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Get ready for the best year of your life.

Congratulations on your decision to pursue an LLM degree. Now you must decide where to spend this important year. Duke Law has much to offer: faculty who are not only teachers but also collaborators and mentors; classmates from around the world who will become lifelong friends and colleagues; and the academic and social resources of a world-class university. With our distinctive combination of intellectual engagement and extraordinary collegiality, it is easy to see why so many of our LLM graduates call their time at Duke Law the best year of their lives.

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Duke Law community.

David F. Levi
Dean and Professor of Law
Lectures that I took at Duke were so interesting and intellectually engaging that, for the first time in my life, I was sad when the school year ended. I thought I would never say this, but school can be fun.

Dragan Gajin
Serbia
Duke LLM Requirements

The Duke LLM program requires two courses: Distinctive Aspects of American Law, focusing on decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and core principles of American law, and U.S. Legal Analysis, Research and Writing for International Students, a small-section course focusing on U.S. legal research and writing skills. To complete the remainder of the required 21 law credits, you will select from the full catalog of JD courses — see it online at www.law.duke.edu/courselist.

Duke SJD Requirements

Duke also offers a Doctor of Juridical Science degree for exceptional applicants who already hold a U.S. or common law LLM degree. The program involves a minimum of two-to-three years of study, including one to two semesters of course work recommended by the faculty supervisor and completion and defense of a dissertation. Applicants must pass oral and written examinations and submit a research proposal in order to be approved for candidacy.

For more information on Duke Law degree programs, see www.law.duke.edu/internat/degrees.

Duke Law is a great school — not only is it highly ranked and prestigious, but it is also very welcoming of its students. Students have the flexibility to make selections from a large number of courses. This ensures that a student is able to develop the expertise she desires in fields of law of her choice.”

Simone Reis
India
What impresses me most about Duke Law is that it gives me the idea of ‘You can do it. You should pursue it.’

Guldane Gulfer Ozahin
Turkey
Environmental Law

Combating global climate change is one of the great challenges of the 21st century. Duke is on the cutting edge of research on the environment and environmental policy. Our new certificate program in Environmental Law provides the opportunity to focus on this field through intensive courses in the Law School and Duke’s Nicholas School for the Environment and a substantial research project. The program is open to applicants with a minimum two years’ practical experience in environmental law. Learn more at www.law.duke.edu/international.

My summer internship with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) in Los Angeles, one of the leading environmental groups in the U.S., has been fantastic. I am really proud to see the outside perspective about Duke: everyone acknowledges how strong the Law School is in the environmental law area, and I am really respected for having graduated from it.”

Daniel Ribeiro
Brazil

FIND YOUR FOCUS

Duke professors and students tackle complex, real-world problems in and out of the classroom. Through classes such as Bank Regulation in the Post-Crash Economy, Intellectual Property, Public Domain, and Free Speech, or Comparative Constitutional Design, students and faculty are deeply engaged. Duke is highly regarded for its leadership in many fields, but it is particularly known for its strength in business and finance law, environmental law, comparative and international law, and several areas of intellectual property law. Duke’s practical skills courses also are among the country’s best; some LLM students have participated in the Guantanamo Defense Clinic or the AIDS Legal Project, although the highest demand is for Duke’s excellent Negotiation course.
LEARN FROM EXPERTS

Duke Law professors are nationally and internationally renowned for their work. Here are just a few whose interests and expertise reflect some of Duke Law’s academic strengths and illustrate the timely and exciting work that Duke Law faculty engage in. To meet more of our faculty and read their scholarship, see www.law.duke.edu/facschol.

Professor Neil Vidmar is a social psychologist whose expertise is the empirical study of law. His research focuses on the jury system, dispute resolution, medical malpractice, and the social psychology of retribution and revenge. He has consulted and testified around the world on issues such as jury prejudice in civil and criminal trials. His most recent book, *American Juries: The Verdict* (with Valerie Hans, 2007), examines the efficacy of the U.S. jury system.

Professor Steven Schwarcz specializes in commercial law, bankruptcy, and international finance and capital markets. Prior to joining Duke, he represented some of the world’s leading banks and other financial institutions in his law practice. He helped to pioneer the field of asset securitization, and his book, *Structured Finance: A Guide to the Principles of Asset Securitization* (3rd edition 2002), is one of the top texts in the field.

LARGE SETTLEMENTS — A PRODUCT OF NEGOTIATION OR JURY EXCESS?

“Whether we are talking all cases or just million-dollar cases, research shows that the process by which claims are paid far more often involves the negotiation table, not the jury room.”

SECURITIZATION IN A POST-SUBPRIME CRISIS WORLD

“Whether securitization will remain vibrant and inventive in the long term will turn on our ability to better understand the problems of complexity, which was at the root of many of the failures that gave rise to the subprime crisis.”
Professor Arti Rai is an expert in patent law, law and the biopharmaceutical industry, innovation policy, and health care regulation. Along with Professor Stuart Benjamin, she has proposed a plan for the establishment of a White House Office of Innovation Policy to enable the U.S. government to more efficiently support and take advantage of innovative technologies and products.

“Establishing an Office of Innovation Policy would simply be a way of forcing innovation onto the table early in the administrative process. The idea that innovation is key to our long-term future has already seeped in. In terms of any societal goal, whether we want better health for our citizens, a better environment for our citizens, or just more money for our citizens, this is the way to do it.”

Professor Jonathan Wiener is an expert in U.S., European, and international environmental law and risk regulation. He has developed U.S. and international environmental policy in positions at the White House Council of Economic Advisers, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the U.S. Department of Justice, in the administrations of both George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

“Through years of research and policy experimentation, we have learned a great deal about regulatory design. We know how to make the regulatory system better, stronger, and less costly than it was before. Climate policy offers the biggest challenge — and the best opportunity yet — to achieve systematic reforms that protect the environment more at less cost through better regulation.”

Professor Laurence Helfer is an expert in international law. His research focuses on the intersection of intellectual property law and human rights and the design of international institutions. The author of a 2009 edition of a casebook on human rights, his recent work examines the effectiveness of international tribunals in developing countries.

“For an international institution to function effectively in countries where the rule of law is weak, it needs to build a relationship with government or non-state actors who have a professional stake in seeing that international rules and decisions are followed.”
Professors are the best in their fields and really enjoy passing on their knowledge, inside and outside the classroom.

Javier Carrizo
Panama
GET TO KNOW YOUR PROFESSORS

Duke Law works hard to facilitate and support faculty-student interaction. We even designed our building with that goal in mind — faculty offices are located near classrooms to encourage discussions that continue after class. In such a close-knit community, you are likely to find yourself chatting with faculty at a pre-football game party (known in American slang as “tailgates”) or striking up an impromptu conversation about a class assignment when you see your professor at the market. Duke professors are colleagues, mentors, and friends to students — during your time at Duke Law and long afterward.

Faculty Advisors

Every LLM student is assigned to a faculty member or administrator who serves as an advisor. Some students also serve as research assistants to faculty, helping with that professor’s scholarship or course preparation. Faculty are eager to collaborate with and learn from their students, especially those who, like Duke international students, bring new perspectives and professional experience to their work.

Working as Professor [Jerome] Reichman’s research assistant has not only led me to new areas that complement my own research on copyright limitations and exclusions, but it has also given me invaluable insight into the process of writing scholarly articles and following the most up-to-date intellectual property debates. I get to follow closely all the steps that go into preparing a class, and I try to incorporate that knowledge when I prepare the classes I teach back at my home university.”

Ana Santos, SJD Candidate
Portugal
(A published author, Santos teaches intellectual property courses at Lisbon Catholic University.)
One of the things I loved since I arrived at Duke is the campus. It is incredibly nice, big, and, at the same time, cozy.

Alvaro Carrau
Uruguay
BEAUTIFUL — INSIDE AND OUT

Thanks to recent renovations and additions, Duke Law is housed in a spacious and technologically advanced building. A beautiful new atrium, Star Commons, and adjacent café provide opportunities for relaxation and refueling. The J. Michael Goodson Law Library is large, light-filled, and comfortable, with a variety of seating and study areas. All of the Law School’s state-of-the-art classrooms have a full menu of technological tools. But perhaps most unique are the many outdoor spaces around campus — in addition to the Law School’s gardens, you will find peaceful areas for study and relaxation throughout Duke, including spots such as Duke Chapel or the splendid Duke Gardens. Once you see it, you will know why so many students call Duke the most beautiful campus they have ever seen.

A Library to Love

Duke Law School’s J. Michael Goodson Law Library is consistently recognized as one of the most technologically advanced and innovative legal research institutions in the United States. Duke Law was the first law school to guarantee free online access to all faculty scholarship, and professors often make creative use of technology in their teaching. A student multimedia lab is available for special projects, and students can seek research aid from the school’s top-quality library staff. Learn more about Duke’s library and technology offerings at www.law.duke.edu/libtech.

The Law School building is amazing, and it is a pleasure to come to every day for your courses and to meet your classmates. The library is very spacious, you have incredible resources and facilities, and many people are there to assist you if you need some help. There is also a great dynamism in everyday life: many events are organized every week, and you can always go to talks given by professionals and professors at lunchtime.”

Marie-Amelie Simon
France
More than 10 percent of all Duke Law alumni live and work abroad, giving the school’s alumni community a distinctly international flair. Many international graduates build careers in the United States as well. All share a devotion to Duke Law that outlasts their year in Durham. Duke alumni regularly serve as mentors and advisors to students, visit the campus frequently to attend social and academic events, and welcome Duke colleagues into their homes and offices around the world.

Xiqing Gao ’86 was Duke Law School’s second Chinese student and the first Chinese citizen to pass the New York bar exam. Today, he is president of the China Investment Corp. After earning his JD at Duke and working for two years on Wall Street, he returned to China in 1988 to teach law in Beijing. He helped write the laws that created China’s stock exchanges, served as general counsel and later as vice chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, and was vice chairman of the National Social Security Fund, where he laid the groundwork for a national pension fund for China’s aging population. A member of Duke University’s Board of Trustees, Gao visits Duke Law often. His participation in a 2008 panel discussion on the global economy drew a standing-room-only crowd to Duke Law’s Star Commons.
Fatima Hassan ’02 is a human rights lawyer, activist, and pioneer in public interest litigation, education, training, and legal reform on behalf of people with HIV/AIDS in South Africa. A former research clerk with the Constitutional Court of South Africa, she attended Duke Law under the court’s Franklin Thomas Fellowship. When she returned home to Cape Town, she was charged with monitoring South Africa’s HIV/AIDS treatment program, bringing together more than 20 organizations to provide oversight. She played a leading role in forming the Western Cape Civil Society Task Team to coordinate humanitarian and legal support to thousands of people displaced by xenophobic strife in the Western Cape. Selected by the Mail & Guardian as one of the nation’s 20 most influential “under-40-year-olds,” she is now special advisor to South Africa’s minister of public enterprises after having served as special advisor to the interim minister of health.

Markus A. Nauheim ’96 is a partner in the Munich office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and a member of the firm’s International Corporate Transactions Group. Also a member of the New York bar, Nauheim concentrates on cross-border and domestic mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments and venture capital deals, and cross-border joint ventures. As vice president of the Duke Club of Germany, Nauheim helped organize Duke Law’s 2008 international reunion in Munich. He describes his time at Duke Law as life-changing; not only did it cement his interest in an international corporate law career, but a seminar in athletics and antitrust awakened his interest in media law, later the focus of his doctoral degree. A former collegiate and semi-pro basketball player in Germany, Nauheim found the opportunity to pursue this other passion at Duke through daily scrimmages with the women’s basketball team and pick-up games with players and coaches of the men’s team.

Alejandro Posadas LLM ’95 SJD ’03 is director of the Office for North America Semarnat in the Mexican Environmental Secretariat, where he facilitates international cooperation with environmental agreements and sustainable conservation efforts. Based in the Mexican Embassy in Washington, D.C., Posadas has helped his nation become a leader in addressing the challenges of climate change through such programs as an ambitious reforestation effort, projects to promote methane capture, and the creation of a national registry of emissions, among other initiatives. An expert in international economic law and international affairs and a former dean of CIDE Law School in Mexico City, Posadas has taught courses at Duke Law as a guest lecturer.
I experienced American-style study before my semester at Duke began, and I had fun with students from all over the world. The Hong Kong summer institute was one of my most valuable experiences.

Myungjin Koo
South Korea
**Summer at Duke**

For students who need special assistance with their English skills, Duke’s Summer Institute on Law, Language and Culture is a four-week intensive course that provides an introduction to legal English, the U.S. legal system, and the law school experience. Through small-group class interaction and instruction, students develop skills that prepare them for their LLM experience. (No credit toward the LLM degree is awarded.)

For more on Duke’s summer institutes, see [www.law.duke.edu/international](http://www.law.duke.edu/international).

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**SUMMER STUDY ABROAD**

Many LLM students attend one of Duke Law’s transnational institutes during the summer prior to the start of their studies at Duke. Attendees can earn up to six academic credits. The Duke Institute in Transnational Law in Geneva and the Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law in Hong Kong each enroll about 60 students, some from Duke and other U.S. universities, as well as legal professionals from around the world. Faculty from Duke and partner institutions live in residential quarters with students and teach comparative courses in areas such as emerging markets, the environment and climate control, human rights, international business, and tax policy. The courses are demanding, but students find time to explore and make friends from many countries.

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Frédéric Pilorget  
Germany/France

The four-week program in Geneva allowed me to get accustomed to the American teaching style and to benefit from an astounding mix of European and American faculty members. Furthermore, the six credits I earned in Geneva facilitated the transition to Duke Law School.”

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
Duke Law is a hub of activity, and international programs are at the heart of it all. Whether you participate in the Global Law Workshop or just enjoy exotic food prepared by classmates at the International Food Fiesta, you will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy a world of ideas right here at Duke.

GLOBAL LAW WORKSHOP
Sponsored by CICL, the Global Law Workshop brings prominent legal and policy scholars from around the world to discuss current issues in international and comparative law in an intimate seminar format. Students often review and comment on scholarly works-in-progress. The course is for-credit, but unregistered students are invited to attend. www.law.duke.edu/cicl/globlaw

GLOBAL CAPITAL MARKETS CENTER
A collaboration between Duke Law and Duke’s Fuqua School of Business, the Global Capital Markets Center sponsors research and develops curricula relating to business, finance, legal and public policy issues. The center’s colloquium on Markets and Systemic Risk recently drew experts from business and law. www.law.duke.edu/centersprograms.globalmark

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY CLINIC
The Environmental Law and Policy Clinic is a joint venture of Duke’s Law School and the Nicholas School of the Environment. Students in the clinic work in teams on cases and projects with nonprofit groups involved in environmental conflicts relating to water quality, air quality, natural resources conservation, sustainable development, public trust resources, and environmental justice. www.law.duke.edu/envlawpolicy

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Duke Law School has more than 50 student organizations, many of which — like the International Law Society, the Latin American Business Law Association, and the International Human Rights Law Society — focus on international issues. All groups are open to LLM and JD students and often host social as well as academic events. www.law.duke.edu/students/orgs

DUKE LAW SCHOLARLY JOURNALS
Duke Law is a leader in electronic publishing of legal scholarship and is actively involved in efforts to promote open access to legal information. The Law School is home to nine student-edited journals focusing on topics ranging from international and comparative law to gender law and policy. Student editors hone writing skills and work with some of the most prominent legal scholars in the world. www.law.duke.edu/scholarship/journals
LIFE AT DUKE LAW

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Indeed, I don’t think that it is possible to enjoy life much more than the way I enjoyed it during my year at Duke. Of course sometimes it was really hard to be kept away from my Belgian life. But it is what made the experience so interesting and intense. And there was always something or someone to make me forget that I was not at home.

François Malherbe
Belgium
LIFE IN DURHAM
FAVORITE SPOTS
Locopops (homemade popsicles — try Mango Chili)
Cat's Cradle (see the likes of Conor Oberst and Stereolab at this Chapel Hill venue)
Taqueria La Vaquita (try tacos al pastor)
Mt. Fuji (best sushi in town, half-priced on Thursdays)
The Green Room (lots of pool tables, cheap beer, great jukebox)
Mad Hatter’s (sandwiches, soups, salads — and tasty cookies)
James Joyce (pub food at its finest)
Washington Duke Inn (walk from Duke Law to this luxury hotel and golf course)
Whole Foods (grocery store with organic and ethnic fare)
Player’s Club (dance the night away)
Blue Point Yoga (find your kundalini, just off campus)
Durham Farmer’s Market (year-round offerings from local farmers)
Sitar Indian Restaurant (the favorite of a number of good Indian restaurants)
Maple View Farms (enjoy homemade ice cream in a rocking chair overlooking the farm)
Magnolia Grill, Nana’s, Four Square, Rue Cler, Vin Rouge (top five fancy restaurants)
Foster’s (LLMs’ favorite for coffee and sandwiches)
Durham Bulls Athletic Park (some of the best minor league baseball in the U.S.)
Six Plates (six frequently changing pairings of wine and eclectic food)
The Regulator (favorite independent book store)
Q-Shack (for North Carolina BBQ)
Thai Cafe (favorite pad thai)
Durham Performing Arts Center (Broadway quality, off-Broadway prices)

THE GOOD LIFE
At Duke, you’ll find a community of people who are as enthusiastic about life as they are about their studies. We are lawyers, learners, leaders, community servants, runners, baseball fanatics, basketball extremists, food lovers, filmmakers, musicians, parents, partners, entrepreneurs, idealists, skeptics, teachers, and artists — and everything in between. Duke students balance hard work with fun, intellectual engagement with purposeful living. At Duke Law, we firmly believe you can “have everything.”

Durham is not a bustling metropolis. But if you are looking for an eclectic, comfortable, mid-size city with great restaurants, abundant entertainment, and easy access to the beach, mountains, parks, and forested running trails, Durham is it.
The cost of living is more advantageous in Durham than in most of the regions where the other well-known schools are located. And there’s the weather: You are not going to be frozen out of your car when you roll down the windows during the winter months!

Michael Kucher
Germany
LIVE BETTER ON A BUDGET

Choosing a place to live in Durham will be a pleasant process, a nice change from living in a large, crowded city. Housing options are plentiful near Duke: You can choose from traditional apartment complexes (most come with pools, exercise facilities, and on-site laundry), urban lofts in transformed tobacco warehouses (also loaded with amenities and usually within steps of restaurants, coffee shops, and retail shops), and homes and condominiums for rent. Many students choose to share an apartment with a classmate; some rent their own place. Whatever your preference, Durham has something to offer.

ROOM AND BOARD BUDGETS*

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* based on 2008-09 budgets for selected law schools

BRING THE FAMILY

Many LLM students find Durham to be the ideal place for their partners and children to live. Durham and nearby communities offer ample child-care options, high-quality schools, and endless opportunities for family fun and entertainment, including Durham’s Museum of Life and Science, Chapel Hill’s Kidzu, Raleigh’s Marbles Museum, and myriad parks, lakes, forests, pools, and sports clubs — to name just a few.

WHAT IS RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK?

- A region in which scientists, mathematicians, and techies mysteriously disappear.
- An amusement park celebrating geometry.
- A 7,000-acre campus in Durham County, devoted to collaborative research and development among academics, policy makers, and business leaders. RTP is home to more than 170 high-tech organizations.
EASY LIVING

North Carolina regularly ranks among the nation’s best states to live for many reasons: It offers a temperate climate, affordable cost of living, pristine natural resources, close proximity to the major cities of the Atlantic Coast, and a refreshing mix of urban life and outdoor activities.

Durham and surrounding areas are quite cosmopolitan, with a high concentration of researchers from around the U.S. and the world who work for one of the area’s many universities or high-tech companies in the Research Triangle Park. You’ll also experience the famous “southern charm” and hospitality that is unique to this region of the United States. You might even catch yourself saying, “Hi, y’all!”

Get Out of Town

It’s easy to head out of town for a weekend getaway or a job interview. You can drive to the beach or the mountains within a few hours, and the Raleigh-Durham airport (RDU — just 20 minutes from Duke) is quite pleasant compared to most major airports.

**DRIVE TIME FROM DURHAM TO:**
- Raleigh (state capital) 25 minutes
- Wrightsville Beach 2 ½ hours
- Great Smoky Mountains 3 hours

**FLIGHT TIME FROM RDU TO:**
- Washington, D.C. 55 minutes
- New York City 1 hour, 15 minutes
- Chicago 1 hour, 45 minutes
- Atlanta 1 hour, 19 minutes
- Miami 2 hours

Enjoy the Sun

North Carolina offers four distinct seasons, all temperate and gorgeous. Except for a couple of too-cold weeks and a couple of too-hot weeks, you’ll find yourself enjoying the sun most of the year.

**AVERAGE HIGH TEMPERATURES**

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Being a part of the ‘Duke Spirit’ was a unique experience for me. Socializing with fellow students from all over the world and participating in Duke activities together, such as Campout and the Blue Devils’ basketball games, were great experiences that I will treasure for the rest of my life.

Avi Osterman, SJD Candidate (Israel), like many of his classmates, took advantage of opportunities to attend professional and collegiate sporting matches in Durham. But the hottest ticket in town is for a Duke men’s basketball game. Obtaining a season ticket involves a ritual unique to Duke: camping out in tents and trucks for 36 hours with classmates and friends in hopes of winning the ticket lottery. Many Duke Law students participate in “Campout” every year and count it among their favorite social memories.
Duke University is one of the world’s premier research institutions. It is also a world in itself, offering an abundance of activities and programs that will help you balance your law studies. Enjoy our vibrant campus in the midst of Duke Forest; sample our wide range of campus eateries and sports facilities; enjoy world-class arts and music programs; partake in our diverse spiritual community; and cheer (or weep) for our venerated athletes.
Emmanuel Ceusters (Belgium) was elected by his classmates to speak at Duke Law's Hooding Ceremony in celebration of graduation.

We came together celebrating each other’s values, embracing each other’s cultures, and respecting each other’s differences. What we will take away is the everlasting friendship that grew between us all.”
A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY

The American Bar Association credits Duke Law with having one of the strongest student cultures in the United States. It’s easy to see why: Duke Law attracts students who want to work with others, students who share a passion for intellectual curiosity and problem solving as well as a deep interest in learning about one another’s perspectives and experiences. Each class develops its own character, but one thing remains constant: students develop quick and lasting friendships across cultures, ages, and experiences.

When you join the Duke Law community, you join a family and a network of colleagues that will be with you for life.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Meet Duke’s International Students

Recent LLM students have come from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, France, Russia, Germany, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Prior to coming to Duke, recent LLM students have been lawyers, judges, government advisors, prosecutors, professors, students, stock traders, authors, musicians, Fulbright Scholars, and athletes.

After completing their degrees, many Duke LLM graduates take the New York bar exam. Some have gone to work for law firms in the United States and around the world; others have become business leaders, consultants, professors, judges, doctoral students — and, of course, devoted members of the Duke Law alumni community.

Duke Law regularly hosts an international reunion; in 2008, alumni gathered in Munich for panel discussions with faculty, a University update from Duke University President Richard Brodhead, sight-seeing in Bavaria, and lots of delicious local food and drink.
“Our tennis tournament was a fun, relaxing way for the LLMs to spend time together outside our daily class routines. It was like Duke Law’s own U.S. Open!”

Dian Abdul Hamed Shah
Malaysia
You will work very hard on your studies as an LLM student at Duke, but you will also find time to enjoy your time in the United States. LLM students always seem to have something to do outside the classroom, whether it’s a student-organized tennis tournament, weekly golf dates at one of Durham’s excellent courses, or meeting up with fellow LLM and JD students for Thursday night “Bar Review” — a social event, not a study session. Many LLM students organize weekend or holiday break trips to tourist destinations around the United States, such as the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, the Great Smoky Mountains, New Orleans, Savannah, Ga., Washington, D.C., and, of course, New York City.
I had the opportunity to dedicate my time and legal skills to a commitment that everyone who studies law should try to uphold: devoting ourselves and our profession to serve the people, the community, and the society.

Yen-Chia Chen (Taiwan) participated in the Duke Law Southern Justice Spring Break Trip, organized by Duke Law’s Public Interest and Pro Bono Program. He worked with an attorney at New Orleans Legal Assistance; his work involved drafting motions, interviewing clients, and reviewing a case with other NOLA attorneys.
Activities outside the classroom also provide opportunities to augment your legal studies. International students participate in a range of academic extracurricular activities, including moot court teams that travel throughout the U.S. and abroad for competitions. Several academic student organizations host conferences and symposia on timely topics, and a number of LLM students spend spring break each year with JD colleagues in New Orleans as part of the Southern Justice Spring Break Trip, assisting in efforts to rebuild the region devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Through a broad range of extracurricular activities and service projects, you’ll find many opportunities to put your legal skills — and perhaps your muscles — to work.

Moot Your Case
Duke Law has one of the most active moot court programs of any top law school in the United States. LLM students may participate in Duke’s international moot court teams, honing litigation skills and building international networks of friends and colleagues. The Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is organized by the International Law Students Association and takes place each spring. Winners of regional rounds head to Washington, D.C., for a final competition at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL). A Duke team also regularly competes — and recently has earned top honors — in the ELSA Moot Court Competition on World Trade Organization Law, sponsored by the European Law Students Association. And in 2009, a Duke Law team competed for the first time in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, facing teams from over 240 universities in 58 countries.

Yesterday I went to listen to the grand finale of the WTO Moot Court Competition. I witnessed the extraordinarily excellent performance of the ‘Dukies.’ The team was well prepared, expertly addressed their arguments, and responded well to the judges’ questions. Duke’s performance was well recognized.”

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Taiwan (LLM and SJD graduate now teaching at National Taiwan University)
When graduation day arrives, you can proudly look back on your achievement, both in terms of academic accomplishment and personal growth. And that achievement will be rewarded by the outstanding national and international recognition of a Duke Law degree.

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