spent my 1L summer in Pristina, Kosovo working as a Global Law and Development Fellow with Tetra Tech DPK on the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Property Rights Program (PRP). As a dual degree student pursuing my JD and an MA in International Development at GSPIA, I was excited for the opportunity to pair my two fields of study together in one internship.

PRP has four objectives: implementing better coordination and policy priorities; improving court procedures related to property claims; enhancing women's and minority rights to use property in practice; and improving communication, access to information, and understanding of property rights. PRP promotes access to justice and drafts property rights legislation with the Government of Kosovo and creates public campaigns advocating for Kosovars to exercise their property rights. PRP also works to address land rights of displaced parties following the war of the late 1990s.

An important focus of the project is the formalization of informal property rights in a cadastral system, in order to ensure future stability and recognition of property rights.

I was able to shadow community events and outreach programs, and researched both gender sensitivity or gender bias training for judges, and the use of constructive notice in uncontested property rights proceedings. Based on my research, I helped draft a proposal for USAID to create a mandatory gender equity training for the Ministry of Justice in order to help address the cultural and patriarchal bias against women seeking to formalize their property rights. The training will include gender sensitivity training and will target gender bias in property proceedings.

In addressing constructive notice in uncontested property rights proceedings, PRP is preparing a package of inheritance legislation. The resulting National Strategy on Property Rights seeks to fill gaps in formalizing property rights. PRP is targeting issues unique to Kosovo,

such as culturally accepted informal sales of immovable property (e.g., a handshake and witnesses), and creating expedited procedures for uncontested property proceedings. These uncontested claims are often the result of the Kosovar diaspora and the resulting conflicts when those with potential interests in property have left Kosovo with no intent to return. I researched the need to apply the doctrine of constructive notice, which is not used in civil law countries like Kosovo, in order to expedite these uncontested claims. I finished my time with PRP by drafting a letter to stakeholders urging them to support the use of constructive notice and the development of an online portal where notice could be publicly accessed.

I feel lucky to have been able to work with a diverse group of lawyers and development professionals, and to be immersed in the Kosovar culture - over macchiatos and ajvar. ■

Financial Crisis and the European Union

By Christopher Yon (Class of 2020)

This past summer, I worked as a research assistant at the Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) in Brussels, Belgium. I assisted Professor Harri Kalimo with a variety of projects, and conducted research culminating in a paper analyzing the regulatory changes in the European Union since the global financial crisis of 2008, and the political ramifications of those changes. Along with working with EU officials, reporters, fellow researchers, and economic experts, I was able to immerse myself in the “capital” of Europe, not only learning about European culture, but also developing a greater understanding of my own.

Professor Kalimo is the Jean Monnet Chair, Programme Director, and Research Professor for European Economic Governance at the Institute for European Studies (IES). He is also the director of the VUB LLM program on International and European Law, and codirector of the MSc program on European Integration. I assisted him in executing the European Commission’s SOLVIT training and certification program at IES. SOLVIT focuses on reducing red tape between European Union member states resulting in the projected reduction in nearly four trillion Euros of economic inefficiencies. At a weeklong training, EU member state representatives received training and a test to become “SOLVIT certified.” I assisted Professor Kalimo in preparing the presentations, booklets, and daily review of the class, and in determining which areas required more attention. I was able to network with the EU member state representatives, and learned much about EU law.

I also attended conferences and discussions in order to discuss topics with Professor Kalimo. The most impressive of these was the release of the June 2018 OECD Economic survey of the European Union and Euro-Area conducted by the OECD Secretary General José Ángel Gurría Treviño in partnership with the Bruegel Institute on European and Global economics. At the conference, I was able to network with members of the OECD, Bruegel Institute, European Parliament, and reporters from the BBC, Reuters, Sky News, Bloomberg, and others.

With Professor Kalimo’s guidance, I conducted my own research on the 2008 financial crisis from a European perspective, reviewing the more than forty regulations promulgated since the crisis, and the political ramifications of those regulations. Through my research, I was able to learn more about the troubles of further European Integration, promulgation of federal-like regulations affecting member-states, the confusion between crossing regulations, and the effect of the global financial crisis on different regions of the European Union. My research allowed me to analyze the aftermath of the 2008 Global Financial Crisis on the European Union from an American perspective, giving me an entirely new perspective on the European Union.

“The cooperation between CILE and IES **allowed me to improve my educational experience**, as well as my cultural awareness.”

Christopher Yon

My experience at IES was amazing for two reasons. First, I was able to work on a project of significant importance, designed to free up nearly four trillion Euros of economic inefficiency. This allowed me to attend conferences and discussions that opened my mind to a variety of perspectives, both European and global. Second, I was able to conduct research on a fascinating topic and educate myself beyond an American perspective. I was also able to use that perspective to discuss insights from a global perspective rather than a solely American or European perspective. The cooperation between CILE and IES allowed me to improve my educational experience, as well as my cultural awareness. It gave me a greater understanding of what it means to be American. I cannot think of a better way to have spent my first-year summer. ■

Working for the Chairperson of the Kosovo Parliament’s Committee of Foreign Affairs

Jonathon Churchin (Class of 2019)

Dr. Vjosa Osmani, chairperson on the Committee of Foreign Affairs for the National Assembly of Kosovo, is a high ranking member of her political party, the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK). She is also an LLM (2005) and SJD (2015) graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. I was able to meet Dr. Osmani in Pittsburgh last fall when she taught the course “State Building and the Law: The Kosovo Experience” at Pitt Law, and was thrilled to have a 2018 summer internship with her in Kosovo.

My duties focused on helping Dr. Osmani develop strategies for gaining recognition of Kosovo as a state from various nations. This made me delve into the backgrounds of many different nations across the world, and helped me put a more critical lens on the geopolitical landscape of many regions, as well as to develop strategies for each nation in order for Kosovo to gain recognition. My other tasks included finding out the requirements for Kosovo to join various international organizations, and preparing documents to make sure that Kosovo is meeting the requirements for membership.

Working in the National Assembly was an amazing experience that exposed me to many new opportunities. I was able to attend plenary sessions of the Kosovo Parliament, which in turn allowed me to meet politicians from various political parties. Being able to experience the inner workings of the National Assembly was an experience for which I am truly grateful. I was able to attend numerous meetings of the Committee of Foreign Affairs and a meeting with a visiting member of the Australian Parliament.

The combination of participating in unique work experiences and delving into a unique culture such as that in Kosovo was an amazing experience. I am truly grateful for the such a special experience. ■

A Summer of Commercial Law in Belgrade

Robbie Cimmino (Class of 2019)

The law firm of Karanovic/Nikolic ("K/N") in Belgrade, Serbia, is a full-service, large South-east European regional commercial law firm, with offices throughout the Western Balkans. My 2018 summer internship with K/N allowed me to work on a variety of projects in a number of different departments, doing legal research, writing articles, proofreading English translations, and reviewing cross-border contracts.

I made my way to Belgrade through the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition. Last March the Pitt Vis Team participated in the Belgrade Pre-Moot and had a great time exploring the city and meeting local attorneys and professors, including Profes-

sor Milena Djordjevic (LLM '02) at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law. Following the Vis Moot, I knew I was interested in working at a law firm in Belgrade for my final summer, but was not sure where I should work. After exploring some options I sent an e-mail to Professor Djordjevic, who helped me identify and contact firms in Belgrade. Within weeks I was offered a position at K/N.

My summer started off by meeting all of the attorneys from the Belgrade and other branch offices who were in town for K/N's Summer Event. I had dinner on a river yacht, went to night clubs, played basketball, attended an art gallery, and generally just got to know everyone.

From then on, K/N allowed me to develop my own relationships and find work from attorneys around the office. I was able to engage in research EU regulations for Uber and related services to assist a new local ride-hailing app; the resolution of a conflict of law dispute for the Zagreb office; and the resolution of an inheritance issue for Americans entitled to land in Serbia. My work at the firm was challenging and diverse and I could not have been happier with the experience.

The city of Belgrade and the attorneys at K/N were warm and welcoming, and I look forward to seeing more Pitt students having similar experiences at K/N. ■

Exploring Commercial Arbitration Law in Tunisia

Austin Koltonowski (Class of 2020)

A.O. Ouerfelli Attorney & Counsels is a commercial arbitration law firm in Tunis, Tunisia. My 2018 summer internship there proved to be both professionally and personally rewarding, as I vastly expanded my legal knowledge and gained invaluable cultural experience.

I had never been abroad, nor held a passport, and I had no idea where I wanted to work. When I arrived at Professor Brand's office to discuss international internships I was given a binder of potential opportunities, where Tunis, Tunisia, caught my eye. Though I had little knowledge of the country, I knew it had led the Arab Spring in 2011 and is the only surviving democracy. While I initially thought it would be a unique cultural experience, what was even more enticing was the firm itself.

A.O. Ouerfelli Attorneys and Counsels was founded by Ahmed Ouerfelli, a seasoned attorney who worked as a judge for twenty years, and as Chief Legal Counsel for multiple post-revolution Presidents. Following his time with the government, Mr. Ouerfelli opened his own practice that deals with a wide breadth of legal issues, ranging from local civil law issues to complex international arbitration. The work he provided me as an intern reflected the extensiveness of his practice. I was given a number of comparative law assignments, attended a court hearing, sat in on client meetings, drafted numerous memos, and created a shareholders' agreement. One of the highlights of my time in

Tunis was attending a U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) seminar on U.S. and Tunisian bankruptcy and financial restructuring law.

Apart from the work experience, I found Tunisia to be an entertaining and informational travel experience. Tunisia is a small North African country on the Mediterranean Sea, just below Italy, with a rich history during the Punic Wars, which were a series of three wars fought between Rome and Carthage. I visited a number

of ancient sites in Carthage and viewed unique artifacts at The Bardo Museum. Another attraction of Tunisia is the winding narrow streets of the Medina, which is filled with merchants, carpets and crafts.

I am thankful to CILE for helping me take advantage of this opportunity, to Mr. Ouerfelli for being a genuine host and instructor, and to Yosr El-Benna for continually looking out for me on the trip and acting as a guide around Tunisia. It was truly a great privilege. ■



Austin Koltonowski in the Medina of Tunis



From Winter in Pittsburgh to a Summer in Tunis

Nick Weltz (Class of 2019)

This summer I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Tunis, Tunisia, and work as an intern for A.O. Ouerfelli Attorneys & Counsels. I was able to assist in planning transnational litigation, writing awards for international arbitration, writing proposals for a change in Tunisian civil procedure rules, and conducting research for scholarly sports law articles. This incredible opportunity would not have been possible without the help of CILE.

In the dead of February, Professor Brand had e-mailed me asking if I would be interested in an internship in Tunisia. As I read the e-mail, waiting for a bus in the frigid Pittsburgh air, the North African coast sounded like the best thing in the world. At the time, I knew Tunisia only by location and because of the 2011 revolution. Over the next few days, as I prepared for my interview with Mr. Ouerfelli, I really had to consider what I was looking for in going there. The work would be similar to what I was doing as a member of the 2018 Pitt Vis Moot Team, which was exciting as I had fallen in love with international arbitration. I was also excited about experiencing a culture so different from my own. Lastly, I was excited about the prospect of a warm climate.

A.O. Ouerfelli Attorneys & Counsels mostly works on business law and does a large amount of international litigation and arbitration in English. The work was thrilling. The days were often filled with long discussions with coworkers and senior counsel about the intricacies of jurisdiction in transnational litigation, the procedural rules of the large arbitration cases I was working on, Tunisian civil procedure, and aspects of sports law I had never considered. I wrote memos, drafted e-mails and procedural documents to clients and parties, and researched rules, laws, and treaties that were relevant to my work. I was also able to attend a U.S. Commerce Department event regarding the change in Tunisian insolvency law. The two-day conference was a fascinating experience to see the real differences between U.S. and Tunisian legal cultures.

When I arrived in Tunisia it was in the middle of Ramadan. It was an interesting time to see the country. During the day, stores and restaurants were closed as people stayed at home and indoors. But at night Tunisians would pack the souks and alleys of the old market district in the center of Tunis, celebrating the breaking of the fast with sweets, music, and

hookah late into the evening.

On the weekends, my roommate and I explored Tunis and the surrounding area. While we were in Tunis there was so much to do, including seeing the ruins of the different empires that had ruled Tunisia, and experiencing the food. I fell in love with the food, whether a bowl of couscous, shawarma sandwich, a makloab (sort of like a Tunisian calzone), or just some harissa (a spicy pepper sauce) with oil and bread; it was all so delicious.

While this was a deeply enriching experience, not every day was an easy one. Knowing only English and broken French made many interactions difficult in a country where most people only speak Arabic fluently. Even going to the store to get a loaf of bread could cause more commotion than it was worth. But I learned quickly that one of the best things about Tunisia is how many people are willing to forgive a faux pas and work their hardest to help someone out. The summer was an incredible opportunity to experience a different legal culture, develop my knowledge and experience in international law and litigation, and develop a penchant for harissa. I am so grateful for having this opportunity. ■

A Summer of Global Energy and Law

Christopher Anderson (Class of 2020)

For two weeks in May, I participated in the Global Energy Graduate Program followed by two months as a legal intern in Kyiv, Ukraine.

The Global Energy Graduate Program was an interdisciplinary traveling class organized by Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. Students from multiple disciplines explore competing perspectives on energy policy with a focus on shale and hydraulic fracturing. In Western Pennsylvania we visited a shale gas well and a gas processing plant, and met with local government officials and an environmental attorney. In Washington, D.C., we had meetings at the Department of State and at a petroleum industry lobbying firm. The class then traveled to Brussels, Belgium, where European Commission policymakers and independent think-tank analysts gave us the view from the other side of the pond. Finally, we ended the trip with two days of talks with a pipeline executive, professors, students, and a parliamentarian in Kyiv, Ukraine. The result

was a thoroughly eye-opening look at the interconnectedness of global energy politics. From the boom and bust gas development in the Pittsburgh region, to Ukraine's territorial integrity, to President Trump's views on trade with Europe, we saw that nothing happens in a vacuum in the era of globalization.

In Kyiv, I leveraged CILE's network of LLM alumni to find an internship at one of Ukraine's top law firms. During June and July I was with the International Arbitration and Cross-border Litigation practice at Egorov, Puginsky, Afanasiev, and Partners. Most of my time was spent conducting research, writing reports, and editing documents. I also experienced how things like 3 a.m. e-mails and mild language barriers go hand-in-hand with having clients and colleagues spread across the planet. This summer gave me the opportunity to explore the international arbitration area of law in a real-world setting, for real clients, with highly respected practitioners. I discovered for myself

that international investment and trade law is in an exciting state of development. I now know that I want to continue studying this field.

In addition to my legal work in Kyiv, I volunteered at several events at America House, the cultural and educational outreach center run by the U.S. Embassy. Some events centered around practicing spoken English and others were more social like the annual Independence Day party. I was very impressed by the crowds of people who came to each event eager to speak better English and learn about our country. This was an exciting and unexpected opportunity to network with people from the Department of State and to see the United States' cultural diplomacy programs in action.

In 2018-19, I am participating in the new JD/LLM exchange program between PittLaw and Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. I am sure my summer experiences have helped prepare me to study with lawyers and law students from around the world. ■



Professor Hugo He and students from Ningbo gather on Mt. Washington.

New US Law and Legal English Program Builds Cross-disciplinary Collaboration and Enhances Pitt's Global Presence

Summer 2018 saw the launch of a new summer program jointly developed by CILE and Pitt's English Language Institute (ELI). The US Law and Legal English Program (LLEP) combines English language training and an introduction to the U.S. legal system in a four-week program of non-degree classroom instruction, excursions, and sight-seeing. Unlike programs designed for students arriving immediately prior to LLM studies, LLEP is open to international students still in the early to middle years of their legal studies, giving them an advanced taste of U.S. legal study and a chance to experience life in Pittsburgh.

CILE was awarded one of 23 Pitt Seed grants (chosen from more than 170 applicants) to support the development of LLEP with ELI. 2018 was the inaugural year of the Pitt Seed program, established by Chancellor Patrick

Gallagher to support projects that further the goals of Pitt's strategic plan, "The Plan for Pitt," of which a key element is the building of Pitt's global partnerships and presence.

The first year of LLEP was attended by 16 students, including one rising senior from Dar al-Hekma University in Saudi Arabia and a group of 15 students from Ningbo University in China. The Ningbo group was accompanied by Professor Hugo He, who has previously visited CILE for discussions about cooperation between our universities and law schools, and whose campus was visited the previous summer by Professor Brand and Dr. James Cook of Pitt's Asian Studies Center. During his visit to Pittsburgh, Professors Brand and He discussed planning for a joint conference to be held in Ningbo in 2019. ■

Building Ties with the University of Augsburg

This past year saw the first exchange of students under the October 2016 agreement, under which Pitt Law JD students participate in the University of Augsburg Summer Program on European and International Economic Law, and Augsburg law students join the LLM program at Pitt Law. Wade Stephens (Class of 2019) attended the Augsburg Program in summer 2017, and Benedikt Reissnecker (LLM '18) and Rebecca Stocklein (LLM '18) joined the Pitt Law LLM class in August 2017. Reissnecker and Stocklein discussed their home university and city with Pitt Law students in September 2017, while Stephens enthusiastically described his experiences as a student in the program.

CILE Executive Director Richard Thorpe visited Augsburg in November 2017 for meetings on program administration with Dr. Thomas Mueller.

During the summer of 2018, Pitt Law students Kelvin Isom (Class of 2019), Sarah Pybus-Elmore (Class of 2020), and Katherine Podvorec (Class of 2020) traveled to Augsburg to study in the summer program, in which Professor Ronald Brand taught a three-week course on Transaction Planning Using Rules of Private International Law. In August 2018, CILE welcomed Augsburg students Pascal Cloppenburg and Jonas Volk to study at Pitt Law. ■



Ines Soumhi and Manon Troin

Celebrating the First Year of Partnership with the Sorbonne

The December 2016 exchange agreement with the University of Paris I–Pantheon/Sorbonne saw its first students travel to Pittsburgh in the 2017-18 academic year, with Ines Soumhi (LLM '18) and Manon Troin (LLM '18) joining our LLM class. They were enthusiastic promoters of our partnership, delivering a presentation jointly with Professor Vivian Curran at the September 21, 2017, foreign study informational session.

In November 2017, CILE Executive Director Richard Thorpe met with his counterparts at the Sorbonne, Joan Divol, Eléonore Claret, and Amélie Collin, to discuss and improve the exchange. Discussions continued with a March 2018 visit to the Sorbonne by Stephanie Dangel, Executive Director of Pitt Law's Innovation Practice Institute, who met with Joan Divol and with prospective future participants in the Pitt Law–Sorbonne exchange.

During the 2018-19 academic year, Pitt Law JD students Bakhtuu Dashnyam (Class of 2019) and Christopher Anderson (Class of 2020) will study in the LLM program at the Sorbonne, and Sorbonne students Emmanuel Endreich and Antoine Reco joined the Pitt Law LLM Class of 2019 in August 2018. ■



Benedikt Reissnecker, Wade Stephens, and Rebecca Stocklein

Measuring the Impact of the Vis Moot Experience

On September 26, 2017, Chris Belasco of Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, together with his colleagues, discussed their work in using interviews and quantitative data to assess the impact of participation in the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot on students' academic and professional performance. The study was conducted by Pitt's Integrative Social Science Research Initiative, and included both the analysis of quantitative data and interviews with past members of Pitt Law's Vis teams and international alumni of Pitt Consortium Vis teams. The results showed a correlation between Vis participation and student's academic and professional achievements, and the interviews similarly yielded substantial qualitative evidence of the impact of the Vis. Vis alumni attending this presentation discussed the value that they found in preparing for and participating in the Vis. CILE and Pitt Law have a long history of participation in the Vis Moot that dates back to 1996. (A full story on this year's Vis activities can be found on page 15.) ■

Wes Rist Speaks on International Law Careers

On November 7, 2017, Wes Rist (JD '05), the Director of Education and Research at the American Society of International Law (ASIL), and a former CILE Assistant Director, delivered a lunchtime presentation to Pitt Law JD students on how to prepare to pursue a career in international law. He discussed steps students can take while in law school to stand out in the search for an international law position. His talk included discussion of targeted job searching, resume drafting, managing one's professional contacts, identifying international experiences, and pursuing valuable volunteer and professional membership opportunities. Rist is the author of the American Society of International Law's *Careers in International Law*, a practical guide to pursuing the practice of international law. ■

Vjosa Osmani Returns to Teach and Lecture

On September 26, 2017, Dr. Vjosa Osmani (LLM '05, SJD 2015) spoke on "Transitioning Kosovo to the New Constitution and Democracy." Her perspective as a member of the Parliament of Kosovo, and former Chief of Staff and Legal Adviser to the President of Kosovo brought special insight to her presentation. She also taught a course on State Building and the Law: The Kosovo Experience in the fall term. (Osmani's career and accomplishments were the subject of an article in the 2017 *Notes* regarding Pitt's recognition of her work with the 2017 Sheth International Young Alumni Achievement Award.) ■



Vjosa Osmani (standing) answers audience questions.

CILE Cosponsors Public Forum with Hague Delegation in New York

On October 23, 2017, CILE and the New York University Center for Transnational Litigation, Arbitration and Commercial Law cosponsored a "Dialogue with the U.S. Delegation to the Hague Conference on the Proposal for a World-Wide Judgment Convention," held on the campus of the New York University School of Law. The event provided a forum for members of the U.S. delegation, including CILE Academic Director, Professor Ronald Brand of Pitt Law to discuss the most recent draft of the proposed convention with members of the legal community, and to take into consideration comments from the audience about that draft and about issues that U.S. lawyers and their clients have faced with respect to the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments. Participants in the dialogue included top international litigators from New York and Washington, two former legal advisers to the Secretary of State, two State Department members of the U.S. Delegation, a member of the Office of Foreign Litigation of the U.S. Department of Justice, the director of the Max Planck Institute in Luxembourg, and law professors from Columbia, Georgetown, NYU, Penn, Pepperdine, and Willamette. ■

Marco Torsello Examines Soft Law in International Arbitration

On January 16, 2018, Marco Torsello, a professor of comparative law at the School of Law at the University of Verona, Italy, spoke on "Lex Mercatoria and 'Soft Law' in International Commercial Arbitration." In addition to his professorship in Verona, Professor Marcello is also a global professor of law in the NYU School of Law's law abroad program in Paris, and is an adjunct professor at the School of Management, MIP-Politecnico Milano. His publications include articles on international commercial arbitration, EU commercial law, and the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. He is the co-author with Franco Ferrari of *International Sales Law-CISG in a Nutshell*. ■



Marco Torsello speaks at Pitt Law.

LLM Students Share Insights on Home Country Legal Issues

CILE has long regarded its LLM program as being not only a means of educating foreign trained lawyers in the U.S. legal system, but also as an opportunity for our JD students to learn about the legal systems of other countries from our LLM students. This conviction is embodied in CILE's rule of law series, in which LLM students deliver presentations to the law school community about legal challenges and developments in their home countries. Members of the LLM class of 2018 spoke at two sessions during the spring semester of 2018, examining legal issues in France, Spain, the Balkans, India, Saudi Arabia, and Cameroon.

On February 13, 2018, Alice Sahel-Azagury, Ines Soumhi, and Manon Troin discussed the state of emergency in France, Idalidia Torres Camacho spoke about issues of due process in Spain, John Cencich recounted his experiences as a war crimes investigator in the former Yugoslavia, and Anshuman Jaswal spoke about the recent constitutional crisis in India. On April 5, 2018, Abdulrahman Almuhaydib and Rahaf Zaini provided an overview of recent changes in Saudi Arabian law, and Patrick Dongmo Tsague compared the U.S. and Cameroonian approaches to democracy and the rule of law. ■



Alice Sahel-Azagury and Manon Troin



Anshuman Jaswal

Fulbright Chair Francesca Ragno Speaks

On March 13, 2018, Professor Francesca Ragno of the School of Law of the University of Verona, Italy, spoke on "The European Approach to Choice of Court Agreements." In her talk, Professor Ragno discussed the special characteristics of choice of court agreements in the EU, and the potential impact of Brexit on such agreements. Professor Ragno graduated in law with honors at the University of Bologna and received her PhD degree from the University of Verona. Her teaching and scholarship span private international law, European law, international commercial law, and international arbitration. She was a Visiting Distinguished Fulbright Chair at the University of Pittsburgh during the spring semester of 2018, during



Francesca Ragno addresses students and guests in Pitt Law's Alcoa Room.

which time she taught an innovative cross-school course on European law, open to both undergraduates and Pitt Law students. ■



Participants in Bahrain Vis Pre-Moot and conference at the Royal University for Women

CILE Hosts President of the Royal University for Women of Bahrain

On March 22, 2018, CILE and Pitt's University Center for International Studies welcomed to campus Dr. Mazin Jumaah, the president of the Royal University for Women of Bahrain. During his visit, Dr. Mazin met with CILE Executive Director Richard Thorpe, Associate Dean Haider Hamoudi, and Dean William Carter, as well as hearing an LLM student's perspective on Pitt Law from Rahaf Zaini (LLM '18). He also met with Dr. Ariel Armony, vice provost for international affairs, and with the directors of several of the area centers within the University Center for International Studies. Dr. Mazin's visit continued a history of collaboration between CILE and the Royal University for Women, in particular with respect to the training of their teams for the Willem C. Vis International



Dean William Carter, Dr. Mazin Jumaah, and Associate Dean Haider Hamoudi

Commercial Arbitration Moot. During February 2018, the Royal University for Women hosted 8th Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot, in which CILE Academic Director Professor Ronald Brand led the training in oral advocacy. ■

CILE and University of Verona Cosponsor Vicenza Summer School

CILE once again cosponsored the weeklong Summer School in Transnational Commercial Agreements, Litigation and Arbitration, in Vicenza, Italy, on June 4-8, 2018. The program, designed for practicing lawyers, was codirected by Professor Marco Torsello of the University of Verona and Professor Ronald Brand of Pitt Law, and included the following speakers: Isabella Bdoian (Whirlpool Corp.- EMEA), Massimo Benedettelli (University of Bari), Ronald A. Brand (University of Pittsburgh), Serena Corongiu (Lawyer, Representative, AIGA and AIJA), Francesco Cortesi (Judge, Italian Supreme Court), Charles De Monaco (Fox Rothschild, Italy-America Chamber of Commerce), Aldo Frignani (University of Turin), Chiara Giovannucci Orlandi (University of Bologna), Paul Herrup (Department of Justice, USA), David Hickton (University of Pittsburgh), Federica Iovene (Public Prosecutor, Court of Bolzano) Luigi Pavanello (PLLC, ABA International Law Commission), Fausto Pocar (University of Milan, Judge at the International Court of Justice), Francesca Ragno (University of Verona), Dawne Sepanski Hickton (Former CEO, RTI International Metals), Marco Torsello (University of Verona), Matteo Winkler (University. HEC Paris). The weeklong program allowed Pennsylvania attorneys to obtain up to 24 CLE credits. A number of Pitt Law graduates took advantage of this opportunity, enjoying both the presentations and the wonderful surroundings of Vicenza. ■



Vicenza Panel: (l to r, seated: Paul Herrup and Fausto Pocar; standing: Francesca Ragno, Ronald Brand, Marco Torsello, and Massimo Benedettelli)

CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR PITT LAW'S INTERNATIONAL VIS MOOT TEAMS

The past year brought strong performances by the three international moot teams supported by CILE: our Vis Moot team (as well as our Pitt Consortium partners), our Jessup team, and our LLM international arbitration team. ■

Pitt Law at the Vis

This year's Pitt Law team at the Willem Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot consisted of Christian Kegel (Class of 2018), Jared Quinn (Class of 2019), Elizabeth Taylor (Class of 2019), and Nicholas Wertz (Class of 2019). The Pitt Law team's general round scores were the 14th highest among the 362 teams from nearly 80 countries participating in this year's competition in Vienna. This advanced them to the round of 64, where they defeated the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, India. In the round of 32, Pitt lost a close match to Cambridge University (who went on to argue in the final round). Only three U.S. teams advanced to the round of 32, and all three were eliminated at that stage. The teams were from Harvard, Columbia, and Pitt Law.

As in years past, the hard work of our team at the Vienna competition was the culmination of a range of activities supported by CILE over the preceding months. Immediately prior to the Vis competition, Pitt's team participated in practice moots in Zagreb, Belgrade, and Vienna with teams from the Pitt Consortium, combining their own preparation with assistance to teams from across southeastern Europe and the MENA/Gulf region. They were assisted at the Vienna pre-moot by 2017 Pitt Vis team member Robbie Cimmino (Class of 2019) and Janet Checkley, (JD '14). Pitt Consortium teams from Zagreb and Belgrade both advanced to the round of 64 at the Vis, and Zenica advanced to the round of 16—a remarkable achievement for the first team from Bosnia ever to advance from the general rounds. ■



The Pitt Vis team with Professors Brand and Flechtner



Pitt Consortium members at the final banquet in Vienna



The 2018 Pitt Law Jessup team in DC, l to r: Shuck, Conner, Kotlyarska, Kemp, Niznansky, and Thorpe

Pitt Law Returns to the Jessup

After a year without a participating team, Pitt Law fielded a team for the 2018 Jessup International Law Moot that combined members of both the JD and LLM classes. This year's team was comprised of oralists Ewelina Kemp (LLM '16, JD '18), Olha Kotlyarska (LLM '18), and Jonathan Niznansky (JD '18), with research and desk counsel Scott Conner (Class of 2019) and Matthew Shuck (JD '18).

The team participated in the Mid-Atlantic Regional rounds of the Jessup competition on February 9 through 11, 2018, held at the George Washington University School of Law in Washington, D.C. The team advanced to the quarter-finals, ranking sixth out of the 18 participating teams in the general rounds, before falling to Harvard in a split decision. ■

Reflections on the Jessup Experience

Following this year's Jessup Mid-Atlantic Regional, CILE Executive Director and Jessup coach Richard Thorpe spoke with Pitt Law's oralists about the moot and what they drew from it:

Olha Kotlyarska: It was very challenging. Of course, you cannot anticipate and expect every question that comes your way. But the regional rounds were very different from the practice ones, because the people there not only practice international law, they're extensively engaged in a very detailed, specific area of that law. In one of our rounds, there was a man who actually deals with the questions of nuclear weapons on a daily basis, so naturally his questions were very specific.

Jonathan Niznansky: [The Vis and the Jessup] are definitely very different experiences. [Niznansky was a member of the Pitt Law 2017 Vis Moot team.] One of the big differences I noticed was that Jessup [participants] were really concerned with winners and losers—in a way, I think the Vis is much more of a

pedagogical exercise. In the Vis, I felt like presentation was worth a lot—how well you were prepared to speak, and how quickly you could respond to the questions, and how effectively you could respond. Whereas in the Jessup I felt, particularly in the advanced rounds, that they were really probing substantive knowledge, and your ability to present that knowledge was less important. Not that [our competitors] weren't good speakers, but [the judges] really wanted to see how well you knew international law and how it all hung together, rather than how well you could present an argument you had prepared.

Ewelina Kemp: I definitely improved my public speaking skills. In preparation for the Jessup, we needed to practice a lot. We had numerous two hour practice sessions where we presented our arguments. Practicing a lot improved my presentation, my eye contact in relation to the judges, and how I incorporated the feedback I was getting afterward. So it was really a learning experience for me. ■

Semifinalist and Best Oralist Honors at the LLM International Arbitration Moot

On April 12-14, 2018, a team of Pitt Law LLM students participated in the Seventh Annual LLM International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition at American University in Washington, D.C. Oralists Olha Kotlyarska (LLM '18), Arnela Maglic (LLM '18), and Rahaf Zaini (LLM '18) were assisted by research counsel Yazeed Al-Begaishy (LLM '18). The team advanced from the general rounds with the highest score of any of the 14 teams participating. They then faced a double-header of teams from UC Berkeley, defeating one of the two Berkeley teams in the quarter-finals only to lose a close decision to the other Berkeley team in the semi-finals (with that team going on to win the finals). Team member Arnela Maglic was awarded the title of Best Oralist, recognizing her as the highest scoring oralist to have argued both sides of the case in the general rounds. ■



The Pitt Law LLM Arbitration team: (nearest to farthest) Olha Kotlyarska, Arnela Maglic, and Rahaf Zaini



Arnela Maglic received the Best Oralist award.



Ramsey Coates, Monica Deoras, and Natasa Lalatovic (LLM '08)

CILE Remembers Ramsey Coates

Long-time CILE Advisory Board member and collaborator F. Ramsey Coates passed away on June 1, 2018. Mr. Coates developed a passion for international law early in his legal career. He came to Pittsburgh in 1976 to join Westinghouse Electric Corporation in order to pursue this interest. In 1978 Westinghouse appointed him as Counsel for Europe, and he and his family relocated to Brussels, Belgium, for two years. Mr. Coates subsequently was named Chief Counsel for Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, and ultimately became Westinghouse Senior Vice President and General Counsel from 1997 through his retirement in 2011.

Mr. Coates was an early and active participant in CILE's work. He spoke at CILE conferences on issues of international commercial law, including a joint presentation with Professor Brand on ethical issues in

international contracts at the 10th Anniversary Symposium on the Convention for the International Sale of Goods, which CILE hosted in October 1997, and a presentation in 2006 at the CILE/Arent Fox Conference on the Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization. He also spoke on a number of occasions to students, including in Professor Brand's International Business Transactions course. He was an early member of the CILE Advisory Board, and was instrumental in the many contributions made by Westinghouse to CILE's development, including not only financial support but employee presentations to students, assistance with moot court programs, helpful advice on many issues, and sponsoring summer internships for LLM graduates. (See the box below.) He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all associated with CILE. ■

Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Recipients for 2018-19

Nicholas Bencsics

Portuguese (Center for Latin American Studies)

Robbie Cimmino*

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (Center for Russian & East European Studies)

Jayne Lester

Arabic (Global Studies Center)

*Joint GSPIA / Law degree candidate, nominated through GSPIA

Nordenberg Summer Internship Fellowship Recipients

Allison Bustin

USAID Property Rights Program, Pristina, Kosovo

Jonathan Churchin

Parliament of Kosovo, Office of Vjosa Osmani, Pristina, Kosovo

Robbie Cimmino

Law firm of Kranovic & Nikolic, Belgrade, Serbia

Brittany de Hoyos

Legal Aid Clinic of Eldoret, Eldoret, Kenya

Austin Koltonowski

A.O. Ouerfelli Attorney & Counsels, Tunis, Tunisia

Sarah Pybus-Elmore

USAID Justice System Strengthening Program, Pristina, Kosovo

Nicholas Weltz

A.O. Ouerfelli Attorney & Counsels, Tunis, Tunisia

Christopher Yon

Institute of European Studies, Brussels, Belgium

Megan Yvorra

Democracy Plus, Pristina, Kosovo

CILE Summer Fellowship Recipients

Melinda Bonish

Tulane Maritime Law Summer Program in Greece

Allison Bustin

USAID Property Rights Program, Pristina, Kosovo

Batkhuu Dashnyam

Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne LLM

Sarah Pybus-Elmore

USAID Justice System Strengthening Program, Pristina, Kosovo

The Ramsey Coates Legacy: Pitt LLM Internships at Westinghouse

Ni Zhu (1999)

Liu Tanhuai (2000)

Daniil Fedorchuk (2001)

Milena Milutinovic (2002)

Vincent Mutai (2003)

Lucia Ostoni (2004)

Natasa Lalatovic (2008)

Lithemba Velleman (2009)

Olga Dmytriyeva (2010)

Myroslava Savchuck (2010)

In Memoriam: Lawrence McCabe

Long-time CILE Advisory Board member Lawrence McCabe (JD '60) passed away on July 1, 2018, at the age of 82. Mr. McCabe served in the Army after his graduation from Pitt Law, and then returned to Pittsburgh as an in-house counsel with Duquesne Light. He joined

the legal department at H.J. Heinz Co. in 1965, where he rose to become Senior Vice President and General Counsel. He was an active member of the CILE Advisory Board in its early years and provided special advice to Professor Brand on a number of occasions. ■

LLMs Receive Academic Awards

At Pitt Law, LLM students take the vast majority of their classes side by side with our JD students. Although most are conducting their studies in a second or third language, they are given no special consideration in grading—the grading curve for any course applies to JD and LLM students collectively and without distinction. It is thus a measure of the high quality of Pitt Law’s LLM students that they regularly win academic awards open to the full student body, and the 2018 academic year was no exception:

Faculty Awards for Excellence in Legal Scholarship

Benedikt Reissnecker: Law & Economics Seminar, Professor Oh

Rebecca Stocklein: Law & Economics Seminar, Professor Oh

CALI Awards

One is awarded in each course or section to the student receiving the highest grade

Fall 2017:

Juliet Astbury, Introduction to American Law

Spring 2018:

Juliet Astbury, Constitutional Law

John Cencich, Legal Analysis & Writing

Manon Troin, Legal Analysis & Writing

Rahaf Zaini, Copyright Law

Cum Laude Graduates

Juliet Astbury

Anshuman Jaswal

LLM Internships

CILE has been fortunate to have had the opportunity to assist many of its LLM students in obtaining internships in Pittsburgh and elsewhere in the United States for the summer following their year of study. The internships allow a practical perspective following the year of academic study, and foster lasting relationships between the graduates and their hosts. The interns from Pitt Law’s LLM Class of 2018 and their hosts this year included:

Yazeed Albegaishy.....Robert Creo, Esq.

Patrick Dongmo Carmeuse Lime & Stone

Arnela Maglic.....Obermeyer Rebhoff

Orsolya Molnar.....Matthews, Inc.

Bisan Nemer US Steelworkers

Rahaf Zaini.....Sherrard, German & Kelly

Retirements Demonstrate International Contributions of Professors Branson and Flechtner

Two faculty retirements in June 2018 will leave big shoes to fill in terms of contributions to the international education of Pitt Law students, the programs at Pitt Law, and legal education around the world.



Professor Doug Branson with colleagues at the 2003 CILE/Donetsk National University Seminar on Law Firm Management in Crimea

Professor Douglas Branson completed 44 years of teaching, 22 of them at Pitt Law. He was a constant source of support for students interested in international careers. An expert in corporate governance, he regularly taught courses in that field abroad. He never hesitated to take on supervision of SJD candidates, regularly spoke to the LLM class on corporate law issues, and participated in CILE programs abroad on a regular basis.



Professor Harry Flechtner plays at the Vis opening ceremony. Photo courtesy of the Association for the Organization and Promotion of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Professor Harry Flechtner completed 34 years of teaching, all at Pitt Law. His scholarship on the U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, including taking over the Honnold treatise on the CISG, made him one of the world’s leading authorities on the CISG. He coached many successful Pitt Law teams in the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, helped both JD and LLM students gain publication of the papers they wrote for his International Sales Seminar, and supervised SJD candidates. He may be best known, however, for being the master of the three minute song on international commercial law, complete with footnotes (see: www.cisgsong.info), and for his annual musical performances at the opening Vis Moot ceremonies (easily found on Youtube). ■



Several members of the Pitt Law LLM Class of 2019 at Fallingwater

LLM Class of 2019

Abdulrahman Almuhaydib (Saudi Arabia) received his Bachelor of Laws degree from King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in 2015. He has been a faculty member at the Institute of Public Administration in Riyadh, where he taught courses in law. Prior to that, he worked as a legal researcher for the National Society for Human Rights in Riyadh. He is the recipient of a fellowship from the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission.

Amer Abu-Sham (Jordan) received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Jordan in Amman, Jordan, in 2018. He participated on the University of Jordan Vis Moot team in the 2017 competition, and worked as a volunteer in the University's legal affairs department. He has also worked as a translator and interpreter. He is the recipient of a University Center for International Studies Fellowship and of a Franklin West Housing Scholarship.

John Cencich (United States) received his Master of Laws degree from Kent Law School in Canterbury, England, in 2002, and a Doctor of Juridical Sciences degree in international human rights law from the University of Notre Dame Law School in South Bend, Indiana, in 2008. He is a Professor of Criminology at California University of Pennsylvania, and previously worked as an international war crimes investigator for the UN Office of the Prosecutor in The Hague, Netherlands. He has also worked as a Special Agent for the Commonwealth of Virginia. His publications include his book *The Devil's Garden: A War Crime Investigator's Story*.

Pascal Cloppenburg (Germany) is a student at the faculty of law of the University of Augsburg in Augsburg, Germany. He was selected by the University of Augsburg to participate in the Pitt Law–Augsburg exchange for the 2018-19 academic year.

Andris Dimants (Latvia) received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2015, and his Master of Laws degree in 2017, both from the University of Latvia in Riga, Latvia. He most recently has worked as a junior associate in the Cobalt law firm in Riga, and has also worked as an arbitrator with the Academic Arbitration Court of the University of Latvia, and as an assistant to a Member of the Latvian Parliament. He participated on the University of Latvia Vis Moot teams for both the 2016 and 2017 competitions. He is the recipient of a Fulbright fellowship for 2018-19.

Emmanuel Erdreich (France) received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Pantheon-Assas University in 2016, and his Master of Laws degrees in Business Law and Financial Law from the University of Paris I–Pantheon/Sorbonne in 2017 and 2018 respectively. He was selected by the Sorbonne to participate in their exchange with Pitt Law for the 2018-19 academic year. He has interned with law firms in Paris and elsewhere in France, with a particular focus on business law.

Alija Genjac (Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)) received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Sarajevo in Sarajevo, BiH, in 2018. He participated on that University's Vis Moot team during the 2018 competition. He

has interned for the Supreme Court of BiH as well as for law firms in Sarajevo. He is the recipient of a University Center for International Studies Fellowship and a Franklin West Housing Scholarship.

Samira Gomes Ribeiro (Brazil) received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the Universidade Paulista in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 2003, and received a certificate in Economic and Corporate Law from the Fundação Getulio Vargas law school in Sao Paulo in 2008. She was most recently the Legal Manager of Tetra Pak for its operations in Brazil and Paraguay, and before that was the Brazilian Legal Manager for Dow Chemical.

Nadine Hafaitha (Palestine) received her Bachelor of Laws degree from An-Najah National University in Nablus, Palestine, in 2017. During her studies there, she participated in the University's team for the Jessup International Law Moot Competition during 2016 and 2017, leading her team to a first-place national placing and competing in the international rounds in Washington, D.C. She is the recipient of a Palestinian Rule of Law fellowship from the Open Society Foundation.

Khawla Mraydi (Tunisia) received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis, University of Carthage, in 2016, and her Master of Laws in Common Law from that same institution in 2018. She participated in the Willem C. Vis Moot pre-moot competition in Bahrain and the Vis Moot in Vienna in 2018. She has worked as

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a communications manager for a civil society NGO and as a sponsoring manager for Junior Enterprises of Tunisia. She is the recipient of a Heinz Fellowship for 2018-19.

Dmytro Omelchak (Ukraine) received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Yaroslav the Wise National Law University in Kyiv, Ukraine, in 2016, and his Master of Laws degree from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (TSNU), Ukraine, in 2018. He participated on the TSNU 2017 Vis Moot team, and interned in the Parliament of Canada during fall 2017 as part of the Canada-Ukrainian Parliamentary Program. He has also interned with law firms in Kyiv, and with a district office of the Prosecutor's Office of Ukraine. He is the recipient of a Fulbright fellowship for 2018-19.

Dafina Osmani (Kosovo) received her Bachelor of Laws degree from UBT College in Pristina, Kosovo, in 2016, and represented ILIRIA College in the 2018 Vis Moot competition. Her professional experience includes work as a legal expert for the World Bank in Kosovo under the auspices of the Prime Minister's Legal Office, and as a trainee with the law firm of Ramaj & Palushi through the Kosovo Bar Association, as well as an intern with the Basic Court of Pristina.

Antoine Reco (France) received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nantes in 2016; a Master of Laws from the University of Nantes in 2017 as a full-year Erasmus exchange student at Southampton Law School in the United Kingdom; a Certificate of Achievement in Global Business Law and Governance in 2018 from a joint program of Paris I–Pantheon/Sorbonne, Sciences Po and Columbia Law School; and a Master of Laws from the University of Paris I–Pantheon/Sorbonne in 2018. He was selected by the Sorbonne to participate in their exchange with Pitt Law for the 2018–19 academic year.

Alice Sahel-Azagury (France) received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Paris XI in 2005, and received her Master of Business Law, Graduate Degree in Business Law, and Graduate Degree in Management from the same university in 2005, 2007, and 2008 respectively. She has worked as Senior Contracts Analyst–International at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), and as in-house counsel at Group POMONA in Europe, where she advised the company on M&A, corporate law, real estate, and other legal affairs.

Rayssa Borges Soares (Brazil) received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Goiás, Brazil, in 2017. She has worked as an intern with the 12th Civil Court of the State of Goiás and the 2nd Court for Malicious Crimes Against Life of the State of Goiás. She also volunteered with the legal clinic of the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Goiás, which provides pro bono services in a wide range of civil and criminal matters.

Pitt Law Augsburg Exchange (single semester)

Jonas Volk (Germany) is a student in the faculty of law of the University of Augsburg in Augsburg, Germany. He was chosen by the University of Augsburg to participate in the Pitt Law–Augsburg exchange for the 2018-19 academic year. During the fall of 2017, he worked as an intern with the district court of Landsberg, Germany.

SJD Students, 2018–19

New SJD Students

Iva Grgic (Croatia) received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zagreb, Croatia, in 2013, and her LLM degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 2014. Before returning to Pitt Law, she worked in Zagreb as an associate with Bardek, Lisac, Mušec, Skoko in cooperation with CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz. Her work experience includes a post-LLM degree internship with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, and internships with Law Office Lipovscaj and with Wolf Theiss, both in Zagreb. She was the coach of Pitt Law's 2015 Jessup Moot team, which won first place honors for its memorial submissions. Her dissertation advisor will be Professor Brand.

Shadi Hanna Shahoud (Syria) received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2004 from Damascus University and his LLM degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 2016. Before leaving Syria for the U.S. after the start of the Syrian civil war, performed two years of bar program practice with the Syrian Bar Association in Homs and at the Hanna Shahoud Law Office, and then was a partner with the Hanna & Shadi Shahoud Law Firm in Homs, working as a banking and insurance lawyer and also practicing in the area of real estate law. His dissertation advisor will be Professor Hamoudi. ■


Continuing SJD Students

Sulaiman Almualllem (Saudi Arabia) is writing his dissertation on the U.S. discovery process and its potential adaptation to the Saudi civil procedure system. His dissertation advisor is Professor Jasmin Gonzales Rose. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in 2010, and an LLM from Indiana University's Maurer School of Law in 2016. He has worked as a lecturer in the Faculty of Law of King Abdulaziz University and as a teaching assistant in the College of Law of Taibah University in Medina, Saudi Arabia.

Mais Haddad (Syria) is writing her dissertation on legal discrimination against religious, ethnic, and other minorities in the different nation states of the Middle East. Her dissertation advisor is Professor Haider Hamoudi. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Damascus in Syria in 2004, an LLM in International Law from the University of Damascus in 2008, and her Master of Arts in International Politics from the City University London in 2009. Haddad received a Chevening Scholarship from the Foreign Commonwealth Office of Britain in 2008. She has worked as a financial and investment advisor, and was a practicing attorney in Damascus from 2004 through 2013.

Oday Mahmoud (Iraq) is writing his dissertation on the electoral systems in Iraq and the United States and their respective compliance with international standards. His dissertation advisor is Professor Haider Hamoudi. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Mosul in Iraq in 1999, a master's degree in public and administrative law from the University of Mosul in 2006, and his LLM from Penn State in 2016. He was a Deputy Commissioner of the Independent High Electoral Commission in Iraq from 2008 through 2013, and has worked as a teaching assistant at the University of Mosul and at Al Iraqi University in Baghdad, Iraq.

Vincent Mutai (Kenya) is writing his dissertation on the law of parallel importation of pharmaceutical products into the East Africa Community Common Market. His dissertation advisor is Professor Ronald Brand. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, in 2000; his LLM from Pitt Law in 2003; and an MBA from Point Park University in Pittsburgh in 2006. He has been the head of the Department of Commercial Law at Moi



University School of Law and Acting University/ Corporation Secretary for Moi University. He is a Founding Director of the Legal Aid Clinic of Eldoret (LACE) and Director of the National Legal Aid Service of Kenya.

Doris Toyou (Cameroon) is writing her dissertation a comparative study of the legal protections for private equity investors in the United States and Europe. Her dissertation advisor is Professor Douglas Branson. She received her master's degree in international economic law from the University of Paris I—Panthéon/Sorbonne in 1999, and her LLM from Boston University in 2003. She has worked as a legal analyst with JPMorgan Chase in New York City, and has also worked in legal, due diligence, and compliance positions with Sullivan & Cromwell, Bank of America, Goldman Sachs, and others.

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

Three New SJD Graduates

The past year saw three of Pitt Law's SJD candidates successfully complete and defend their dissertations. These new members of the community of legal scholars were:

Hisham Ababneh (Jordan) defended his dissertation on "A Model BIT for Development: The Example of Jordan" on October 3, 2017. His dissertation supervisor was Professor Ronald Brand.

Ohud Alzahrani (Saudi Arabia) defended her dissertation on "Law in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and How It Compares to the International Standards Set by the Hague Convention on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Inter-Country Adoption" on February 8, 2018. Her dissertation supervisor was Professor Sheila Vélez Martínez.

Zvenyslava Opeida (Ukraine) defended her dissertation on "Strengthening the WTO Subsidies Regime" on August 30, 2017. Her dissertation supervisor was Professor Ronald Brand. ■

Visiting Scholars, 2018–2019

Michal Araszkievic (Poland) is an adjunct professor in the Department of Legal Theory of Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, where he is a member of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution. He earned his doctorate in law from Jagiellonian University in 2010. His research interests include the theory of legal argumentation, and applications of artificial intelligence methods in relation to law and legal methodology. While at Pitt Law, he will focus on issues of privacy and data protection. He will be in residence with CILE from June 2019 through September 2019.

Jana Duračinska (Slovakia) is an Assistant Professor and Vice Dean for International Relations in the Faculty of Law of Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. Her research at Pitt will focus on the duty of loyalty as a standard for directors and shareholders. She received her bachelors, masters, and Ph.D. degrees from Comenius University in 1994, 2006, and 2013 respectively. Before joining the Faculty of Law of Comenius University in 2013, she practiced law first with a private law firm in Bratislava, focusing on commercial and business law, and then as in-house counsel for a leading Slovak construction firm. She will be in residence with CILE from August 2018 through December 2018, and will be supported by a fellowship from Pitt's Nationality Rooms.

Lin Duan (China) is a lecturer in international law at the Northwest University of Political Science and Law (NUPSL) in Xi'an, China, where she is also the Vice Dean of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Incubation and Education Institute. Her current research concerns issues of strategic trade and investment facilitation in connection with China's One Belt One Road initiative. She received her Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws degrees from NUPSL in 2002 and 2008 respectively. She is in residence with CILE from March 2018 through March 2019.

Yanfeng Ma (China) is a graduate student in the School of Humanities, Economics and Law at Northwestern Polytechnical University in Xi'an, China, where she is studying civil and commercial law. Her research while at Pitt will focus on the law of international construction contracts in the U.S. She received her bachelors degree in journalism in 2011, and has worked both as a reporter and as a local prosecutor.

She will be in residence with CILE from October 2018 through February 2019.

Faezeh Manteghi (Iran) is a PhD candidate in Criminal Law and Criminology at the Faculty of Law and Political Science of the University of Tehran, Iran. Her research focuses on the role of Islamist groups in the codification of criminal law in Muslim-majority countries. She received her Bachelor of Laws and her Master of Criminal Law and Criminology degrees from the University of Tehran in 2012 and 2014 respectively. She will be in residence with CILE from September 2018 through February 2019.

Walter F. Salles (Brazil) is a Professor of Philosophy of Law in the law faculty of the Pontifical Catholic University of Campinas in Brazil, where he is also a professor in the philosophy and religious studies faculties. His research will focus on the subject of the interrelationship of love and justice, with a particular engagement with the work of Paul Ricoeur, whose work is also central to the scholarship of Pitt Law's Professor George Taylor (with whom Professor Salles will consult during his time in residence). Professor Salles received his doctorate in religious studies from the Methodist University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 2006, and a post-doctoral degree in philosophy from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2010. He is in residence with CILE from January 2018 through December 2018.

Mei Shen (China) is a graduate student in the law department of Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU) in Xi'an, China, where her research concerns engineering contracting and dispute resolution. While in Pittsburgh, her research will focus on dispute resolution in international project contracting in America. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree from NPU in 2016. She is in residence with CILE from June 2018 through December 2018.

Guansheng Yang (China) is a doctoral candidate at the China University of Political Science & Law in Beijing, China. His research will focus on the enforcement of international mediated settlement agreements. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from the Southwest University of Political Science & Law in Chongqing, China, in 2014, and his Master of Laws degree from Sun Yat-sen University School of Law in Guangzhou, China, in 2017. He will be in residence with CILE from October 2018 through October 2019.

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Lu Yang (China) is a doctoral candidate at the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in Beijing, China, where he is working on the topic of "The Boundaries of Treaty-based Arbitral Authority." He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from CUPL in 2009 and an LLM in International Law from CUPL in 2012. He has worked as a case manager with the Beijing Arbitration Commission, and has published several articles on international commercial arbitration. He is in residence with CILE from October 2017 through September 2018.

Kussain Yerden (Kazakhstan) is Vice President of Nazarbaev University in Astana, Kazakhstan, and a lecturer in intellectual property law at the Kazakh Humanities and Law University, also in Astana. While in Pittsburgh, his research will focus on two themes relevant to his current position: the regulation of research collaborations by U.S. universities, and the legal framework by which U.S. universities license IP startups. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Kazakh State Law Academy in Almaty, Kazakhstan, in 2001, his LLM degree from Duke University School of Law in 2004, an MSc in Public Policy and Administration from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2009, and an Executive LLM in International Business Law from Boston University School of Law in 2016. He will be in residence with CILE from January 2019 through May 2019.

Chen Yu (China) is a doctoral candidate at Renmin University in Beijing, China, where he is working on the topic of Anti-Bribery Supervision over Transnational Commercial Practices. He received his Master of Business Laws degree from the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing in 2005, and his Bachelor of Technology and Engineering degree from the LiaoNing Institute of Technology in JinZhou, China, in 1993. He has worked as a foreign investment and corporate law attorney with the Beijing Maxpro Law Firm. He is in residence with CILE from October 2017 through August 2018. ■



2018-19 UCIS Fellows Amer Abu-Sham and Alija Genjac



2018-19 Heinz Fellow Khawla Mraydi and Global Studies Center Associate Director Veronica Dristas

Making the LLM Year Possible: Thanks to Our Fellowship Sponsors

Over CILE's history, friends in Pittsburgh and around the world have provided fellowships that have made LLM study at Pitt Law possible for students who otherwise would not have been able to attend. Students receiving this support are most appreciative of the invaluable assistance their fellowship providers have made towards their education. Students and their fellowship providers for the LLM Classes of 2019 and 2018 are:

	Class of 2019	Class of 2018
University Center for International Studies	Amer Abu-Sham Alija Genjac	Olha Kotlyarska Arnela Maglic
UCIS Global Studies Center Heinz Fellowship	Khawla Mraydi	Olha Kotlyarska
Russian and East European Studies Center		Arnela Maglic
Franklin West Housing Scholarship	Amer Abu-Sham Alija Genjac	Arnela Maglic Rahaf Zaini
Fulbright Fellowship Program	Andris Dimants Dmytro Omelchak	
Kosovo Transformational Leadership Program		Taulant Hodaj
Palestinian Rule of Law Program	Nadine Haditha	Bisan Nemer

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Yazeed Al-Begaishy (LLM Class of 2018) was a research member of Pitt Law's team for the 7th LLM International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition at American University in Washington, D.C., in April 2018.

Melinda Bonish (Class of 2019) received a CILE Fellowship to support her study in the Tulane Maritime Law Summer Program in Greece during the summer of 2018.

Allison Bustin (Class of 2020) received a 2018 Nordenberg Summer Internship Fellowship and a 2018 CILE Fellowship to support her internship with the USAID Property Rights Program in Pristina, Kosovo, during the summer of 2018.

Jonathon Churchin (Class of 2019) received a 2018 Nordenberg Summer Internship Fellowship to support his internship with Member of Parliament Vjosa Osmani in Pristina, Kosovo, during the summer of 2018.

Robbie Cimmino (Class of 2019) helped administer the Pitt Consortium's Vis pre-moot in Vienna in April 2017, and assisted Pitt Consortium teams during the Vis moot. He received a 2018 Nordenberg Summer Internship Fellowship to support his internship with the law firm of Kanovic & Nikolic in Belgrade, Serbia, during the summer of 2018.

Scott Conner (Class of 2019) was desk counsel for Pitt Law's 2018 Jessup team, which advanced to the quarter-finals of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Rounds in Washington, D.C., before falling to the Harvard team.

Batkhoo Dashnyam (Class of 2019) received a CILE Fellowship to support his studies at Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne during the 2018-19 academic year.

Brittany de Hoyos (Class of 2020) received a Nordenberg Summer Internship Fellowship to support her internship with the Legal Aid Clinic of Eldoret in Eldoret, Kenya, during the summer of 2018.

Kevin Huber (Class of 2018) was a member of Pitt Law's team at the 2018 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria. (See the full article about this year's Vis team on page 15.)

Ewelina Kemp (Class of 2018) was an oralist for Pitt Law's 2018 Jessup team, which advanced to the quarter-finals of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Rounds in Washington, D.C., before falling to the Harvard team.

Austin Koltonowski (Class of 2020) received a Nordenberg Summer Internship Fellowship to support his internship with the law firm of A.O. Ouerfelli Attorney & Counsels in Tunis, Tunisia, during the summer of 2018.

Olha Kotlyarska (LLM Class of 2018) was a member of Pitt Law's teams at two moot competitions this year. In February, she argued for the Pitt Law Jessup team at the regional rounds in Washington, D.C., where the team advanced to the quarterfinals. Olha was also a member of the Pitt Law team at the 7th LLM International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition at American University in Washington, D.C., in April 2018, advancing to the semi-final round.

Kelvin Isom (Class of 2019) received a CILE fellowship to support his participation in the Augsburg Summer Program during the summer of 2018 (see our article on page 12).

Arnela Maglic (LLM Class of 2018) was a member of Pitt Law's team at the 7th LLM International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition at American University in Washington, D.C., in April 2018, advancing to the semi-final round. Arnela was awarded the Best Oralist title for her performance at the moot.

Jonathan Niznansky (Class of 2018) was an oralist for Pitt Law's 2018 Jessup team, which advanced to the quarter-finals of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Rounds in Washington, D.C., before falling to the Harvard team.

Katherine Podvorec (Class of 2020) received a CILE fellowship to support her participation in the Augsburg Summer Program during the summer of 2018 (see our article on page 12).

Sarah Pybus-Elmore (Class of 2020) received a Nordenberg Summer Internship Fellowship and a CILE Fellowship to support her internship with the USAID Justice System Strengthening Program in Pristina, Kosovo, during the summer of 2018. She also received a CILE fellowship to support her participation

in the Augsburg Summer Program during the summer of 2018 (see our article on page 12).

Jared Quinn (Class of 2019) was a member of Pitt Law's team at the 2018 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria. (See the full article about this year's Vis team on page 15.)

Matthew Shuck (Class of 2018) was desk counsel for Pitt Law's 2018 Jessup team, which advanced to the quarter-finals of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Rounds in Washington, D.C., before falling to the Harvard team.

Elizabeth Taylor (Class of 2019) was a member of Pitt Law's team at the 2018 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria. (See the full article about this year's Vis team on page 15.)

Nicholas Weltz (Class of 2019) was a member of Pitt Law's team at the 2018 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition in Vienna, Austria. (See the full article about this year's Vis team on page 15.) He received a Nordenberg Fellowship to support his internship at the law firm of A.O. Ouerfelli Attorney & Counsels in Tunis, Tunisia, during the summer of 2018.

Christopher Yon (Class of 2020) received a Nordenberg Fellowship to support his internship with the Institute of European Studies in Brussels, Belgium, during the summer of 2018.

Megan Yvorra (Class of 2020) received a Nordenberg Fellowship to support her internship with Democracy Plus (D+) in Pristina, Kosovo, during the summer of 2018.

Rahaf Zaini (LLM Class of 2018) was a member of Pitt Law's team at the 7th LLM International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition at American University in Washington, D.C., in April 2018, advancing to the semi-final round. ■

ALUMNI NEWS

Ammar Almuraee (LLM '16) is now working in the Institute of Consulting and Research Studies of Umm Al-Qura University in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Khalida Alshareif (LLM '17) gave birth to a baby boy in March 2018, and is working in Pittsburgh as an immigration paralegal with the law firm of Suzanne Susany, OSF.

Fahira Brodlija (LLM '17), following the conclusion of her post-graduation internship in Pittsburgh with Alcoa's Ethics and Compliance department, worked as an arbitration trainee at Aljazy & Co. in Jordan. She is currently working in Sarajevo as a legal officer for the

U.S. National Center for State Court's judicial education program in that country, focusing on a mock trial project for schools and universities.

Artem Hrytsak (LLM '15) has joined the Ukraine office of Veon (the world's sixth largest mobile telecom operator) as a Senior Compliance Manager.

Nika Rassadina (LLM '17) is a legal intern with McDermott Will and Emery in Frankfurt, Germany.

Drew Roberts (JD '15) joined the International Trade Administration's Office of Trade Agreements, Negotiations and Compliance as a Presidential Management Fellow and International Trade Specialist.

Todd Shenkin (JD '94) is the founder and managing director of TS2 Capital Advisors in New York City, a strategic advisor and consultant to emerging (and established) private fund managers, family offices, placement agents and investment banks.

Andrew Vogeler (JD '12) is an associate with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in their Wheeling, West Virginia, Global Operations Center, where he recently assisted with the formation of a fund to support sustainable fisheries-related enterprises in the Philippines and Indonesia. ■

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Faculty International and Comparative Law Publications

The following are publications by Pitt Law faculty that have appeared in the past year:

Ronald A. Brand, "Enforcement of Foreign Money Judgments in the United States: In Search of Uniformity and International Acceptance," 67 *Notre Dame Law Review* (2), 253-334, reprinted in *RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS*, chapter 5 (Linda J. Silberman and Franco Ferrari, eds., Edward Elgar Publishing 2017)

Ronald A. Brand, "The Continuing Evolution of US Judgments Recognition Law," 55 *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law* 276-342 (2017)

Pat K. Chew, "Opening the Red Door to Chinese Arbitrations: An Empirical Analysis of CIETAC Cases (1990-2000)," 22 *Harvard Negotiation Law Review* 241 (2017)

Haider Ala Hamoudi, "Book Review: Arguing Islam After the Revival of Arab Politics, by Nathan J. Brown," 33 *Journal of Law & Religion* 296 (2018).

Haider Ala Hamoudi, and Mark Cammack, "Islamic Law in Modern Courts (Introduction)," *Islamic Law in Modern Courts* (2018)

Matiangai V.S. Sirleaf, "Ebola Does Not Fall from the Sky: Structural Violence & International Responsibility," 51 *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* (2018)

Matiangai V.S. Sirleaf, "Not Your Dumping Ground: Criminalization of Trafficking in Hazardous Waste in Africa," 35 *Wisconsin International Law Journal* (2018) ■

International and Comparative Law SSRN Uploads and Statistics

The following are papers on international and comparative law topics uploaded by Pitt Law faculty to SSRN in the past year as part of the University of Pittsburgh Legal Studies Research Paper series (excluding papers already published and included in the above list):

Curran, Vivian Grosswald, *Comparative Law and Language Revisited* (October 17, 2017). Forthcoming, *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Law*, (ed.s, Mathias Reimann & Reinhard Zimmermann); U. of Pittsburgh Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2017-25. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3054746>

Curran, Vivian Grosswald, *US Discovery in a Transnational and Digital Age and the Increasing Need for Comparative Analysis* (April 4, 2018). Symposium contribution; *Akron Law Review* (forthcoming); U. of Pittsburgh Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2018-08. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3156556>

Brand, Ronald A., *Recognition of Foreign Judgments in China: The Liu Case and the 'Belt and Road' Initiative* (June 18, 2018). *Journal of Law and Commerce*, (forthcoming Fall 2018); U. of Pittsburgh Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2018-16. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3198312> ■



Professor Kevin Ashley

completed a month-long sabbatical visit in May 2018 at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Technical University of Munich (TUM), the University of Heidelberg

(U. Heidelberg) Faculty of Law, and the University of Ulm (U. Ulm), with support from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). He strengthened connections with research groups in machine-learning-based legal text analytics. He addressed more than 150 German students and academics in law, computer science, informatics, philosophy, and economics in presentations at these institutions.

Professor Ashley presented a series of research seminars and invited talks at KIT, including “Computationally Modeling Case-Based Legal Reasoning” at the Institute of Theoretical Informatics and “Argumentation with Value Judgments; An Example of Hypothetical Reasoning” and “Introducing Legal Hypotheses and Hypothetical Reasoning” at the Institute of Philosophy. His host, KIT Philosophy Professor Gregor Betz, and Professor Ashley discussed Professor Betz’s interest in deep annotation of policy arguments, which closely relates to Ashley’s focus on annotating texts of legal arguments and opinions. Professor Ashley’s research team at the University of Pittsburgh has developed GLOSS, a web-based annotation tool that is as convenient to use as highlighting texts on line, which he hopes law students will soon use in reading cases.

Professor Florian Matthes of the TUM Department of Informatics, program on Software Engineering for Business Information Systems, invited Professor Ashley to present a talk, “Semantic Analysis of Legal Texts: Challenges and Opportunities.” Two German law professors, Ekkehart Reimer of U. Heidelberg and Heribert Anzinger of U. Ulm Faculty of Law, have created a Doctoral Research Group in “Digital Law” (i.e., Promotionskolleg Digitales Recht) with Ph.D. students studying topics in Artificial Intelligence and Law. At their invitation, Professor Ashley presented talks on “Modeling Case-Based Legal Reasoning” at U. Ulm, and “Artificial Intelligence and Legal Practice” at U. Heidelberg.

Professor Ashley also presented an invited talk, “Legal Liability of Autonomous Systems and Implications for Norms-based Systems:

An Overview”, at the Dagstuhl Seminar on Normative Multi-Agent Systems and a keynote address entitled “Applying Text Analytics in the Legal Domain: Possibilities and Problems” at the Conference on Legal Aspects of Data Science, Tilburg University in the Netherlands. Finally, at the invitation of Professor Jorge Sanz of the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST), Professor Ashley presented a talk on “Legal Text Analytics or How Law Meets AI: Opportunities and Challenges”.



Professor Elena Baylis

moderated an October 20, 2017, panel on reconciliation at the Nuremberg Forum, an annual meeting hosted by the International Nuremberg

Principles Academy. This 10th Anniversary Forum reviewed developments in the field since the Nuremberg Declaration on Peace and Justice that emerged from the original Forum in 2007. The Forum was held in historic Courtroom 600, the location of the Nuremberg trials.

On October 24, 2017, Professor Baylis presented a work-in-progress paper, “Transnational Collaborations in Transitional Justice,” at a faculty workshop at Marquette University Law School. The paper will be published by Cambridge University Press as a chapter of a book edited by Harlan Cohen and Timothy Meyer in 2018.



Professor Ronald A.

Brand spoke on “International Commercial Arbitration: Key Considerations in Adopting Legal Frameworks” on June 21, 2017, at the

Singapore Cooperation Program International Dispute Resolution Training Program. The Program was organized by the Singapore Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA) and presented to 28 representatives from the Justice Ministries of 26 developing countries. One of the principal organizers of the program at SIDRA was Janet Checkley (JD ’15). While in Singapore, Professor Brand also held meetings with law and other faculty members at Singapore National University, Singapore Management University, and Nanyang Technological University.

On June 23, 2017, Professor Brand spoke on US Legal Education to students at the Ningbo University School of Law in Ningbo, China. On June 24, 2017, he spoke on “Drafting

Choice of Forum Clauses for International Contracts: The International Legal Framework for Arbitration and Litigation” at Ningbo University School of Law in Ningbo, China.

On September 23, 2017, Professor Brand spoke on “Determining Qualification for the Global Circulation of a Judgment under a Hague Judgments Convention,” at the “Global Forum on Private International Law,” in Wuhan, China, marking the 30th Anniversary of the China Society of Private International Law. He also moderated a panel on the Hague Judgments Convention Project.

On October 12-14, 2017, Professor Brand led a three-day training session for professors and coaches of Vis International Arbitration Moot teams from law schools from throughout the Middle East. The program was held at the Royal University for Women in Bahrain. Professors and coaches attending were from 28 law schools from Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, and Tunisia. Pitt Law alumna Janet Checkley (’14) assisted Professor Brand in the training sessions.

On October 20, 2017, Professor Brand spoke on “Challenges in Private International Law,” on a panel dedicated to private international law developments at the International Law Weekend hosted by the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA) in New York City. He also participated in the annual member of the Board of Directors of ABILA on October 21. On October 23, 2017, he led a three-hour “Dialogue with Members of the U.S. Delegation to the Hague Judgments Project,” at the NYU School of Law. The program was jointly sponsored by the NYU Center on Transnational Litigation, Arbitration and Commercial Law and the University of Pittsburgh Center for International Legal Education.

On November 23-17, 2017 Professor Brand participated as a member of the U.S. Delegation in the Third Special Commission on Judgments of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. The Special Commission prepared a draft text of a Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters. As part of the session, Professor Brand presented and discussed a Preliminary Document prepared with Ms. Cristina Mariottini (LLM ’11) on “Purposeful and Substantial Connection” requirements in provisions of the Convention text for purposes

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of determining the qualification of judgments for recognition and enforcement.

On February 16, 2018, Professor Brand chaired a discussion and provided the keynote address at a conference on “The Interplay Between Legal Education and the Practice of International Arbitration” at the University of the Holy Spirit of Kaslik (USEK) School of Law in Beirut Lebanon. He also met with and provided instruction to the USEK Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team. On February 19-23, Professor Brand led three days of student training, an Arbitrators’ Roundtable, and the 8th Annual Middle East Vis International Arbitration Pre-Moot. The event was held at the Royal University for Women (RUW) in Bahrain, and sponsored by RUW, the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Commerce Department, MENA Chambers, and CILE. Assisting were Janet Checkley (JD ’14) and Ali Al-Dabbagh (LLM ’15). Thomas Kraemer (JD ’90) was a coach for the American University of Afghanistan team, and Noora Al-Shamlin (LLM ’08) was a Pre-Moot arbitrator. Brand was an arbitrator in the final round, for which the winning team received the Ronald A. Brand award (a designation given to the award by CLDP).

On February 21, 2018, Professor Brand moderated a panel on “Interim Measures in Light of Article 17 of the Bahrain Arbitration Law,” at the Bahrain Judicial and Legal Studies Institute in Manama, Bahrain. The program was organized and sponsored by the International Chamber of Commerce Young Arbitrators’ Forum (ICCYAF).

On March 2, 2018, Professor Brand was one of ten law professors nationwide who submitted a Brief of Professors of International Litigation as amicus curiae in support of neither party with the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Animal Science Products, Inc. et al., v. Hebei Welcome Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.* The amicus brief argues that the Court should limit its decision to the question of whether the court of appeals erred in treating the Chinese Government’s representation regarding its own law as conclusive, thus focusing on how U.S. courts determine the content of foreign law, rather than on other issues considered by the court of appeals in its decision.

On March 15-20, 2018, Professor Brand and Professor Harry Flechtner accompanied the Pitt Law Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot team to Vienna for the 2017 Vis Competition. The Pitt team consisted of Christian Kegel, Jared Quinn, Elizabeth Taylor, and Nicholas Weltz. The team advanced to the

round of 32 from the original 364 teams from nearly 80 countries, losing to the University of Cambridge, which went on to the final round. In Vienna, as the Academic Director of CILE, Professor Brand hosted the Pitt Consortium of teams for a pre-moot at the offices of the CHSH law firm. The Pitt Consortium pre-moot teams included the University of Bahrain; University of Belgrade; Dar Al Hekma University, Saudi Arabia; Faculte des sciences juridiques politiques et sociales, Tunis, Tunisia; University of Jordan; Middle East University, Jordan; Kuwait International University; Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine; Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University; Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University - International Relations; Ukraine; Banja Luka University, Bosnia & Herzegovina; Sarajevo University, Bosnia & Herzegovina; University of Pittsburgh; University of Pristina, Kosovo; Qatar University; the Royal University for Women, Bahrain; Sarajevo University, Bosnia & Herzegovina; UAE University; University of Zagreb, Croatia; and the University of Zenica, Bosnia & Herzegovina.

On May 23, 2018, Professor Brand was one of a group of five persons who filed with the United States Supreme Court a Brief of Scholars and Practitioners as amicus curiae in support petitioners in the case of *World Progaming Ltd. v. SAS Institute, Inc.* The amicus brief argues that the Court should hear the case in order to determine that U.S. courts should apply federal law when determining whether to recognize and enforce a foreign judgment.

On June 4-8, 2018, Professor Brand lectured on Transnational issues in Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments and Developments in China on Recognition of Judgments at the Summer School on Transnational Commercial Agreements, Litigation, and Arbitration, in Vicenza, Italy. He also participated in a panel on the Hague Judgments Project: Current Status and Perspectives. The program was jointly sponsored by the University of Verona and Pitt Law’s Center for International Legal Education, and included the opportunity for Pennsylvania lawyers to receive up to 24 continuing legal education credits.



Professor Douglas Branson moderated a panel at the October 16-18, 2017, Academic International Conference on Interdisciplinary Business Studies at St. Anne’s College, Oxford University, Oxford, England, as part of the International Conference on Trade, Business, Economics and Law.

The conference involved the presentation of papers by young faculty from universities from numerous parts of the globe, including Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Slovakia, Poland, United Kingdom, Nigeria, South Korea, Australia, and elsewhere



Professor Vivian Curran’s article, “Harmonizing Multinational Parent Company Liability for Foreign Subsidiary Human Rights Violations,” 17 Chicago

Journal of International Law 403 (2017), was cited and quoted by the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia in its September 2017 opinion in *Simon v. Republic of Hungary*. On September 14, 2017, she spoke at the University of Wisconsin Law School on “The Foreign Sovereign Immunity Act’s Evolving Genocide Exception to Immunity.” Later in the day, she gave a talk at the Maison Française, the University’s French House, on a French crime against humanities case that illustrates how law is transnationalizing.



Professor Haider Ala Hamoudi spoke on “Islamic Finance and the Clash of Faiths” at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Comparative

Law on October 27, 2017. On April 25, 2018, he delivered a presentation on “Justice in the Islamic Tradition” at the Duquesne University School of Law.



Professor Michael Madison presented a book chapter in progress titled “Biobanks as Knowledge Institutions” at the Global Genes, Local Concerns

Seminar, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law, in Copenhagen, Denmark, on November 3, 2017. The work is part of a book forthcoming from Edward Elgar, titled “Global Genes, Local Concerns: Legal, Ethical and Scientific Challenges in International Biobanking,” edited by Timo Minssen, Janne Rothmar Herrmann & Jens Schovsbo. During the month of May 2018, Professor Madison was a Visiting Professor of Law at the Tel Aviv University, Buchmann Faculty of Law, teaching a course titled “Intellectual Property Law in Institutional Context,” at the invitation of Professor Michael Birnhack of TAU. While he was in Israel, he traveled to the University of Haifa Faculty of Law on May 17 to speak on a work in progress

titled “Governing the University Knowledge Commons” at the University of Haifa Center for Cyber Law & Policy.

In October 2017, “Governing Medical Knowledge Commons” was published by Cambridge University Press, a collection of case studies of knowledge commons edited by Professor Madison and Professors Katherine Strandburg (NYU Law) and Brett Frischmann (Villanova Law). This is first volume in the Cambridge UP “Governing Knowledge Commons” series that they will co-edit, and the second collection of knowledge commons case studies they have produced.



Professor Matiangai Sirleaf presented her article “Ebola Does Not Fall from the Sky: Global Structural Violence and International Responses” at the American

Society for International Law Mid-West Works in Progress Conference held at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law on September 15-16, 2017. On February 15, 2018, she spoke at the Critical Research on Africa Series at the University of Pittsburgh. The lecture series focuses on the opportunities and challenges the African Continent faces in terms of health

and environmental issues. She received a Social Science Research Initiative grant from the University of Pittsburgh, along with her collaborators Mari K. Webel (Department of History) and Michael R. Dietrich (Department of History and Philosophy of Science). Their proposal “Understanding the Development and Impact of Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)–1950 to Present,” interrogates the concept of NTDs - a category used to describe a set of diseases that highlight health inequities and draws attention to the differential risks for infection and death from these diseases in the Global South.

On March 9, 2018, Professor Sirleaf was an invited participant in the 3rd Annual Women in International Law Workshop, hosted by the University of Illinois College of Law. She presented her work in progress, “Common but Differentiated Responsibility for Highly-Infectious Diseases.” On March 14, 2018, she spoke on “Responsibility for Combatting Highly Infectious Diseases” at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, in recognition of her status as the 2017 winner of the Ford Institute for Human Security Faculty Research Award.

On April 17, 2018, Professor Sirleaf participated in a panel on the experience of clerking on three different high courts: the U.S.

Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of Canada and South Africa’s Constitutional Court. Her fellow panelists were Stephanie Dangel of Pitt’s Innovation Practice Institute, Professor Bernard Hibbitts, and incoming Pitt Law Dean Amy Wildermuth. Professor Sirleaf participated in an April 12-13, 2018, conference held at Yale Law School on “Solidarity: Sustaining the Struggle for Human Rights in a Fractured World.” She spoke on a panel on “The Ethics and Politics of Finding Facts and Making Truth,” which investigated one of the core functions of human rights practice, which is to document abuses. She spoke on her past research on “truth-seeking” in the case of commissions and tribunals processes.

Professor Sirleaf was awarded a University Center for International Studies (UCIS) Faculty Fellowship for AY 2018-19. She will use the fellowship to organize a workshop that will bring together a multidisciplinary group of scholars and students at the University of Pittsburgh and beyond to examine global health inequities in the distribution of infectious diseases, as well as to prepare a scholarly journal article for publication. Professor Sirleaf is the Vice Chair for the American Society of International Law’s Transitional Justice Rule of Law interest group. ■

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