LAW SCHOOL NEWS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

It’s not too late to register to join us in Munich for our international conference, board of visitors and alumni reunion event, June 19-22, 2008! CLE credit for presentations by panels led by Professors Jim Cox, Jim Coleman and Jerome Reichman will be available - perhaps your firm or company will sponsor your trip! Reservations are coming in from around the world from alumni eager to get together with other Duke graduates, meet Dean Levi and Duke University President Richard Brodhead, and celebrate in some of the most interesting venues of one of Europe’s most festive cities. Discounted fees are available for young alumni and students. For more information, see http://www.law.duke.edu/alumni/reunion/2008/international

We hope to see you there! Judy & Jennifer

BUILDING PROJECT

In November 2008, we will celebrate the dedication of the “Star Commons,” a dramatic, glass-enclosed 3-story addition to the Law School. Projecting toward the corner of Towerview Rd. and Science Dr., the new space will be a bright, attractive area for student activities, and will also be able to host large lectures for over 350 attendees. Along with the addition of the Star Commons, the current construction includes a complete renovation of the law library, creation of two outdoor gardens and refurbishing classrooms 4047 and 4048 into one new classroom.

Construction photographs and additional information can be found on the Duke Law Web site http://www.law.duke.edu/about/building/index. Please check the Law School website later in the year for more information about the dedication ceremony – perhaps you can join the celebration.

RELOCATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OFFICE

Once the new building project is completed, the entire International Studies staff will move back to the “International Studies Wing” on the fourth floor of the building next to the library. We look forward to once again having our offices together serving as the center for international students at Duke Law School. The International Studies Wing will have very decorative posters from many countries. If you want to add a poster from your country, just let the staff know. We promise guided tours of the whole building when you come back to Duke.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

LLM PROGRAM

The LLM Program for the 2007-2008 academic year matriculated students from 39 countries, with 81 LLM students, 18 exchange students, and 5 new SJD students. For the first time LLM students from Kenya and Nigeria joined the LLM program. Vera Okelo from Kenya graduated from the University of Nairobi, has a diploma from the Alliance Francaise, taught French for 2 years, worked for the Kisumu City Judge, and a law firm before coming to Duke. Munachiso Madubuike, our Nigerian student, studied at the University of Lagos, ran a business while a student, served as an associate with a law firm, and worked as the Legal Officer at the Headquarters of the Economic Community of West African States. Many LLMs had very significant professional experience before coming to Duke. Two LLMs worked for the Capital Markets Board of Turkey for several years. An LLM from Finland came from a firm concentrating on environmental law issues after having spent almost two years at the West Finland Regional Environmental Center. As in the past several years, the countries with the largest representation of students were Japan, Korea, China, and Germany. Forty-four percent of this year's LLM class was women, a significant increase over past classes. The majority of the students had worked for two or more years with large law firms, but there were also judges, prosecutors, academics, in-house lawyers, and public service staff members. Almost one-third of the LLMs attended a Duke summer program in Geneva or Hong Kong or at the new pre-LLM program at the Law School.
**SJD PROGRAM**

The SJD program this year had 5 new candidates. Two are from China. The other 3 are from Israel, South Korea, and Taiwan and were members of the LLM class of 2007--Shimrit Itay, Sae Youn Kim, and Richard Chang. The new SJD students’ research interests are mainly in the areas of biotechnology law, international commercial arbitration, property law and IP theory, terrorism, and issues of globalization. Their primary Law School supervisors are Professors Michaels, Rai, Underkuffler and Chemerinsky. Several other SJD candidates are conducting their research and working on dissertations away from Duke. We are very proud to announce that Jaratrus Chamratrithirong from Thailand was awarded the SJD degree on May 11, 2008. She is already working work as Diplomat for the Department of International Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Thailand. She was also honored by H.M. the King of Thailand with a Royal Decoration: Member (Fifth Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand.

**JD PROGRAM**

The 2007-08 JD Program had 27 non-U.S. students from 15 countries. Before the JD program, the majority of the students previously studied as undergraduates at U.S. universities. A few came directly from their home countries. The largest number of JD international students comes from China and Canada.

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

**LLM employment**

Despite a tougher legal market and the subprime loan crisis in the U.S., LLM students continue to succeed in identifying good positions, mostly with large law firms. As of mid-May, 49 LLM had secured offers in major cities around the world directly after graduation, including a positions at the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Seventeen have secured positions in the U.S. Five LLM graduates will pursue further legal education, and two of them will continue their studies in the SJD program at Duke Law School.

**Alumni panels and mock interview**

LLM alumni continue to support the career and professional development of Duke LLM students. Three LLM alumni came back to Duke during the Sixth Annual International Week of October 2007 and participated in a lively panel discussion with the LLM class of 2007 on career opportunities in the U.S. legal market. The panelists offered perspectives from different service sectors including international organizations and private practice and gave advice to the LLMs on job search endeavors. The panelists were Patrick Voigt (LLM 00) from UNICEF New York headquarters, Tomer Schwartz (LLM 06) from Weil Gotshal & Manges New York office and Jean-Gabriel Peuchaud (LLM 07) from RedHat Inc. Raleigh headquarters. The panelists also participated in the International Food Fiesta, where Patrick and Tomer served as judges.

The Career Center and the Office of International Studies believe that LLMs learn a great deal from listening to the insight and experience of their LLM alumni. In February 2008, the two offices initiated a new LLM alumni panel where three more LLM alumni came back to speak on different aspects of practicing US laws, including antitrust, corporate finance, and leveraged finance. The panelists were Lin Chua (LLM 00), General Counsel of GE Commercial Finance Working Capital Solutions, Paul Hespel (LLM 95), Partner of Goodwin Procter LLP New York office, and Hugh Hollman (LLM 00), associate of Jones Day Washington DC office.

John Curry (LLM 05), Tomer Schwartz (LLM 06), Colm McInerney (LLM 07) and Jonathan Shallow (LLM 07) also came to Duke Law School in January to provide practice interviews and networking advice to the LLM class.

**New York reception**

On January 24, 2008, Duke Law School hosted its fifth annual New York reception with the sponsorship of Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, in honor of the International Student Interview Program (a.k.a. LLM Job Fair). It was once again a very lovely and successful reception. In addition to more than 40 LLM students, approximately 50 legal professionals from 27 law offices from many countries attended the reception. Approximately 30 alumni were also present, including Masaki Kanehyo (LLM 99) from Japan, Ralf Weisser (LLM 91) and Markus Nauheim (LLM 96) from Germany, Jean-Francois Ducrest (LLM 90) and Nicolas Killen (LLM 90) from Switzerland. The reception is always a great opportunity for the LLM students to meet with the participating employers attending the Job Fair before the actual interviews take place. It is also a chance to connect with alumni in the New York area.

Beginning in 2008, the annual LLM Job Fair has become a two-day event in order to accommodate the increasing number of interviews that participating employers have requested. Great news for LLM students!
**LLM NEWS**

**LLM participation in Annual Southern Justice Spring Break Trip**
Two LLM students joined the JD Students for the annual Southern Justice Spring Break Trip to help Katrina victims.

**Frances Eberhard**, an LLM from South Africa, and **Tatiana Golubko**, an LLM from Russia, volunteered at the Mississippi Center for Justice. Frances worked on a project to end some of the bureaucratic hurdles targeting poor children receiving Medicaid in the state. In the letter of thanks from the Center, “Frances and …. were able to quickly integrate themselves into the work we are doing here in a way that has already yielded immediate results. It cannot be overemphasized that the work they have done will, in some way, have helped to save the health and, for some, the life of more than one child in Mississippi.” Tatiana participated in the organization of community protests of expansion of industrial facilities in close vicinity to a residential area. “It was an unforgettable experience,” said Tatiana. “It enabled me not only to see different America, meet with people I would not otherwise have had an opportunity to meet, but also learn about American’s problems such as poverty and social inequality, which I had no idea existed in this country, and about a way lawyers can make a difference in resolving such problems.”

**Latin American Law Symposium**
**Carlos Kaplan**, a corporate lawyer from Latin America, initiated and organized the inaugural international legal practice symposium on Latin American Law on April 4, 2008, which brought speakers from top law firms and organizations to Duke to discuss the legal risks and business opportunities in Latin America. Over 50 individuals attended the symposium, including students from the Fuqua School of Business, local business representatives, and consulting professionals.

The symposium was designed to increase knowledge of Latin America and to provide an opportunity for networking and partnership between Duke students and practitioners interested in working on legal and business issues related to Latin America. It is the first symposium at Duke Law School primarily organized by LLM students.

The symposium presented three panel discussions, starting with a general overview of the legal system and risks of Latin America, followed by discussion of conflict resolution and enforcement of U.S. judgments in Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico. Issues in relation to Latin American capital markets were presented in the second panel, where practitioners from law firms and asset management companies discussed mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and hedge fund investment in Latin America. The last panel discussed financing opportunities and challenges in Latin America.

The symposium was chaired by Duke Latin American Business Law Association and co-sponsored by Cleary Gottlieb, Forum Asset Management LLC, Jones Day, Smith Moore, Marvel O’Farrell & Mairal, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Skadden Arps, along with the Law School’s Office of International Studies, the Career Center, and the Center for International and Comparative Law. We hope the symposium becomes an annual event for LLM students, perhaps focusing on different geographical areas in subsequent years.

**LLM Leadership & Community Participation Award**
**Carlos Kaplan** and **Masaya Tsuda** received the 2008 LLM award for Leadership and Community Participation. As described above, Kaplan founded the first Symposium on Legal Risks and Business Opportunities in Latin America. Prior to his study at Duke, Kaplan was a tax and corporate associate with Marva, O’Farrell & Mairal in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Kaplan also taught income tax law at the University of Buenos Aires and among his many pro bono activities worked in the Amazon Forest in a legal consultancy project to promote the rights of Brazilian Indians related to land, natural resources, education, and health.

Tsuda has been an active leader of the Japanese language lunch table, in addition to participating in various other activities. His fellow students were impressed by his perseverance and the way in which he explored the opportunity to contribute to the Duke LLM community. Tsuda first came to Duke last year as a visiting scholar and was inspired to join the LLM program. Tsuda will return to Tohoku University to continue his doctoral thesis in criminal law.

**LLM Graduation Speaker**
**Jaclyn Rabin** was selected by her classmates to represent the LLM class of 2008 and speak at the Law School hooding ceremony in Cameron Stadium. A native of South Africa, Rabin received her LLB in 2006 from the University of Capetown. There she was active in student activities and community service. She practiced with the South African firm of Routledge Modise following her graduation. At Duke, Rabin has served as the LLM representative to the Duke Bar Association. Rabin will join Fulbright & Jaworski in New York in the fall.
WTO Moot Court Wins

On March 6, 2008, Destiny Duron-Deas (JD/MA 08), Ryan Mellske (JD/LLM 09), Amber Jordan (JD 10) and David Chiang (JD 10) won the North American Regional Round of the ELSA WTO Moot Court competition, in Washington, D.C. Duron-Deas was named best oralist in the elimination round. The Duke team advanced as the North American representative to the final round in Geneva with 15 best teams from all over the world in front of a panel of distinguished WTO law specialists.

Visiting Scholars

Due to the Law School’s library renovation, the Visiting Scholar Program hosted a limited number of participants during the 2007-2008 academic year. Mitsuhiro Enomoto, a district and family court judge in Hiroshima, was sponsored by the Supreme Court of Japan for the academic year. Judge Enomoto conducted research on civil procedure and taught the Japanese for Legal Studies class during his visit. A. Kerem Ozsahin, director of the legal affairs department at the Capital Market Board of Turkey, joined his wife, G. Gulfer Ozsahin (LLM 08), and children at Duke as a visiting scholar for the year. He audited several courses and assisted Professor Cox in his research during his stay at Duke. During the coming academic year the International Studies department expects to welcome approximately 12-15 visitors for periods of time ranging from a few months to over a year and expects the refurbished law library to offer a better setting in which to conduct research.

Summer Institutes

Duke-Geneva Institute in Transnational Law

In 2007, the Geneva Institute enrolled 47 students, including 6 who went from Geneva to Duke to start the LL.M. program. They arrived at Duke in August already having friends among the 13 Duke JD/LLM and JD students who also studied at the Geneva Institute. In all, students from 22 countries – Australia, Austria, Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Nigeria, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan UK and USA - made for a lively group of students.

The faculty members were equally diverse and engaging. Present at the Institute in 2007 were a number of Duke professors: Joost Pauwelyn, who served as the Duke faculty director, Tom Metzloff, Richard Danner, Trina Jones, Barak Richman, and Richard Schmalbeck. Jennifer Maher was the on-site administrator. Other faculty came from Abo Akademi University in Finland, HEI in Geneva, the Universities of Geneva and Neuchatel, and the European Commission. They taught International Tax, Comparative Contracts, Comparative and International Security Law, Introduction to American Law, and the new offerings of Comparative Antitrust and the Rights of Racial Groups and Indigenous Peoples.

Institute participants enjoyed many extra-curricular visits to international organizations, including the opportunity to observe a working session of the Human Rights Committee (examining the record of the Sudan), a briefing at the ICRC by the legal representative who covers North America (including Guantanamo), a briefing at WIPO, and a briefing at the WTO given by SID candidate Jan-Yves Remy (LLM 06) (currently working at the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat). New in 2007 was a visit to Geneva’s Museum of the Reformation, an award-winning interactive museum that illustrates Geneva’s importance in the history of religion. The Institute participants also appreciated the remarks of a panel of attorneys on practicing transnational law in Geneva, which included David Ledermann (LLM 99) and Sharon Cummings (JD/LLM 02). David and Sharon, along with Bharat Dube (JD 86) and Marion Panizzon (LLM 01), joined the Institute participants on the annual cruise on the Lake. Please join us on July 4, 2008, if you will be in or near Geneva on that date.

Many thanks also to alumni Kris van Hove (LLM 92), Henning Krauss (LLM 91), and Urs Maurer (LLM 92) who provided internships for JD/LLM students coming to the Geneva summer institute. We are most grateful to alumni who arrange student internships; students report to us that these experiences are invaluable in preparing them for a transnational career, and the opportunity to work overseas before an Institute is a powerful recruiting tool for Duke’s JD/LLM program.

Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law

The 2007 Asia-America Institute was very successful. The program began as fireworks showered the Hong Kong harbor in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the transfer of Hong Kong’s sovereignty from Britain to China. The fireworks were followed by a series of afternoon seminar presentations designed to introduce students to the history, politics, electoral process, and social structure of Hong Kong. Other afternoon seminars focusing on Hong Kong included presentations on constitutional review, reflections on political parties and their future, and social activism and the courts. The seminars were led by faculty members from local universities, including Prof. Simon Young from Hong Kong University, one of the co-directors of the Institute, and by Dean Johannes Chan of the HKU Law Faculty, and also by politicians like Legislative Councillor Leung Kwok Hung, also popularly known as “Longhair.”

Sixty students were enrolled in the program, 30 with a Duke connection. Fourteen were JD/LLM students, 4 were JDs, and 11 were LLMs on their way to Duke. The LLM students’ home countries were Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan. Other countries represented were Australia, Denmark, Hong Kong, India, the PRC, and the U.S., for a total of 11 nationalities. In addition to Duke, students came from American universities including Drexel, Southwestern, St. John’s, Syracuse, Texas Tech, Tulane, and Memphis. The HKU students also served as interns who provided introductions to various Hong Kong
sites, such as Lantau Island, night markets, and a session of the High Court.

Faculty also came from universities around the world. Prof. Daphne Barak-Erez, from Tel Aviv University, taught a course on Terrorism, Human Rights, and International Law. Prof. Robert Beckman, a long-time professor at the National University of Singapore, offered half the course on Global Commerce and Freedom of the Seas. His semester focused on threats to the marine environment, threats to the security of commercial shipping, and threats of mass destruction by sea. He was joined by Prof. Caslav Pejovic from Kyushu University, who concentrated on the carriage of goods by sea and issues related to shipping. Masako Wakui, a professor at University, who concentrated on the carriage of goods by sea.

Many Duke students worked in Asia for several weeks before the start of the summer institute, thanks primarily to assistance from LLM alumni. They were at law offices in Tokyo, Osaka, Seoul, Shanghai, Beijing, and Bangkok. In Hong Kong, during the program students also visited a number of U.S., British, and Australian law firms. The visit to the Allen & Overy office, arranged by alumna Desiree Sumilang (JD/LLM 01), was followed by a ride around Hong Kong harbor in the firm’s junk. Christopher Fazekas (JD/LLM 04) at the HK office of Cleary Gottlieb, in addition to setting up a visit to the firm, scheduled mock interviews at the firm for Duke students who wanted to be prepared for the recruitment season back at the Law School in late August.

We are extremely grateful to all our alumni who provide excellent opportunities for students to learn firsthand about the practice of law in East Asia. Please let us know if your firm has not hosted Duke students and might be interested.

Rita Pang (JD 99) continued a tradition of very kindly inviting Duke alumni and Duke faculty members to a lovely many course Chinese dinner. The event was an excellent opportunity for alumni to meet, exchange business cards, and learn about what is happening at the Law School and at the summer institute. If you happen to be in Hong Kong in July 2008, please take a look at the website to find out the date of this year’s alumni event.

Every 7 years, overseas summer institutes are evaluated by the American Bar Association for accreditation purposes. It was Hong Kong’s turn in July 07. Judge Jequita Napoli of the Oklahoma State Court made the site visit during the second week of the program and rendered a very favorable report on the visit and on the summer institute as a whole.

For more information on the summer institutes, please look at our website at http://www.law.duke.edu/internat/institutes. If you happen to be in Geneva or Hong Kong during the month of July, be sure to stop by for a visit.

ALUMNI NEWS

OVERSEAS TRAVEL

In Europe

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Vienna was the last stop on the trip. Alumnus Paul Pasquini (LLM 06) organized a very well attended session at the Dorda Brugger Jordis Law Firm, where he is an associate. The firm invited a large number of outstanding law students and law associates to learn more about studying law in the U.S. Paul was joined for the discussion by two other Duke graduates, Friedrich (Fritz) Helml and...
Several Bangkok alumni attended a wonderful reunion dinner at a beautiful Thai restaurant. In order to include alumni who were away from Bangkok and therefore could not attend the dinner, alumni cell phones suddenly appeared and calls were placed to graduates as far away as Nepal. The Law School has about 15 alumni in the Bangkok area, and half of them were able to attend the alumni dinner. A suggestion emerged that Duke University should start an alumni association in Thailand.

Another graduate, Daisy Birtalan (LLM 02), invited Austrian alumni to join Jennifer, Judy, and Don Horowitz at a local winery on the outskirts of Vienna. Several alumni came for dinner, including JD graduate Phoebe Kornfeld (LLM 90), who had recently moved to a Viennese pharmaceutical company. She had seen the announcement of the dinner on the Duke Law School website. So to learn about alumni events that you might want to attend, check the alumni section of the website periodically for information. The stay in Vienna also presented an opportunity for a reunion with Prof. Hans Dolinar from the law faculty of Linz University. Prof. Dolinar tries every fall to spend a few weeks at Duke to use the law library and see faculty friends. He has also taught an international arbitration course at both the Geneva and Hong Kong summer institutes and has encouraged several of his Linz students to attend the Duke LLM program. In Vienna, he was able to make arrangements for Don Horowitz to meet the director of the Austrian Arbitration Center. He also attended the alumni dinner and over the weekend helped Jennifer, Judy, and Don to explore some of the countryside outside Vienna.

In Asia
Judy and Don Horowitz spent several days in Bangkok at the end of the Asia-American Institute. Phir (Ben) Paungmulit (LLM 06) helped set up a very active schedule. Judy and Don both gave lectures at Chulalongkorn Law Faculty and had lunch and meetings with faculty members and Dean Tithiphan Chuerboochai.

In March 2008, Judy spent a week in Taiwan. She visited alumni at law firms, where she described U.S. LLM programs and provided information about Duke’s program to groups of young law associates. Andrew Lin (LLM 92 SJD 97), who is a faculty member teaching business and comparative securities law at National Taiwan University, organized a lecture by Judy on studying in the U.S. It was well attended by law students interested in learning more about applying to and making informed decisions about where to do the LLM program. Alumni Amy Chin (LLM 91) and her firm held a delicious multi-course dinner at an elegant hotel. The dinner brought together a large number of Law School graduates as well as other guests with Duke connections. Judy as well as Don Horowitz, who delivered 4 public lectures in 4 days at National Taiwan University on the general topic of “constitutional design, ethnicity, and democracy,” also had a very nice dinner with Prof. Jiun-rong Yeh, a law professor from National Taiwan University who has taught at the Asia-America Institute and visited at the Law School. The dinner included Prof. Carol Tan, from Newcastle University and also a lecturer at the Asia-America Institute and at Duke Law School and currently visiting at NTU.

We all feel extremely fortunate to have such dedicated, hospitable alumni who greet Duke Law School folks so warmly.

ALUMNI IN ACADEMIA
Benoit Allemearsch (LLM 98) has been appointed professor of civil procedure law at the Catholic University of Leuven. He has recently published his PhD thesis at Intersentia and continues to work as an attorney for Clifford Chance Brussels office. Carol Lin (SJD 05) has been appointed Associate Director of Institute of Technology Law at National Chiau-Tung University in Taiwan. Junichi Kubo (LLM 90) is teaching on a part-time basis, financial transaction law at the Hosei University Law School in Tokyo. Jose Rodriguez (LLM 06) is teaching Comparative Law and a special course of legal thinking in Universidad Autnoma de Coahuila in Coahuila, Mexico. Eriko Taoka (LLM 06) is teaching at Takushoku University in Tokyo. Brian Knox (JD/LLM 95) is an adjunct professor at University of Idaho, teaching international environmental law and public international law. Charlotte Shaowen Hu (LLM 02 JD 05) is now assistant professor of business association and securities regulations at Shih Hsin University.

ENGAGEMENTS
Kai Peter Ziegler (LLM 97) announces his engagement with Emma-Jean Hinchy in Brussels in April 2007 and plans to hold their wedding in summer 2009. Hemali Mehta (LLM ) with Manish on December 28, 2007 in Mumbai.

MARRIAGES
Michel Mueller (LLM 96) to Nadia in Germany in September 2006. Classmates Marc Fitoussi and Joe...
Marx both attended the wedding. Wolfgang Lehning (LLM 00) to Ute Kemper on July 13, 2007. Federico de Achaval (LLM 07) to Agustina in October 2007. Classmates Gunnar Schmuser and Ignacio Vincentelli flew to Buenos Aires to attend the wedding. Munachiso Madubuike (LLM 08) married Afamefuna Okam in Nigeria in December 2007 Lucas Martin Romero (LLM 06) to Francesca Grifi (LLM 06) on June 6, 2008 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Paul Pasquali (LLM 06) to Aurelie Hap on August 16, 2008 in Ophain, Belgium.

**BIRTHS**

Takeshi Yamamura (LLM 07) and his wife, Yoshiko welcome the birth of their daughter, Yui, born on June 25, 2007. Lorena Feldman (LLM 04), a son, Tommy, on April 25, 2007. Yi Wang (JD 07), a daughter, Jasmin, in July 2007. Heather Ritch (SJD candidate), a son, Joey, in 2007. Gunmundur Signursson (LLM 07), a daughter, Thelma, in July 2007. Michal Kushnir (LLM 04) and Micki Shapiro (LLM 04), a daughter, Shaylee, on September 24, 2007. Vera Okelo (LLM 08) and husband Geoffrey announce the birth of their second child, a son, Jahawi, on December 21, 2007. Jeff Zhang (JD 05) and Lynn, a daughter, Helena, on January 18, 2008. Ralf Weisser (LLM 91), a son, Tatsushi, on November 21, 2007. Shiwon Lee (LLM 08), a daughter, Somin, on September 16, 2007. Thomas Wallinder (LLM 91), a son, Theodor, on May 11, 2007. Yoav Oestreich (LLM 01, JD 04), a son, Ohad, on April 29, 2007. Biao Xing (LLM 05) and Hui, a daughter, on January 21, 2008. Katia Ichiba de Oliveira (LLM 01) and Bruno, a son, Andre in 2007. Yasuo Kitamura (LLM 00), a daughter, Mamiko, on November 17, 2006.

**Class Notes (Mostly LLMs)**

**Class of 1985**

Mangel Sager is the Executive Director of the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development in London representing nine countries. Albert van Marwijk Kooy is heading the pension desk of Van Doorne at Amsterdam and had been recommended by legal counsel handbooks for his expertise in pensions (Legal 500, 2007). Susanne Haas (LLM 85 JD 87) has been appointed to the Board of Visitors of Duke Law School.

**Class of 1986**

Xiqing Gao (JD) has left the post of Vice Chairman of China’s National Council for Social Security Fund to lead China’s newly established $200 billion sovereign-wealth fund as General Manager of China Investment Corporation. Gordon Kingsley (JD) is now Managing Director of Forum Asset Management in New York City, which invests primarily in Latin America. Gordon participated in a panel discussion of issues in relation to Latin American capital markets at the first Latin American Law Symposium at Duke Law School on April 4, 2008.

**Class of 1989**

Stephan K. Radermacher joined a micro-finance project of World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and private investors to develop micro-insurance systems for emerging and developing countries. Jii-Fang Lin (LLM 84 SJD 89) returned to the Supreme Court of Taiwan after serving six years as Chief Judge of the Taipei District Court.

**Class of 1991**

Helle R. Weeke is now back at the US office of Development Alternatives, Inc. after a mission of four plus years in Hanoi, Vietnam.

**Class of 1994**

Andy Chen has been appointed as a commissioner at the Fair Trade Commission of Taiwan. Shah Meha spent 2007 on loan to the White House National Security Council, where she was a policy director in the Office of International Trade, Energy and Environment and returned to the Department of State Office of Legal Adviser, handling nuclear nonproliferation issues.

**Class of 1995**

Paul Hespel, now partner of Goodwin Procter New York office, was named in Law & Politics’ “2007 Super Lawyers” in the Business/Corporate category. Timothy Dodd has left Timer Warner Cable to join Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc. as Vice President of Corporate Business Development and Strategy and relocated from the East Coast to Los Angeles.

**Class of 1996**

Kai Peter Ziegler is now working for the Cypriot Judge at the Court of First Instance of the European Commission in Luxembourg after close to three years of clerking for the German Advocate General at the European Court of Justice. Victoria Shtorm, Director of Corporate Affairs of JSC, a Pepsi-Cola bottling company, has set up a non profit organization in Republic of Georgia – Association for Reconstruction and Development of Georgia. Andy Chih-Min Chen has been appointed as a commissioner at the Fair Trade Commission of Taiwan.

**Class of 1997**

Daniel Almaguer has been promoted to head the Legal Department of Occidental Petroleum Middle East region and relocated to Abu Dhabi.
Class of 1999

Class of 2000
Paul Wu has been working for Motorola Beijing to support the company’s mobile devices business in China, Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. George Zehetner has been transferred to the Permanent Mission of Austria in Geneva as First Secretary. Pierre-Yves Mauron has been elected substitute du procureur general of the Republic and Canton of Geneva. Zhanat Alimanov left Sepienti to lead Kazakhstan Independent Directors Association. Yasuo Kitamura left Ozawa & Akiyama and established a new corporate firm, Kitamura & Hiraga.

Class of 2001
Carmen Backsmann left Dusseldorf and is now working for Volkswagen in Wolfsburg, Germany. Thibaud Van Rillas joined the Renault Foundation in May 2007 and is in charge of the external relations of the foundation. Nicolas Silva is now Vice President Legal of the largest Dutch aircraft lessor, AerCap B.V. Ramon A. Lafce has been appointed Assistant General Counsel of AEI in charge of legal affairs of the company’s operations in the Caribbean and Central America. Brian Aeschlimann left Rentsch & Partners and joined UBS AG in Zurich as legal counsel for IT, Internet and E-commerce.

Class of 2002
Guillaume Barbier joined PricewaterhouseCoopers New York as Director of its French Desk. Guilhermo Auler is not partner of Forsyth & Arbe Abogados in Lima, Peru in charge of corporate practice.

Class of 2003
Daniel Zimmer is now working for Freshfields as a Referendar in the Antitrust Department in Brussels, after passing his second State Exam. Tobias Leder joined Latham & Watkins Munich office. Goncalo Godinho joined Servulo Correia & Associados in Lisbon.

Class of 2004
Jerome Jotterand joined Lenz & Staehelin in Geneva, Switzerland and works in the M&A and Corporate Group. Marco Andre Alencar joined Felsberg & Associates in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to lead the firm’s Litigation Department. Micki Shapiro left McKee Nelson and joined Akin Gump New York office. Nicolas Diebold has been accepted to the visiting scholar program at Stanford Law School on the Swiss Foundation Scholarship. Willem Verschuur joined NautaDutilh’s finance department in Amsterdam and will work at its London office in the fall for the next two years.

Class of 2005
Ahu Yalgin is now working at White & Case Istanbul office. Max Haag is back in Germany after having clerked for the President of the Supreme Court of Israel, the Honorable Dorit Beinisch for several months. John Curry spoke to the BCL, BLLS and LLM students at University College Dublin about studying in the US and the Duke Law School in November 2007 during his business trip to Ireland. Ute Klose is now working for Raved, Magriso, Benkel & Lahav in Tel Aviv. Niv Goldstein is now working for Herzog & Fox in Tel Aviv.

Class of 2006
Wendy Wang has relocated to Shanghai and is in charge of the corporate compliance of New York Life’s Asia Pacific operations. Yuri Yasue joined Barclays Bank in Tokyo as an in-house counsel. Paul Pasquali joined Dorda Brugger Jordis in Vienna, Austria. Giancarlo Frosio is now working for DLA Piper Milan office.

Class of 2007
Lixia Lin finished her internship at Office of Compliance Inspections & Examinations in the Stock Exchange Commission in District of Columbia and returned to work for Chinese Securities and Regulatory Commission in Beijing. Raul Salinas has been appointed as advisor to a major Mexican soccer club Tigres. Marian Dven is now working for Fortent in Miami as an anti-money laundering training specialist. Gunmundur Sigurdsson is working for Greenberg Traurig Boston office to help European clients with their business in the US. Vikrant Negi has interned with Alternative Asset Management Securities LLC in New York and published a paper Cultural Challenges in Cross-border Mediation on www.llrx.com. Jana Gogolin is a research fellow at the Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and Public International Law in Heidelberg, Germany.

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