

Case Global

The Frederick K. Cox International Law Center

V. 18 NO. 1 2026



Celebrating the 25th Anniversary
of our War Crimes Research Office



CASE WESTERN RESERVE
UNIVERSITY
School of Law

Case Western Reserve University School of Law's Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, the Robert H. Jackson Center, and the American Branch of the International Law Association present:

International Law Weekend Midwest: The legacy of Nuremberg

An International Conference Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Judgment

October 1-2, 2026

National Archives and Records Administration, College Park

Eighty years ago, on October 1, 1946, the Nuremberg Tribunal issued its historic judgment, convicting leaders of Nazi Germany of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the crime of aggression. In this international conference, historians, international prosecutors, ambassadors, and leading academics will explore the legacy of the Nuremberg Judgment, from its application to the modern international tribunals to its relevance to contemporary events. Thursday dinner is at the Western Reserve Historical Society Crawford Automobile Museum; Friday sessions are in the Law School Moot Courtroom.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

2:00-4:30 p.m.: Screening of the 2025 film, "Nuremberg"

6:00-9:00 p.m.: Cocktails and dinner, with an after-dinner speech by Jack El-Hai, screenwriter and co-producer of the 2025 Hollywood film, "Nuremberg." Live music by "Razing the Bar," the Law School Faculty-Student rock band.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2:

8:30 a.m.: Welcome Remarks

9:00-10:30 a.m.: *Panel I: The Nuremberg Trials: Foundational Concepts & Strategic Choices*

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: *Panel II: Application of the Nuremberg Precedent by the Ad Hoc Tribunals, featuring former International Prosecutors of five Tribunals*

12:30-1:15 p.m.: Keynote Lunch Speech by Professor Leila Sadat, Chair of the ABILA Board of Directors, author of the Crimes Against Humanity Treaty, and Special Assistant to the ICC Prosecutor on Crimes Against Humanity from 2012-2022.

1:30-3:00 p.m.: *Panel III: Application of the Nuremberg Principles to Modern Day Atrocities featuring former U.S. Ambassadors at Large for War Crimes Issues*

3:15-4:45 p.m.: *Panel IV: Applying the lessons of Nuremberg to our own country*

4:45-5:00 p.m.: Closing Remarks

Join us live or by webcast. For registration information, visit: <https://case.edu/law/about/events-lectures/legacy-nuremberg-international-conference-commemorating-80th-anniversary-nuremberg-judgment>

6 Hours of CLE. Free and open to the public; \$100 fee for CLE for alumni and \$200 for non-alumni.



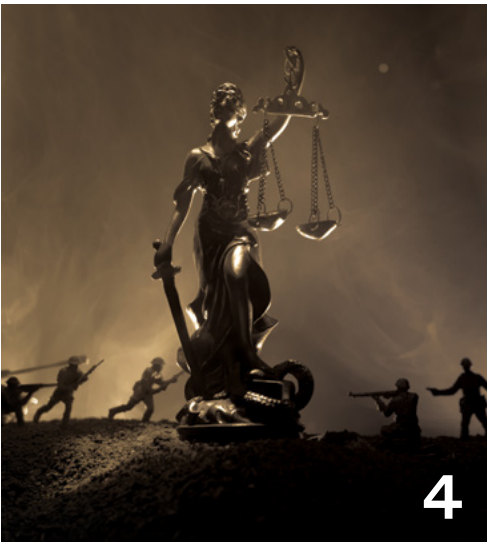
CASE WESTERN RESERVE
UNIVERSITY
School of Law

Inside this issue



2

- 2 CWRU's International Law Program Ranked Among the Top in the Nation by *US News* and *National Jurist*
- 2 The only Law School with a Foreign Policy Radio Program
- 3 CWRU's ICC Moot Court Team Wins National Championship
- 4 Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Our War Crimes Research Office



4

- 10 International Law Conferences, Experts Meetings, and Distinguished Lectures
- 11 CUSLI 50th Anniversary Conference: "The Future of Canada-United States Relations"
- 12 Alumni Spotlight: Margaux Day (LAW '09), Fighting for Human Rights
- 12 A Conversation with Counter-Terrorism Expert Michael Lebowitz (LAW '03).
- 13 CWRU Launches Spring Break in the Hague Program for Students and Alums
- 14 Hands-On Opportunities in International Law
- 15 Students earn a foreign LLM and our JD at the same time through our unique Concurrent Degree Program
- 16 International internships
- 20 Where in the World: alumni who practice international law
- 25 A Community of Experts: Our International Law Faculty
- 33 Student Leaders Honored

On the cover:

The Nuremberg Trial, 1946

Dame Laura Knight (1877-1970) is one of Britain's most successful female artists of the 20th century. She achieved great fame internationally during her lifetime. Although from humble beginnings, she was the first woman to be elected a Royal Academician in 1936 and as an official war artist she became a prominent recorder of events in the Second World War.

Knight was appointed a 'war correspondent' for this commission and made a special BBC broadcast from Nuremberg. Her painting reproduces faithfully the courtroom scene and is, in effect, a group portrait of the prisoners who are shown wearing the cumbersome headphones necessary to hear a translation of the proceedings. Knight was deeply disturbed by what she heard during the trial and the painting shows a landscape of desolation floating above the courtroom like a shared nightmare. The international tribunal at Nuremberg tried twenty-one leading Germans, headed by Hermann Goering. Eleven of the accused were sentenced to death, three to life imprisonment and a further four were given lesser prison terms.



Image: IWM (Art.IWM ART LD 5798)

About the Center

Since its founding in 1991, CWRU's Frederick K. Cox International Law Center has trained the next generation of international lawyers while making an impact locally, nationally, and around the world. With its \$6 million endowment, the Cox Center serves as the hub of the law school's international law program, which includes the Canada-U.S. Law Institute, the Institute for Global Security Law & Policy, the Henry T. King Jr. War Crimes Research Office, the Immigration Law Clinic, the *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*, and the Talking Foreign Policy Radio show and podcast.

Case Global is the annual international law magazine of Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

CWRU's International Law Program Ranked Among the Top in the Nation by *US News* and *National Jurist*

The 2026-2027 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Graduate Schools listing include the rankings for 13 specialty programs at 196 law schools based on surveys of law professors. We are pleased that Case Western Reserve University School of Law once again received a top ranking for its International Law program. The School of Law's international law program also received the top ranking in the 2026 *preLaw* magazine (*National Jurist*) rankings. CWRU was one of just 15 Law Schools to receive the coveted A+ ranking this year. This is the eighth year in a row that CWRU received the top ranking.

The *US News* Top 11 Law Schools for International Law for 2026-2027 are:

- 1 New York University
- 2 (tie) Georgetown
- 2 (tie) Harvard
- 4 (tie) American University
- 4 (tie) Columbia University
- 4 (tie) UC Berkeley
- 4 (tie) Yale
- 8 (tie) University of Michigan
- 8 (tie) University of Virginia
- 10 UCLA
- 11 (tie) Case Western Reserve University
- 11 (tie) Duke University
- 11 (tie) George Washington University
- 11 (tie) Stanford University
- 11 (tie) University of Chicago

The only Law School with a Foreign Policy Radio Program

Established in 2012, CWRU's radio program, "Talking Foreign Policy," is broadcast quarterly on Cleveland's NPR Station, WKSU 89.7 FM and its syndicates, reaching an audience of 3 million listeners. Hosted by Professor **Michael Scharf**, TFP is also streamed worldwide from Ideastream Public Media, and is available to listen to as a podcast anytime.

Recent episodes of the program have addressed such topical issues as "The Future of the NATO Alliance" (July 13, 2026), "The Board of Peace and its Prospects for Success or Failure" (March 24, 2026), "Age of Atrocity: A Fireside Chat with Ambassador Beth Van Schaack," (January 20, 2026), "U.S. Attacks on Venezuelan and Colombian Narco Vessels," (December 1, 2025), and "The U.N. at 80: Is it Still Relevant?" (September 22, 2025).

In the past year, guests on the program have included the former Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State (Harold Hongju Koh), the former Legal Adviser of the National Security Council (John Bellinger), the former Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues (Beth Van Schaack), the President of the American Society of International Law (Oona Hathaway), the head of the Scowcroft Group (Kevin Nealer), the President of the Public International Law & Policy Group (Paul Williams), former Assistant Secretary of Defense (Sandy Hodgkinson), Executive Director of the International Bar Association (Mark Ellis), and more.



Michael Scharf interviews Ambassador Beth Van Schaack on *Talking Foreign Policy*.

CWRU's ICC Moot Court Team Wins National Championship

Like an NCAA basketball or football powerhouse, CWRU School of Law has long been known for the strength of its three international law moot court teams—Jessup, Vis, and ICC. In 2026, it was the ICC Moot Court team that made headlines with its extraordinary success.

When **3L Kaylara Benfield** joined the International Criminal Court (ICC) Moot Court team during her first semester of law school, she was a self-described rookie with no debate experience and a lingering anxiety about public speaking.

She came to CWRU School of Law from University of Utah, where she studied psychology and political science with the intention of studying international law. Under the leadership of moot court coaches **Michael Benza (WRC '86, LAW '92)**, professor of practice at the School of Law, and attorney **Caroline Ford (LAW '21)**, Benfield learned how to solve legal problems both new and unique, and how to develop and defend well-reasoned arguments in court.

“Our philosophy for coaching moot court and mock trial is to help students develop their skills in putting together a case, preparing the case for court and practicing their presentations so that they learn how to do that for their real clients,” said Benza. “Part of this learning process involves discovering what does—and equally important does not—work in a case. Helping students to learn that no case is the same as any other, and each requires a process of preparation is the best part of coaching.”

Along the way, she picked up awards for best prosecution oralist and best prosecutorial memorandum. This year, she stepped into a new role as team captain. In her leadership role, she has challenged and supported her team, provoking the passion and excitement required to win.

“Moot court is more than just the competition; it is an experience that teaches you so much about your capacity to address complex systems,” she explained. “My goal was to help facilitate that professional development as best as I could.”

In March, three years after her first practice, Benfield led her ICC team to the National Finals for the fourth time, where it garnered its first-ever national championship and earned a ticket to compete against other national champions from around the world in The Hague, Netherlands.



Jessup and Vis

Our Jessup International Law Moot Court team is one of just a handful of U.S. teams to have won the world championship and world's best brief award. In 2022 and 2023, CWRU won the world's best speaker award—the only team to have accomplished that feat two years in a row. In 2024, the CWRU team won the U.S. regional rounds for the tenth time and went on to win the sixth best speaker award in the international rounds. And in 2026, the team won a Best Brief Award at the National Competition.

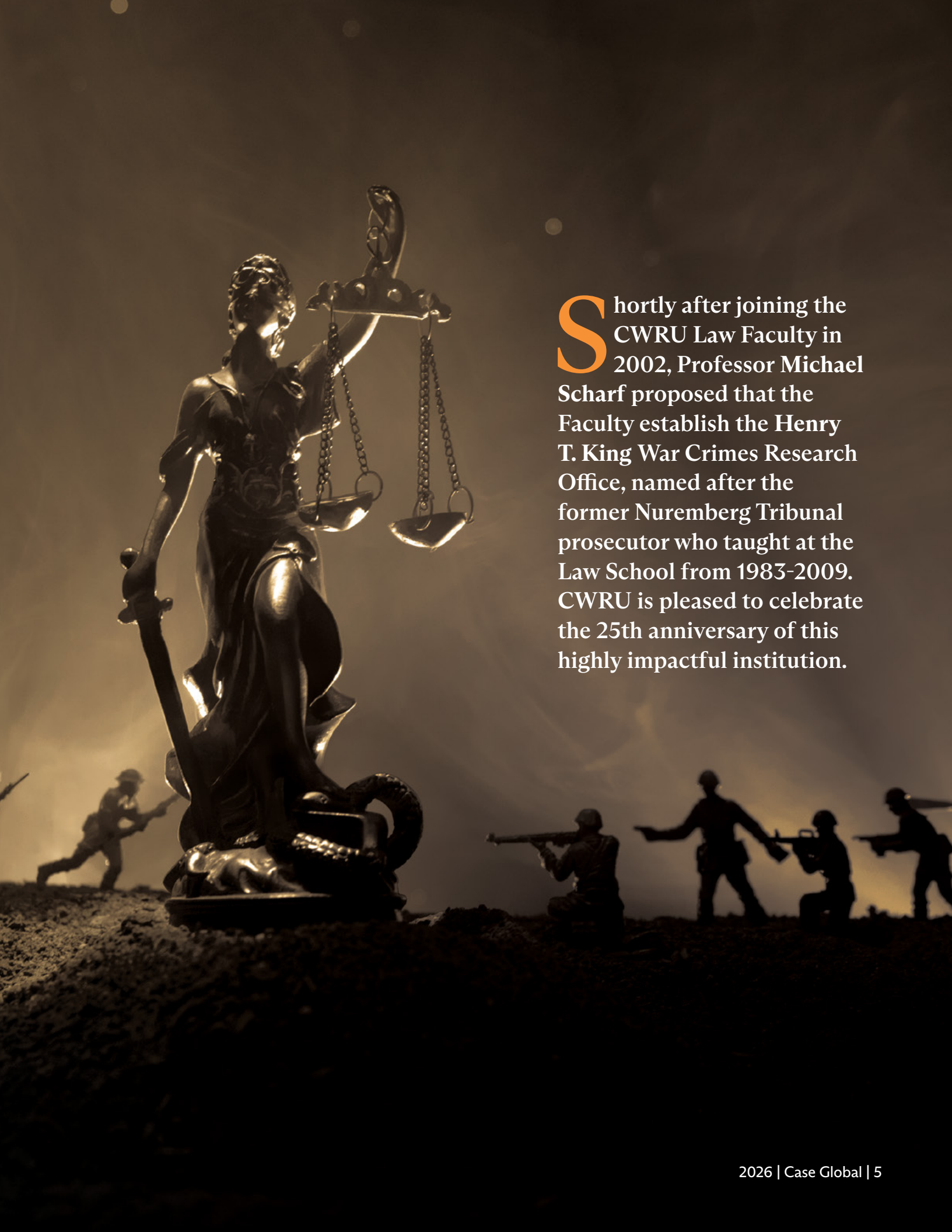
And our Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team won the honorary mention award given to the top 20 oralists in Vienna in 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, and 2025. In 2026, the Vis team reach the Championship Round of the Competition in Budapest, Hungary.

Celebrating the

25TH

*Anniversary
of Our War Crimes Research Office*





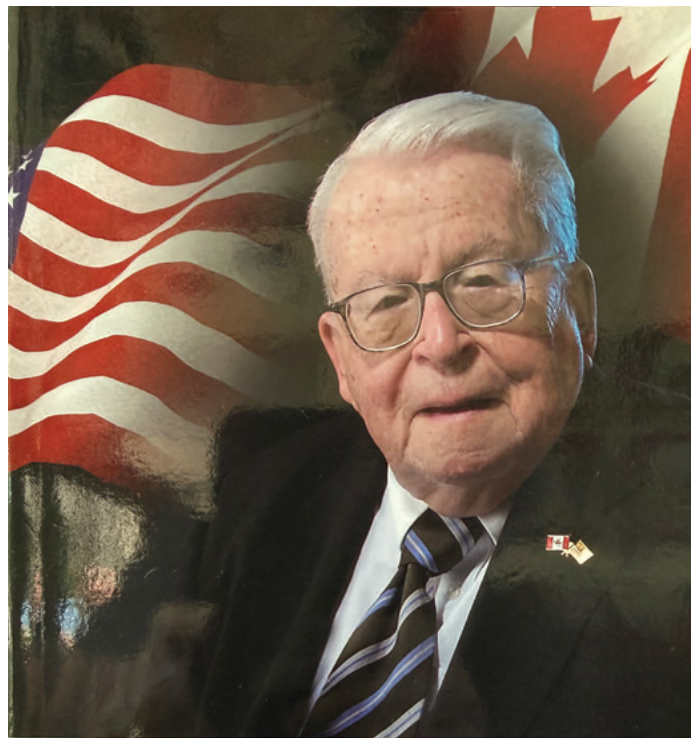
Shortly after joining the CWRU Law Faculty in 2002, Professor Michael Scharf proposed that the Faculty establish the Henry T. King War Crimes Research Office, named after the former Nuremberg Tribunal prosecutor who taught at the Law School from 1983-2009. CWRU is pleased to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this highly impactful institution.

A law faculty with three generations of international prosecutors

Professor King recruited Scharf, who had played a lead role in the creation of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia when he worked at the U.S. Department of State. “It was a rare treat getting to work with a man who had first-hand knowledge of the world’s first international criminal tribunal,” said Professor Scharf. “For someone who had seen such horrors at Nuremberg, **Henry King** had an incredibly positive outlook on life, as well as an unbridled commitment to international justice.”

“Case Western Reserve is certainly unique among law schools in that it had a Nuremberg prosecutor on its faculty,” Scharf told Case Global. “But it might surprise you to learn that Henry King was not the only international prosecutor that taught here.” Before King’s arrival, another member of Robert Jackson’s Nuremberg prosecution team, **Sydney Jacoby**, taught at CWRU Law School from 1968-1975 and held the John C. Hutchins Chair.

Following in their footsteps, Scharf spent his sabbatical in 2008 working in Phnom Penh as Special Assistant to Robert Petit, the Chief Prosecutor of the UN-created Cambodia Genocide Tribunal. And when Scharf became Co-Dean of the Law School in 2013, he recruited **Jim**



HENRY T. KING, JR.

A Life Dedicated to International Justice

Edited by MICHAEL P. SCHARF

“It was a rare treat getting to work with a man who had first-hand knowledge of the world’s first international criminal tribunal. For someone who had seen such horrors at Nuremberg, Henry King had an incredibly positive outlook on life, as well as an unbridled commitment to international justice.”

—Professor Michael Scharf

that the international prosecutors lack the bandwidth to accomplish,” says Johnson. “To date, the students have written 252 research memos for five international criminal tribunals which have been downloaded by researchers around the world an astonishing 86,295 times!”

In 2005, David Crane, the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, asked the War Crimes Research Office to tackle three significant issues: whether head

Johnson, the Chief of Prosecutions of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, to take over for him as the Director of the Henry T. King War Crimes Research Office.

Global Impact

“Today’s law students often say they want to go to law school so they can make an impact on the world after they graduate,” notes Professor Johnson. “At CWRU, the students working with the War Crimes Research Office have a chance to make a global impact while in law school.”

The main work of the War Crimes Research Office is the preparation of research memoranda for international criminal tribunals, piracy courts, and INTERPOL. Each semester a dozen students enrolled in the 3-credit War Crimes Research Lab undertake assignments provided by international prosecutors which are used in real cases. “Often the projects are incredibly important because they require a depth of research

of state immunity applies to leaders prosecuted by the Special Court for Sierra Leone; whether the tribunal could prosecute the newly designated crime of “forced marriage”; and whether it could prosecute the recruitment and use of child soldiers. Prosecutor Crane integrated the CWRU students’ work into his briefs. The work proved instrumental to Crane’s successful efforts to prosecute Liberian President Charles Taylor and other leaders responsible for war crimes in the Sierra Leone civil war. In a show of gratitude, Crane nominated Professor Scharf and his students for the Nobel Peace Prize “for their invaluable assistance in bringing some of the world’s worst war criminals to justice.”

To complement the work of the Lab, in 2018 Professor Johnson created the Yemen Accountability Project, a student-led initiative that documents and analyzes war crimes and crimes against humanity that have occurred during Yemen’s ongoing civil war. Each year, more than fifty first year law students volunteer their time on the Project, which is funded by an annual contribution by alumnus Tim Geisse. “The goal is to provide a future international

prosecutor an entire library of resources on a flash drive, to help jump start prosecutions,” explains **Pilar Corso**, the 3L Executive Director of the Project. In 2026, the Project expanded its focus to include documenting atrocity crimes in Afghanistan, Iran, and Syria, and was renamed the Mid-East Accountability Project.

Most recently, CWRU professors and students have been assisting Ukraine jurists in preparing to prosecute cases of Russian environmental war crimes in Ukraine. Under the auspices of the International Bar Association, during the past two years Professor Scharf has led three week-long workshops in Poland for the Ukrainian prosecutors and judges.

Experts’ meetings and conferences

The War Crimes Research Office organizes an annual conference in August known as the International Humanitarian Law Roundtable at the Robert H. Jackson Center on the shores of Lake Chautauqua, about 90 minutes from Cleveland. The intimate conference



Professor Johnson and the student leaders of the Yemen Accountability Project



Experts convened by CWRU School of Law issue report on the need to update the Geneva Conventions

doubles as an annual retreat for the world's international prosecutors. CWRU law students serve as rapporteurs for the expert discussions which are summarized and published in an annual volume by the American Society of International Law.

In addition, the Office has organized important conferences at the Law School, which have produced symposium issues of the *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* and widely read expert reports on:

- “The Need to Strengthen International Humanitarian Law to Address the Challenges of 21st Century Warfare” (2025).
- “Katyn Forrest Massacre: Justice Delayed or Justice Denied” (2012).
- “Is Lawfare Worth Defining?” (2010).
- “The International Criminal Court and the Crime of Aggression” (2009).
- “The Cleveland Principles of International Law on the Detention and Treatment of Persons in Connection with the Global War on Terror” (2006).

With the support of a generous endowment by former CWRU Trustee **Bruce J. Klatsky**, copies of the Symposia

volumes and Expert Reports are sent to all 1,200 U.S. Professors of International Law.

Keeping the world informed

Established by the War Crimes Research Office in 2005, *War Crimes Prosecution Watch* is a bi-weekly e-newsletter that collects official documents and articles from major news sources that detail and analyze salient issues pertaining to the investigation and prosecution of war crimes throughout the world. The publication, which goes out to over 15,000 subscribers, is edited by thirty CWRU law students. To date, the War Crimes Prosecution Watch team has published over 350 issues of the e-Newsletter – a must read by international prosecutors throughout the world. To subscribe, please email warcrimeswatcheditors@case.edu and type “subscribe” in the subject line.

Creating the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition

Fifteen years ago, Professor Scharf and Professor Carsten Stahn of Leiden University co-founded the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition, designed to educate students about the law and practice of the ICC. Held in The Hague and sponsored by the International

When Henry King passed away in 2009, his former students raised funds to endow Henry King Fellowships for the CWRU law students interning at international criminal tribunals.

Bar Association and Leiden University, the competition has grown into one of the largest and most prestigious moot courts in the world. Every year, the Final Round is held at the real ICC

Courtroom and presided over by real ICC judges. Assisted by a committee of experts, Professor Scharf writes the case each summer and a team of CWRU law students helps him in the fall to prepare the Bench Memorandum, used by several hundred prestigious judges from around the world who judge the briefs and oral arguments.

The world's first International Criminal Law MOOC

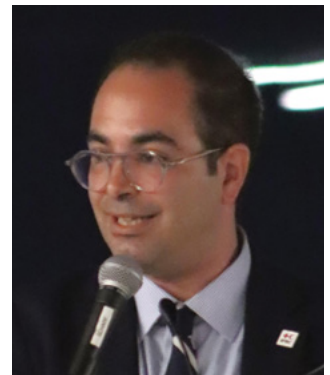
The Law School offers numerous courses related to International Criminal Law, which hundreds of students take every year. But starting in 2012, the reach of our teaching in this specialty expanded exponentially. That was the year two Stanford University professors established Coursera, a global provider of Massive Open Online Courses (known as "MOOCs"). CWRU was one of the first universities to partner with Coursera. Fourteen years on, our online course on International Criminal Law has become a Coursera favorite, with more than 205,000 enrollees and an average rating of 4.8/5 stars. The popular course, which was designed for undergraduates, law students, and lawyers alike, comprises eight one-hour units, covering war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, terrorism, piracy, extradition, and international criminal trials. The course was professionally produced at the University's Media Vision television studio with the look of an episode of "60 Minutes." Each session includes movie clips, photos, and maps, and concludes with a quiz and writing assignment.

Launching the next generation of War Crimes Prosecutors

In 2008. Professors King and Scharf convinced the Faculty to award a semester's worth of credit to students interning in the fall or spring semesters at international tribunals. When **Henry King** passed away in 2009, his former students raised funds to endow Henry King Fellowships for the CWRU law students interning at international criminal tribunals. In 2026, alumnus **Lew Winarsky** and his wife,

Sue, began to fund additional international criminal law-related internships around the globe. These funded-summer and semester-long internships have served as launch pads for CWRU law students interested in a career in international justice. Examples include:

- **Christopher Rassi (LAW '03)**, who became a prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and is now Chief of Staff of the International Federation of the Red Cross.
- **Andres Perez (LAW '04)**, who became a prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and is now Senior Counsel to the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- **Ruth Mary Hackler (LAW '06)**, who served as a prosecutor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Cambodia Genocide Tribunal and is now a prosecutor at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers.
- **Zach Lampell (LAW '08)**, who became a prosecutor at the UN Cambodia Genocide Tribunal and is now senior legal advisor at the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law.
- **Kelly Schmidt (LAW '08)**, who became a prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and is now Legal Officer at UN Headquarters.
- **Nate Quick (LAW '09)**, who served as a prosecutor at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the International Criminal Court and is now a prosecutor at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers.
- **Duncan Gaswaga (LAW '13)**, who served as a judge on the Uganda High War Crimes Chamber and is now a judge of the African Court on Human and People's Rights.
- **Elise Manchester (LAW '24)**, who was hired after graduating in 2024 to work in the Office of Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court through its "visiting professional program."



Chris Rassi



Professor Juscélino Colares (left) chairs the Cox Center's annual International Trade Law Conference.

International Law Conferences, Experts Meetings, and Distinguished Lectures

As part of building their professional networks, CWRU School of Law students are exposed to a steady stream of distinguished speakers who have left an indelible mark on international law. In 2025-2026, we organized and hosted:

- The International Humanitarian Law Roundtable in Chautauqua (August 24-25, 2025);
- The ASIL Midyear Meeting (September 25-27, 2025);
- CUSLI Experts Meeting on “Greenland: Sovereignty, Security and Arctic Cooperation” (October 22, 2025);
- The Tenth Annual International Trade Conference organized by Professor Colares (November 7, 2025);
- The Institute for Global Security Law and Policy Distinguished Lecture, “Representing Palestinian Student Activists in an Age of Repression, A talk with Baher Azmy, Attorney for Mahmoud Khalil” (November 13, 2025);
- The Klatsky Endowed Lecture on Human Rights featuring Ambassador Beth Van Schaack (January 14, 2026);
- The 50th Annual Canada-U.S. Law Institute Conference in Washington, D.C. (May 11, 2026).

CWRU Hosts 2026 American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting—Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law Publishes its Largest Symposium Volume

Case Western Reserve University School of Law was honored to have been selected by the American Society of International Law to host its 2025 Midyear Meeting, which brought together 150 leading experts from the academy, the private sector, and international organizations to participate in over thirty panels and presentations over three days from September 25 through September 27, 2025 to discuss the theme “Turning Points and Paradigm Shifts in International Law.” The panels showcased selected papers from more than 200 submissions across the field, underscoring CWRU’s status as a hub for global legal dialogue.

In addition to these expert-led discussions, highlights of the Midyear Meeting included a dinner keynote speech by Dr. Mark Ellis, Executive Director of the International Bar Association; a morning keynote address by Judge Leo Gordon of the U.S. Court of International Trade; a plenary fireside chat with Ambassador Rena Lee of Singapore and Bryce Rudyk, Legal Advisor of the Alliance of



Mark Ellis, Executive Director of the International Bar Association, presents the Keynote Dinner Speech at the ASIL Midyear Meeting.

Small Island States; and closing remarks by Rt. Hon. Alex Chalk, KC, former UK Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice. As a preview of the Midyear Meeting, Michael Scharf hosted a group of international law leaders including Harold Hongju Koh (former State Department Legal Adviser), and Oona Hathaway (President of the American Society of International Law) for a lively discussion of turning points and paradigm shifts in international law on his radio show and podcast, “Talking Foreign Policy.”

Now in its 59th year, the *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* is one of the oldest and most cited international law journals in the world (currently ranked #19) according to

the *Washington & Lee Law Journal* Rankings). Editors are selected through grades or a write-on competition in the summer following the 1L year. For the past twenty years, the student-edited *Journal* has produced an annual double issue Symposium volume of around 700 pages, containing the articles generated from the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center’s annual conference. Supported by the Bruce Klatsky endowment, copies of the *Journal* are sent to every international law professor in the country.

The recently published 2026 volume of the *Journal* contains select articles from the ASIL Midyear Meeting. At 873 pages, this was the largest volume in the history of the journal.

Other recent symposium issues have examined “The Need to Update the Geneva Conventions on the Laws of War” (2025), “Climate Change and International Law at a Crossroads” (2024), “International Law and the New Cold War” (2023), “the Academy and International Law: A Catalyst for Change and Innovation” (2022), “International Law in the Age of Global Crisis” (2021), “Atrocity Prevention: The Role of International Law and Justice” (2020), “International Law and Policy in the Age of Trump” (2019), “Corporations on Trial for Human Rights Violations” (2018), “The Art of International Law” (2017), “The International Law Legacy of the Obama Administration” (2016), and “International Regulation of Emerging Military Technologies” (2015).

CUSLI 50th Anniversary Conference: “The Future of Canada-United States Relations”

The Canada – United States relationship has come under stress recently, and there are numerous opinions and perspectives on where it is headed. This very important relationship, precious to both countries, needs to be examined and understood, and its value needs to be preserved. As a result, the Canada – United States Law Institute (a joint creation of CWRU and Western Ontario Law) dedicated its 50th annual conference to “The Future of Canada-United States Relations.”

Held in Washington, D.C. at Johns Hopkins University and the Canadian Embassy, the all-day conference included important keynote presentations and four panels moderated by recognized current and former ambassadors, government officials, and leaders, as well as experts in their fields as panelists. Highlighted speakers, presenters, and panelists included:

- Mark D. Wiseman, Ambassador of Canada to the United States
- Hon. David Cohen, Former United States Ambassador to Canada
- Hon. David Jacobson, Former United States Ambassador to Canada
- Hon. James Blanchard, Former United States Ambassador to Canada and Governor of Michigan
- Colin Bird, Consul General of Canada in Detroit, Michigan
- Hon. Peter MacKay, Canada’s Former Minister of Justice, Foreign Affairs, and National Defence
- Charlie Dent, Former United States Representative from Pennsylvania
- Donald Bacon, United States Representative from Nebraska
- Fred Upton, Former United States Representative from Michigan
- Stephen DeBoer, Former Canadian Representative to the World Trade Organization
- Thomas Lawson, Retired Canadian Air Force General and Deputy Commander of NORAD
- Martha Hall Findlay, Former Canadian Parliament member and Director of School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary
- Beth Burke, CEO, Canadian American Business Council
- Ian Sheldon, Andersons Chair in Agricultural Marketing, Trade and Policy, Ohio State University
- Diane Francis, Editor-at-Large for *National Post*
- Josh Rogin, Lead Global Security Analyst for *Washington Post*
- Todd Spangler, Washington Correspondent for *Detroit Free Press*



Mark Wiseman, Ambassador of Canada to the United States, addresses the participants of the 50th Anniversary Canada-U.S. Law Institute Conference.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Margaux Day (LAW '09), Fighting for Human Rights



A Michigan native, **Margaux Day** was selected as a 1L to be a member of the CWRU School of Law Jessup International Law Moot Court Team. That year, the team won the U.S. regional competition, and the next year Margaux and her teammates went on to win the world championship. During the summer after her first year, Margaux interned at the International Bar Association in London, supported by a Cox Center stipend. She was a Summer Associate at Jones Day during her second summer. And she externed for a semester at the UN's Cambodia Genocide Tribunal in Phnom Penh during her 3rd year. After graduating, Margaux clerked for a Federal District Court Judge; was an Associate at Jones Day in Shanghai, China; was the Deputy Chief Compliance Officer at Diebold Nixdorf in Singapore; served as Vice President of the Public International Law & Policy Group; and is currently the Executive Director of Accountability Counsel in Washington, D.C. In her current position, Margaux and her staff of 30 international lawyers empower communities around the globe to defend their human rights and environment against harm from internationally financed projects.

"I chose to attend CWRU because of its top-ranked international law program, and Case delivered on its promise," Day told *Case Global*. "CWRU offered me opportunities to learn and engage with international legal issues from the day I stepped foot on campus and prepared me for a global career after. From arguing the World Championship Round of the Jessup International Law Moot Court competition, to supporting international tribunals and learning from preeminent legal practitioners, CWRU set the foundation for success."

A Conversation with Counter-Terrorism Expert Michael Lebowitz (LAW '03).

After **Mike Lebowitz** graduated from the law school in 2003, he spent several years working on cases at Guantanamo Bay where he appeared in court for the 9/11 and USS Cole capital cases, among others. He was later appointed as a Department of Defense Special Trial Counsel and served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia and senior attorney at the Department of Justice's National Security Division. He is currently a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserve where he serves as the Chief of National Security Law at Army Cyber Command and as a national security/war crimes professor at the Judge Advocate General's School at the University of Virginia. He is the author of the new book, *Second Wave: Inside Al Qaeda's Post-9/11 Attack Plan and America's Secret Effort to Stop It* (Diversions Books, 2026). *Case Global* sat down with Michael to discuss his exceptional career in National Security law and critically acclaimed new book.

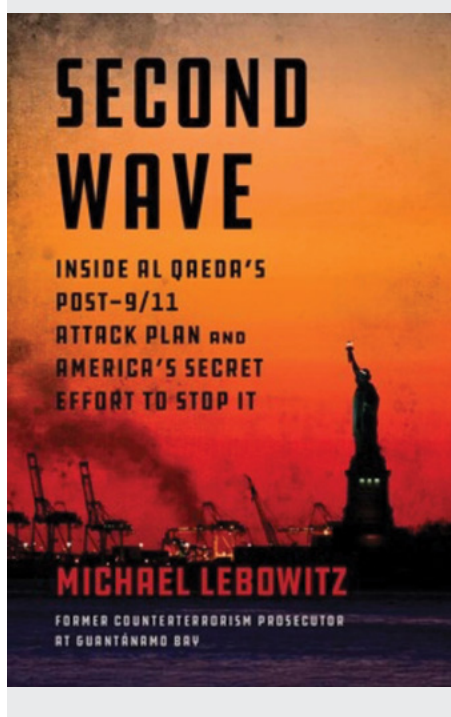
How did CWRU prepare you for your career in National Security Law?

"On September 11, 2001, I watched an airliner deliberately crash into the World Trade Center live on a TV located in a communal area of the law school. That moment defined my rather non-traditional career trajectory toward national security and cyber law. The law school's focus on international law was vital to my career trajectory. The *Journal of International Law's* office at the school became a home away from home where I interacted and learned from some of the brightest and most dedicated students who shared similar interests. In addition, the opportunity to learn from world-renowned practitioners like Michael Scharf and the late Henry King laid the foundation for a career based on practicality rather than merely theory. Their influence compelled me to take an internship in 2002 with the International Law Institute in East Africa where I gained first-hand experience in the rule of law and governance. After graduation, the law school continued to provide hands-on support and encouragement as I pursued a career in national security. I would not have broken through to meaningful national security roles without my CWRU law school experience."

You have just published a book about the post-9/11 threat from Al Qaeda. Tell us about it.

"*Second Wave* is the untold true story of al Qaeda's most ambitious post-9/11 plot—a planned attack designed to be significantly deadlier than that on the Twin Towers and Pentagon. Upon the 25th anniversary of 9/11, *Second Wave* exposes al Qaeda's efforts to obtain explosives, particularly nuclear and radiological, for clandestine shipment into

“Second Wave is the untold true story of al Qaeda’s most ambitious post-9/11 plot—a planned attack designed to be significantly deadlier than that on the Twin Towers and Pentagon.”



United States ports. The nightmare scenario—codenamed the “Second Wave”—triggered one of the most urgent and secretive manhunts in US history. Drawing on formerly top-secret records and my experience as a Guantanamo Bay war-crimes prosecutor, the book details the heroic yet controversial race within the CIA, FBI, and Pentagon to stop the plot. This book also uniquely uses facts, comparisons, and statistics to tie those events to today—forcing readers to ask: Are we truly prepared to prevent the next large terrorist attack?”



Participants of the Spring Break in The Hague Program at the International Criminal Court.

CWRU Launches Spring Break in the Hague Program for Students and Alums

Students and alumni spent a week in the City of International Peace and Justice from March 9-13, 2026, participating in CWRU School of Law’s new spring break in the Hague program. The 2-credit program was led by professors **Michael Scharf** and **Laura McNally**.

Participants visited the International Court of Justice, the Permanent International Court of Arbitration, the International Criminal Court, the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, and the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. The students met with judges, prosecutors, and defense counsel of these courts, including alumna **Ruth Mary Hackler (LAW ’06)**, who is a prosecutor at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. They also took a field trip to the Anne Frank house/museum and enjoyed a canal cruise, a visit to the Van Gogh Museum, and a tour of the Heineken Experience in Amsterdam.

To register for the second edition of the program, to be held March 7-13, 2027, contact Laura McNally at lem20@case.edu.



Participants of the Spring Break in The Hague Program meet with ICC Judges

Hands-On Opportunities in International Law

CWRU offers more than two-dozen courses in international law including a first-year elective, “Fundamentals of International Law.” Learning the law is only the beginning. Through our international law Clinics, Labs and Practicums, students work with real clients, judges, and attorneys, gaining practical skills in advocacy, negotiation, problem-solving, and professional judgment. These experiences help students graduate not only with legal knowledge, but with the confidence and experience employers value.

Immigration Law and policy is at the forefront of national debate and the role of immigration lawyers has become increasingly important. In 2024, alumnus **Austin Fragomen (Law '68)** made a \$1 million gift to endow our Immigration Clinic and **Margaret Wong**, head of Cleveland's largest immigration law firm, made a \$200,000 gift to endow a scholarship for students focusing on Immigration Law. In May 2024, Aleksandar Cuic, who is also Managing Partner at Brown Immigration Law in Cleveland, was named the inaugural Austin and Gwen Fragomen Distinguished Practitioner in the Immigration Clinic. The students enrolled in the Immigration Clinic litigate asylum and deportation cases before the Federal Immigration Court in Cleveland. We are pleased to report that three members of the Class of 2026 have joined the dozens of our graduates that have gone on to successful careers in Immigration Law: **Bayanne Farraj**, attorney-Adviser, Immigration Court in California (Sacramento); **Marissa Miller**, Attorney-Adviser, Immigration Court in California (Concord); and **Allie Eynon ('26)**, Attorney, Board of Immigration Appeals. Brandon.

Alarming, the State of Ohio ranks 5th in the nation for

incidents of human trafficking, many involving women and girls trafficked from abroad. CWRU School of Law established the **Human Trafficking Clinic** in 2018 to provide legal services for victims of trafficking and provide students hands-on experience in this field. Since its opening, students enrolled in the Human Trafficking Law Clinic have served over 1000 individuals, providing crucial civil legal representation on issues such as expungement, social security benefits, and child support modification.

In the **International Law Research Lab** students undertake legal research projects designed at the request of various international law enforcement organizations. Recent clients include the International Criminal Court, the UN-affiliated tribunals in Cambodia and Sierra Leone, Interpol, U.S. Military Commissions, and the U.S. Coast Guard, among others. Course sessions explore the development and practice of international criminal law as well as developing jurisprudence relevant to the current students' projects. Substantial time is devoted to in-class discussion of target issues, writing workshops, and individual presentation of findings. Completed projects are forwarded to the requesting clients and posted in the school's international war crimes portal.

The **International Development Law Practicum** is focused on social impact investing in the Global South. It currently has two anchor pro bono partners, one headquartered in Singapore and the other in India. Students enrolled in the Practicum work on White Papers, policy guidelines, toolkits and legal templates that respond to the needs of the partner institutions.



Immigration Law Clinic students help clients in need



Students earn a foreign LLM and our JD at the same time through our unique Concurrent Degree Program

One of the reasons CWRU School of Law's International Law Program is ranked so highly is the school's unique Concurrent Degree Program. Over the past dozen years, CWRU School of Law has established five Concurrent Degree Partnerships—with Middlesex University in London, Université Paris-IX Dauphine, Lille Catholic University School of Law in the north of France, Comillas Pontifical University in Madrid, and Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Every year, CWRU sends two law students to each of the five prestigious partner universities to obtain their LLM degree. CWRU counts that year abroad as the third year of the JD at CWRU, so the students graduate in three years with the foreign LLM and the CWRU JD degree at no extra tuition cost. For the past few years, a generous alum, **Laura Quatela (LAW '82)**, has been providing funds to support our outbound Concurrent Degree students' travel and living expenses.

At the same time, each of these partner schools sends two students a year to attain the CWRU LLM Degree, bringing stellar foreign students to our program. After graduating, several of these foreign students have elected to take a U.S. Bar exam and practice law in the United States; others return to practice in their home countries.

Several of the CWRU graduates of the program have obtained jobs in the foreign countries where they received their Concurrent LLM degrees, including at foreign law firms (**Jessica Turner**), foreign branches of US law firms (**Garo Yaghsejian**), NGOs (**Mackenzie Kern**) and even teaching at a French university (**Clare Shin**). Others, such as **Caroline Moore, Douglas Pilawa** and **Teresa Azzam**, have leveraged their foreign degree and experience to help them obtain jobs at U.S. firms such as Jones Day and Squire Patton Boggs that specialize in international business or international arbitration.

International internships

At Case Western Reserve University School of Law, there is a core tenet to the educational approach: The best way to learn international law is to experience it. That's why the school's Frederick K. Cox International Law Center provides networking opportunities and \$75,000 in annual funding to support summer, semester-long and post-graduate unpaid internships and externships abroad or in the United States. And thanks to the school's Bruce Klatsky Endowment, two law students earn internships at Human Rights Watch, which comes with a stipend of \$5,000 per year. In addition, the new Sue and Lew Winarsky Fellowships provide \$4,000 for students interning at the IBA in London, INTERPOL in Lyon, the International Federation of the Red Cross in Geneva, and Shurat HaDin Israel Law Centre in Tel Aviv.

Over the years, CWRU School of Law students have undertaken exciting internships all over the world. Take a look at where they've left their mark.

Africa

- AIDS and Rights Alliance for South Africa (Cape Town, South Africa)
- Constitutional Court of South Africa (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- Equality Now (Nairobi, Kenya)
- Legal Resources Centre (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- International Justice Mission (Nairobi, Kenya)



Pilar Corso, Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (The Hague)

- International Law Institute (Kampala, Uganda)
- Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms (Port Louis, Mauritius)
- Refugee Law Project – Center For Forced Migrants (Kampala, Uganda)
- Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, Office of the Prosecutor (Freetown, Sierra Leone, and The Hague)
- Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (Kampala, Uganda)

Asia

- Aide Medicale Internationale (Yangon, Myanmar)
- Bar Council of Gujarat (Gujarat, India)
- Allbright Law Firm (Shanghai)
- Cambodian Center for Human Rights (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- Chang Tsi & Partners (Beijing)
- Chenxi Law Firm (Weihai, China)
- Documentation Center of Cambodia (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (Bangkok)
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (Islamabad)
- International Bridges to Justice (Beijing)
- INTERPOL, Office of Legal Affairs (Singapore)
- Jingtian & Gongcheng (Shanghai)
- Linuo Law Firm (Weihai, China)
- Medecins Sans Frontieres (Rangoon, Burma)
- Senate Legal Counsel (Ngerulmud, Palau)
- Society for the Protection and Rights of the Child (Lahore, Pakistan)
- Supreme Court of India (New Delhi, India)
- Supreme Court of the Philippines (Manila, Philippines)
- United Nations Development Programme (Hanoi, Vietnam)
- United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (Dili, Timor-Leste)
- Solicitor Vinod Mistry and Company (Mumbai, India)
- World Health Organization
- Centre for Health Development (Kobe, Japan)

Central and South America

- Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica, Ministry of National Security & Legal Affairs (Dominica West Indies)
- The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis - Intellectual Property Office (Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis)
- Inter-American Court of Human Rights (San José, Costa Rica)
- Peru Ministry of Health, Office of Transparency & Defense of Human Rights (Lima, Peru)
- South American Trade Office (Santiago, Chile)

Middle East

- Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists (Amman, Jordan)
- Refugee Rights Clinic (Tel Aviv, Israel)
- Shurat HaDin Israel Law Centre (Tel Aviv, Israel)



Dalerys Feliciano Acevedo, US Navy JAG Corps (Washington, D.C.)



Aabid Shiva at the International Federation of the Red Cross in Geneva

Europe

- Amnesty International (London)
- Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP (London)
- International Bar Association,
- Human Rights Institute (London)
- International Bridges to Justice (Geneva)
- International Criminal Court, Office of the Prosecutor, Chambers, Defense (The Hague)
- International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Geneva)
- International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (The Hague)
- International Trade Center (Geneva)
- INTERPOL, Office of Legal Affairs (Lyon, France)
- Office of the Mayor of the City of Paris (Paris)
- Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Office of General Counsel (The Hague)
- Pfizer Pharmaceutical, Office of General Counsel (Budapest)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Geneva)
- United Nations Human Rights Council (Geneva)

International internships, continued



Matthew Fox, International Bar Association (London)

- U.S. Embassy (Berlin)
- U.S. Embassy (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Naval Support Activity Naples Legal Services Office / U.S. JAG Office (Naples, Italy)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (Geneva)

North America

- Accountability Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
- International Institute of Akron (Akron)
- American Friends Service Committee – Immigrant Services (Miami)
- Amnesty International USA (Washington, D.C.)
- Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco)
- Asian Services in Action: ASIA (Cleveland)
- CUSLI - Advanced Air Mobility project (remote)
- Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa, Ontario)
- Parliament of Canada (Ottawa, Ontario)
- Department of Justice Canada, War Crimes Program (Ottawa, Ontario)
- Carter Center: Waging Peace. Fighting Disease. Building Hope (Atlanta)
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland, Migration & Refugee Services (Cleveland)
- Center for Human Rights and Environment (Florida)
- Center for International Environmental Law (Washington, D.C.)
- Council of Great Lakes Governors (Chicago)
- Federal Trade Commission (Washington, D.C.)
- Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics - FASPE (New York)
- Human Rights Watch – Klatsky Fellowship (Washington, D.C., and New York)
- Immigration Courts (Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit)
- Immigrant Defenders Law Center (Los Angeles)
- Institute for Justice and Democracy (Marshfield, Massachusetts)
- International Foundation of Art Research (New York)
- International Institute of Akron (Akron, Ohio)
- United States International Trade Commission (Washington, D.C.)
- International Monetary Fund (Washington, D.C.)
- National Organization for Women, (Washington, D.C.)
- National Security Law Institute to “National Security Law Center (Charlottesville, Virginia)
- Oasis Legal Services - Immigration (Berkeley, California)
- Organization of American States (Washington, D.C.)
- Permanent Mission of Thailand to the U.N. (New York)
- Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the U.N. (New York)
- American Gateways - Political Asylum Project of Austin (Austin, Texas)
- Public International Law and Policy Group (Washington, D.C.)
- Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting (Washington, D.C.)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Washington, D.C.)
- United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (New York)
- U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps (various locations)

- U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps (various locations)
- U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps (various locations)
- U.S. Coast Guard - Legal Assistance (Cleveland and Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Court of International Trade (New York)
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Chief Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Joint Terrorism Unit (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration Review, Organized Crime & Gang Section (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Foreign Litigation - Civil Division (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of International Affairs - Criminal Division (Washington, D.C.)



Morgan McCament (INTERPOL (Lyon, France).



Anna Styer, Human Rights Watch (New York City)

- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance & Training (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the Chief Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Advisor (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of State, Office to
- Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Office of Military Commissions (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Trade and Development Agency (Arlington, Virginia)
- World Bank (Washington, D.C.)

Where in the world?

Alumni take their places on the global stage of international law

Throughout the world, alumni from Case Western Reserve University School of Law employ their expertise at government and nongovernmental agencies, international organizations, corporations and law firms, and serve as mentors for students in the field. Read on to see where our graduates have landed.

Government and international organizations

- **Stephen Petras (LAW '79)**, chairman, Board of Directors of the Council of the Great Lakes Region and director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Cleveland)
- **Anne Simon (LAW '83)**, senior advisor, Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State (Falls Church, Virginia)
- **Mohamed Chambas (LAW '84)**, high representative, Silencing the Guns, African Union, (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)



Mohamed Chambas speaks to our students at graduation.

- **Capricia Marshall (LAW '90)**, ambassador-in-residence, Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, (Washington, D.C.)
- **Francois-Philippe Champagne (LAW '94)**, minister of innovation, Science and Industry (Ottawa, Ontario) (former minister of foreign affairs)
- **Daniel Ujcz (LAW '01)**, international trade counsel at Thompson Hine and Canada's Honorary Consul to Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Indiana.
- **Ahran Kang McCloskey (LAW '05)**, attorney advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.)



Canadian Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne, presents a fireside chat at the law school

- **Ruth Mary Hackler (LAW '06)**, prosecutor at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (The Hague)
- **Chelan Bliss (LAW '07)**, senior foreign service officer, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.)
- **Reid Swayze (LAW '07)**, chief, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service (Washington, D.C.)
- **Will Randall (LAW '08)**, General Counsel for the Advisor Office for Alberta Workers' Compensation (Calgary, Canada)
- **Kelly Schmidt (LAW '08)**, legal officer, United Nations Business Transformation and Accountability Unit (New York)
- **Nate Quick (LAW '09)**, prosecutor at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (The Hague)
- **Robert Kayinamura (LAW '11)**, deputy permanent representative, Republic of Rwanda to the United Nations (New York)

- **Tao Qui (LAW '12)**, Regional Coordinator, The 20th Asian Games (China)
- **Caitlin Warner (LAW '13)**, chief counsel, U.S. Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (Washington, D.C.)
- **Julia Liston (LAW '16)**, recently served as chief operating officer, American Branch of the International Law Association (Cleveland/ New York).
- **George Shadrack Kamanda (LAW '22)**, diplomatic and legal affairs officer, Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations



George Shadrack Kamanda

(New York)

Human rights law

- **Swithin Munyantwali (LAW '92)**, executive director and co-founder, International Law Institute - Africa Center for Legal Excellence (Pretoria, South Africa)

- **Chris Rassi (LAW '03)**, chief of staff and director, Office of Secretary General, International Federation of the Red Cross (Geneva)
- **Andres Perez (LAW '04)**, legal advisor, Rule of Law and Democracy Section for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva)



Andres Perez (left) while working for the Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia.

- **Zach Lampell (LAW '08)**, senior legal advisor, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (Washington, D.C.)
- **Margaux Day (LAW '09)**, executive director, Accountability Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
- **Niki Dasarathy (LAW '09)**, program director and deputy director, East-West Management Institute (Washington, D.C.)
- **Kimberly Brown (LAW '12)**, foreign service officer, Crisis, Stabilization and Governance, USAID (Washington, D.C.)
- **Rachel Wolbers (LAW '12)**, public policy manager, Meta Oversight Board (Washington, D.C.)
- **Eva Saulnier (LAW '20)**, international family law associate, Zashin Law (Cleveland)

- **Kristina Aiad-Toss (LAW '21)**, associate attorney, Human Trafficking, Babin Law (Columbus, Ohio)
- Mackenzie Kern (LAW '22), junior consultant, Ardea International (London)
- **Elise Manchester (Law '24)**, Human Rights in Practice (The Hague)

Immigration law

- **Austin Fragomen (LAW '68)**, founder, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernstein & Lowry LLP (New York)
- **Lisa Scott (LAW '86)**, founder, Scott Global Migration Law Group (Chicago)
- **Diego Archer (LAW '02)**, client services manager, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernstein & Lowry LLP (Dallas)
- **Joseph Edlow (LAW '07)**, founder, The Edlow Group (Washington, D.C.)
- **Su He (Law '13)**, Porterwright Immigration Practice Group, Executive Director of the Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber of Commerce (Cleveland)
- **Seth Garfinkel (LAW '17)**, attorney advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Denver Immigration Court (Denver)
- **Rachel Lehr (LAW '17)**, immigration attorney, George Mann & Associates (Michigan)
- **Malea Hetrick (LAW '17)**, attorney advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Cleveland Immigration Court (Cleveland)
- **Rohmah Javed (LAW '17)**, Legal Director of the Immigrant Justice Program at the Legal Aid Justice Center (Virginia)
- **Aliza Corinne Lopes-Baker (LAW '17)**, attorney advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Cleveland Immigration Court (Cleveland)
- **Lindsay Cook (LAW '18)**, asylum officer, USCIS Newark Asylum Office (New Jersey)
- **Maya Lugasy (LAW '18)**, associate, Brown Immigration Law (Cleveland)
- **Kate Masetta-Alvarez (LAW '18)**, appeals attorney, Department of Justice Immigration Law (Washington, D.C.)
- **Katerina Voronova (LAW '18)**, attorney, YWCA Immigrant and Refugee Services of Greater Harrisburg (Pennsylvania)
- **Shelvy Wade (LAW '18)**, attorney advisor, Arlington Immigration Court (Virginia)
- **Mariya Howykowycz (LAW '19)**, attorney, Howykowycz Immigration Law (New York)
- **James Nichols (LAW '19)**, immigration attorney, Catholic Charities (Cleveland)
- **Amelia Wester (LAW '19)**, associate immigration attorney, Blake Immigration Law PLLC (Alexandria, Virginia)



Su He

- **Rachel Berman-Vaporis (LAW '14)**, trial attorney, Office of Immigration Litigation - Appellate Section, Civil Division, Department of Justice (Washington, D.C.)

Where in the world? continued

- **Karla Gil (LAW '20)**, immigration attorney, Berry, Appleman & Leiden (Dallas)
- **Giancarlo Lisciani (LAW '20)**, business immigration attorney, Colombo & Hurd (Miami)
- **Meghan Lunders (LAW '20)**, judicial law clerk, Tacoma Immigration Court (Washington)
- **Kristen Connors (LAW '21)**, immigration attorney, Montroll Ottinger & Barquist (Burlington, Vermont)
- **Asako Ejima (LAW '21)**, immigration attorney, Law Office of Amie D. Miller (San Francisco)
- **Courtney Koski (LAW '21)**, immigration attorney, Costas Network Law Center (Cleveland)
- **Tommy Messner (LAW '21)**, attorney, Brown Immigration Law (Cleveland).
- **Charlee Thomas (LAW '21)**, immigration attorney, Lepore, Taylor & Fox (Paramus, New Jersey)
- **Amy Rubenstein (LAW '22)**, immigration attorney, Novo Legal Group (Denver)
- **Adrian Corona (LAW '23)**, immigration attorney, Sus Abogados Latinos (Painesville, Ohio)
- **Natalie Eberts (LAW '23)**, immigration attorney, Catholic Charities of Baltimore (Baltimore, MD)
- **Alexa Stovsky (LAW '23)**, immigration attorney, Costas Network Law Center (Cleveland)
- **Luke Antonczak (LAW '24)**, immigration attorney, Asian Services in Action (Cleveland)
- **Kaela Orrell (LAW '24)**, immigration attorney, Catholic Charities (Cleveland)
- **Nicholas Vanarthos (Law '24)**, attorney advisor, New York Immigration Court (New York)
- **Brandon Joseph Delia (Law '25)**, Brown Immigration Law (Cleveland, OH)

- **Jonathan Z. Kronert (Law '25)**, KIVU Immigration Law (Worthington, MN)
- **Seunghye Kim (Law '25)**, Margaret W. Wong & Associates (Cleveland, OH)
- **Allie Eynon (LAW '26)**, attorney, Board of Immigration Appeals (Falls Church, VA)
- **Bayanne Farraj (LAW '26)**, attorney-adviser, Immigration Court in California (Sacramento)
- **Marissa Miller (LAW '26)**, attorney-adviser, Immigration Court in California (Concord)

National security law

- **John Sopko (LAW '77)**, special inspector general, Afghanistan Reconstruction (Washington, D.C.)



John Sopko, U.S. Special Inspector General, in Afghanistan.

- **Kevin Nealer (LAW '78)**, principal, The Scowcroft Group (Washington, D.C.)
- **Janet Donovan (LAW '83)**, former admiral and head of Navy Reserve JAG Corps (Washington, D.C.)
- **Robert Altneu (LAW '91)**, director, U.S. Customs Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)
- **Ted Fowles (LAW '00)**, chief trial judge, U.S. Coast Guard (Washington, D.C.)
- **Rick Batson (LAW '02)**, Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel, U.S. Coast Guard (Washington, D.C.)



Richard Batson (LAW '02) (center)

- **Keith Petty (LAW '02)**, executive officer and chief, Tort Claims Division, U.S. Army Claims Service, U.S. Army JAG Corps (Fort Meade, Maryland)



Keith Petty arguing before the al Qaeda Military Commission.

- **Michael Lebowitz (LAW '03)**, Chief of National Security Law at Army Cyber Command and professor at the Judge Advocate General's School at University of Virginia
- **Brett O'Brien (LAW '11)**, founder and managing partner, National Security Law Firm, LLC (Washington, D.C.)
- **Katharine Quaglieri (LAW '11)**, counsel, U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics; former Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Washington, D.C.)
- **Ted Parran (LAW '13)**, assistant chief counsel, Department of Homeland Security (Cleveland)

- **Hyder Syed (LAW '13)**, assistant general counsel, INTERPOL (Lyon, France)
- **Stephanie Ripma (LAW '17)**, assistant chief counsel, ICE (Cleveland)
- **Alexandra Mooney (LAW '18)**, Lieutenant, U.S. Cyber Command (Fort Meade, MD)
- **Jazmine Edwards (LAW '21)**, attorney advisor, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)
- **Amanda Makhoul (LAW '21)**, Attorney-Advisor, DHS U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)
- **Laura Graham (LAW '21)**, Assistant General Counsel, FBI National Security and Cyber Law Branch (Washington, D.C.)
- **David Krawiec (LAW '21)**, attorney advisor, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)
- **Kathryn Meyer (LAW '22)**, attorney advisor, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)
- **Samual Halpert Rodis (LAW '23)**, U.S. Army JAG Corps (Watertown, N.Y.)
- **Austin Milliren (LAW '23)**, U.S. Army JAG Corps (Tacoma, Washington)
- **Casey Lindstrom (LAW '24)**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Buffalo)
- **Christine Love (LAW '24)**, U.S. Air Force JAG Corps (Washington, D.C.)
- **Kendyl Anne Biondich (Law '25)**, U.S. Navy JAG Corps (Washington, D.C.)
- **Casey A. Cascaldo (Law '25)**, U.S. Navy JAG Corps (Washington, DC)
- **Jamie Elise Davis (Law '25)**, U.S. Navy (Washington, D.C.)

- **Nathaniel Gray Sommers (Law '25)**, Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel (Washington, DC)

International business and trade law

- **Rick Newcomb (LAW '73)**, partner and chair, DLA Piper International Practice Section (Washington, D.C.)
- **Laura Quatela (LAW '82)**, senior vice president and chief legal officer, Lenovo Group (Morrisville, North Carolina)
- **Michelle (Ya-Ling) Gon (LAW '85)**, partner and international business law specialist, Han Kun Law Offices (Shanghai)
- **William Hayes (LAW '88)**, general counsel, The News Movement (London)
- **Nicole Nason (LAW '95)**, vice president, Federal Affairs at Boeing Co., former assistant secretary of state, Administration (Washington, D.C.)
- **Michele Connell (LAW '03)**, global managing partner, Squire Patton Boggs (Cleveland)



Michele Connell (LAW '03)

- **Ashley Lee (LAW '11)**, international trade counsel, Coca-Cola Co. (Atlanta)

- **Heather N. Ludwig (LAW '11)**, director of International Trade Compliance Counsel, Nidec Motor Corp.; former attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce (St. Louis)
- **Luke Tillman (LAW '11)**, customs and international trade lawyer, Steptoe and Johnson; former counsel, U.S. Trade Commission (Washington, D.C.)
- **Thomas Au (LAW '13)**, assistant general counsel, Office of U.S. Trade Representative (Washington, D.C.)
- **Zack Walker (LAW '13)**, partner and international trade lawyer, Picard Kentz & Rowe LLP (Washington, D.C.)
- **Tyler Kimberly (LAW '15)**, associate, Blank Rome LLP; former associate, McDermott Will & Emery LLP in the international trade practice group (Washington, D.C.)
- **Gabrielle Feuer (LAW '16)**, assistant general counsel, TransDigm Group Inc. (Cleveland)
- **Brendan Saslow (LAW '16)**, associate at Blank Rome LLP; former litigation attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Commerce (Washington, D.C.);
- **Alison Epperson (LAW '18)**, managing associate, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (New York)
- **Teresa Azzam (LAW '20)**, litigation associate, Miles & Stockbridge P.C.; former international arbitration associate, Squire Patton Boggs (Dubai)
- **Alex Lilly (LAW '19)**, international arbitration associate, Orrick (New York)
- **Douglas Pilawa (LAW '19)**, international dispute resolution associate, Squire Patton Boggs (Cleveland)

Where in the world? continued

- **Garo Yaghsejian (LAW '19)**, U.S. associate, Clifford Chance; former associate, Kramer, Levin, Naftalis & Frankel (Paris)
- **Katherine Dobscha (LAW '20)**, associate - customs, Grunfeld Desiderio Lebowitz Silverman & Klestadt LLP (New York)
- **Lauryn B. Durham (LAW '21)**, international dispute resolution associate, Squire Patton Boggs (Cleveland)
- **Christina Luo (LAW '21)**, international dispute resolution associate, Squire Patton Boggs (Cleveland)
- **Madeline McDaniel (Law '24)**, associate, Mooney Wieland Warren (American Samoa)
- **Gavin Andersen (LAW '25)**, International Trade Associate at Braumiller Law Group (Dallas)

- **Jennifer Peyton (LAW '98)**, assistant chief immigration court judge (Chicago)
- **Jennifer Riedthaler Williams (LAW '01)**, immigration court judge (Cleveland)
- **Colleen O'Donnell (LAW '06)**, immigration court judge (Laredo)
- **Duncan Gaswaga (LAW '13)**, judge, African Court on Human and People's Rights (Arusha, Tanzania)



Duncan Gaswaga

International law judges

- **Phil Hadji (LAW '12)**, judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Washington, D.C.)
- **Ian D. Midgley (LAW '98)**, immigration court judge (Miami)
- **Daniel Smuluow (LAW '98)**, immigration court judge (Baltimore)

International law professors (full time)

- **Ken Davis (LAW '74)**, University of Wisconsin Law School (Madison, Wisconsin)

- **Katy Mercer (LAW '83)**, Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Cleveland)
- **Amos Guiora (LAW '85)**, University of Utah College of Law (Salt Lake City)
- **Charles Norchi (LAW '86)**, University of Maine School of Law (Orono, Maine)
- **Mary-Beth Moylan (LAW '94)**, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law (Sacramento, California)
- **Chip Carter (LAW '98)**, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (Pittsburgh)
- **Hallie Ludsins (LAW '98)**, Emory Law School (Atlanta)
- **Bryan Mercurio (LAW '00)**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
- **Jack Turner (LAW '02)**, Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Cleveland)
- **Rafael Dean Brown (LAW '02)**, Qatar University College of Law (Doha, Qatar)
- **Greg McNeal (LAW '06)**, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (Pepperdine, California)
- **Clare Shin (LAW '21)**, IESEG School of Management (Paris, France)



A Community of Experts: Our International Law Faculty

More than three dozen faculty teach courses related to international law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. These experts help prepare aspiring lawyers through instruction and specialized courses that give them an edge over their graduating peers.



Directors



Michael P. Scharf
Associate Dean for Global Affairs; Joseph C. Hostetler-Baker Hostetler Professor of Law

After serving as Co-Dean of Case Western Reserve University School of Law for eleven years, in 2024 Scharf returned to the Faculty to lead the **International Law Program**. He is also the President of the American Branch of the International Law Association and serves as Co-Managing Director of the Public International Law & Policy Group, a Nobel Peace Prize-nominated NGO. Since 2012, Scharf has been the producer and host of “Talking Foreign Policy,” a radio program broadcast on Cleveland’s NPR station and other NPR affiliates across the country, which is also available as a podcast. Before becoming a law professor, Scharf served in the Office of the Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State, where he held the positions of Attorney-Adviser for Law Enforcement and Intelligence and Attorney-Adviser for United Nations Affairs. The 18th most-cited scholar in the field of international law, Scharf is the author of 22 books, five of which have won national book of the year honors. He teaches **Fundamentals of International Law, International Criminal Law, The Law of International Organizations, the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law seminar, the Hague Spring Break Program, and coaches the Jessup International Law Moot Court team.**



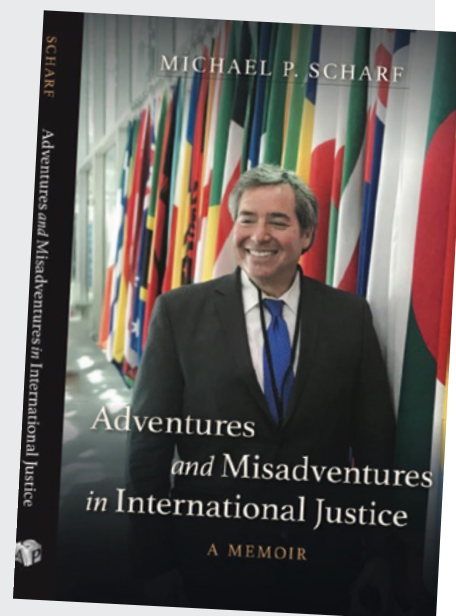
Eric C. Chaffee
John C. Hutchins Professor of Law; Associate Dean for Graduate Legal Studies

Formerly an attorney at Jones Day, Chaffee now teaches and writes about comparative and transnational securities regulation,

Adventures and Misadventures in International Justice: A Memoir

By Michael P. Scharf

New from Carolina Academic Press, this thrilling memoir by award-winning author Michael Scharf is full of tales of adventures and misadventures in international law spanning Scharf’s career as a State Department lawyer, head of an NGO, special assistant to the prosecutor of an international tribunal, radio program host, and law school dean. Written in a breezy style as Scharf recounts his role in the international crises of the past 40 years, this book is, in the words of the Executive Director of the International Bar Association, “part travelogue, part action-adventure story – and entirely mesmerizing.” A must read for anyone interested in a career as an international lawyer.



and he has recently published a book chapter on comparative insider trading regulation. He has taught at Université Paris Dauphine in France, University of Silesia in Poland, University of Szeged in Hungary, and most recently at the National Taiwan University in March 2025. Chaffee oversees the Law School’s **Foreign LLM/SJD team** and has coached the Law School’s award-winning **William Vis International Commercial Law Moot Arbitration team.**



Stephen J. Petras Jr. (LAW '79)
Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center; U.S. Director, Canada-United States Law Institute

Petras practiced international business transactions as a partner in the Business Practice Group of BakerHostetler LLP, where he led the International Industry Team from 1998 to 2012, and retired in 2018. He has served as president of the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group,

chair of the International Section of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, chair of the Board of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, vice chair of the World Affairs Councils of America and president of the Cleveland World Trade Association. Today, he teaches **Doing Business in the USA** in the International LLM Program, is vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of the Great Lakes Region and is a director of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs.

He also serves as a director of several private companies.



Juscelino Filgueiras Colares

Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Business Law and Professor of Political Science; Co-Director, Frederick K.

Cox International Law Center

Before joining the CWRU faculty, Colares clerked for Jean-Louis Debré, chief justice of France’s Constitutional Court, and practiced at Dewey

Ballantine LLP in Washington, D.C., where he litigated trade cases before federal agencies, federal courts and NAFTA panels. Colares has served as chair of the University Faculty Senate and associate dean for Global Legal Studies. A native of Brazil and naturalized citizen of the United States, Colares has been serving in the U.S. Roster of North American Free Trade Agreement (Chapter Nineteen) Panelists since 2013 and the U.S. Roster of United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement Panelists since 2021. Colares teaches **Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Federal Courts, International Environmental Law, Trade Law** and **International Business Transactions**. For the last ten years, he has organized a series of Trade Law Fall Updates, practitioner-oriented gatherings of leading trade lawyers, federal judges and trade agency officials. The winner of CWRU School of Law's 2018 Faculty Research Award, Colares is the author of more than 35 articles and book chapters, as well as a book, *Restructuring Trade Agreements* (Wolters Kluwer, 2nd ed. 2026).



Avidan Y. Cover
Professor of Law;
Director, Institute for
Global Security Law
and Policy

Cover previously served as senior counsel in Human Rights First's U.S. Law and Security Program and now teaches **International Law** and **International Human Rights Law** at Case Western Reserve University. Recently, Cover oversaw students' filing of special procedures complaints with the United Nations' Human Rights Council concerning excessive force at anti-police brutality protests in the United States and the arbitrary arrests and detention of Uyghur citizens in China. He recently published "Sanctions and Consequences: Third-State Impacts and the Development of International Law in the Shadow

of Unilateral Sanctions on Russia" in *Detroit Mercy Law Review*.



James C. Johnson
Adjunct Professor and
Director of the Henry
King War Crimes
Research Office

Johnson has been the Chief Prosecutor of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone since 2019. Prior to that, he served as Chief of Prosecutions for the Special Court for Sierra Leone, supervising multiple trial teams, including the team that prosecuted former Liberian president Charles Taylor. At the School of Law, Johnson teaches the **International Law Research Lab**, where students prepare research memoranda for international criminal tribunals and organizations. He also serves as the advisor for the Middle East Accountability Project, President of the Global Accountability Network and organizes the annual International Humanitarian Law Roundtable in Jamestown, New York, which is co-hosted by the Cox Center. Johnson is a retired U.S. Army Judge Advocate.



Jonathan Gordon
Professor of Lawyering
Skills and Director of
the International SJD
Program

Gordon, a graduate of Columbia Law School, joined the CWRU School of Law faculty after serving several years as a trial attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He teaches **Professional Responsibility**, the **First-Year** and **Advanced SJD Seminars**, and several courses in the joint program with Southwest University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing, China, including two courses in China in December 2024. In May 2025, Gordon taught Legal Terminology to judges and staff at the Saudi Board of Grievances in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

He has served as co-chair of the Legal Writing Institute's Global Legal Writing Skills Committee and on the Program Committee for the Global Legal Skills Institute's 16th GLS Conference in Bari, Italy, in June 2024, and the 17th GLS Conference in June 2025 in Brno, Czechia, where he presented on "AI and Academic Legal Writing." He is also serving on the Program Committee for the 18th GLS Conference in Monterrey, Mexico, in December 2026.



Jack Turner II
(LAW '02)
Professor of Law and
Director of Foreign
Graduate Legal Studies
LLM Program

Turner is the Director of our international LLM program and teaches **Contract Law** and **Scholarly Legal Writing** to LLM students. He teaches in our China partner programs. Turner also directs the Summer Language and Law Institute for incoming LLM students and international legal professionals.



Alim Ulbashev
Director of Admissions
and Student Services,
Global Legal Studies
Before joining CWRU Law, Ulbashev earned an LLM from the

University of Pennsylvania and received both his law degree and a Ph.D. in Law from Lomonosov Moscow State University. He was also a Fox Fellow at Yale University, where he researched Jewish law and comparative human rights under the supervision of the Honorable Aharon Barak, former President of the Israeli Supreme Court. Ulbashev spent more than seven years practicing law in Russia, focusing on litigation, technology law, and freedom of speech issues. In his current role, he supports international students throughout the admissions process and their academic experience. His recent law review publications focus on comparative media law and regulation.

Associated Faculty



Anat Alon-Beck

Professor of Law

An expert in business law from Israel, Alon-Beck's research has recently been cited by the U.S. Congress, the

Securities and Exchange Commission and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. She has a weekly column on [forbes.com](https://www.forbes.com). Alon-Beck holds JSD and LLM degrees with honors from Cornell Law School, where she served as an editor of the *Cornell International Law Journal*. She received her LLB from Tel Aviv University Buchmann Faculty of Law and served as an editor of *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*. This year, Alon-Beck was appointed as advisor on legislative proposals for the U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee.



Michael Benza (WRC '86, LAW '92)

Professor of Practice

An expert in criminal law who has argued before the U.S.

Supreme Court,

Benza coaches CWRU's **International Criminal Court Moot Court Team**, whose members won best speaker in 2015 and 2016 and best brief in 2017. Benza coached the team to the semifinals in 2018, the finals in 2021 and 2023, and the international rounds in 2021 and 2023, when they earned individual advocate and writing recognitions. Benza teaches courses in the school's joint LLM degree program at Southwest University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing, China.



David Carney (LAW '05)

Adjunct Professor

Carney is a partner at BakerHostetler LLP and practices in the group's Privacy and

Digital Risk Class Action and Litigation team. In the past, Carney has been one

of Law360's **Cybersecurity and Privacy MVPs** and a **Rising Star for Privacy**.

Carney teaches Cybersecurity Law and directs Frederick K. Cox International Law Center's Supreme Court amicus brief writing team.



Thomas Crist

Adjunct Professor

Crist is an international arbitration and disputes specialist headquartered in

the United States and the UAE, who chairs the Benesch law firm's Global Infrastructure Team and leads the firm's Middle East Practice. He teaches **International Arbitration**.

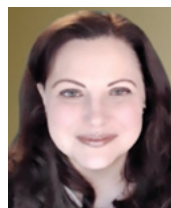


Aleksandar Cuic

Adjunct Professor
and Director of the
Immigration Law Clinic

Cuic is a partner at Robert Brown LLC, where he oversees the

firm's litigation practice group. During his legal career, he has represented individuals across the United States in more than 40 immigration courts and Homeland Security offices. He is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education seminars, bar associations, and community and religious groups. He has been selected annually by *The Best Lawyers in America* as well as *Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star in the area of immigration law. At the School of Law, Cuic oversees the **Immigration Law Clinic**. In May 2024, Cuic was named the Austin and Gwen Fragomen Distinguished Practitioner in the Immigration Clinic.



Shannon E. French, PhD

Professor of
Philosophy and Law

French joined the faculty at CWRU in 2008 after 11 years at

US Naval Academy. She was the Inamori Professor in Ethics and Director of the

Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence from 2008-2025 and the General Hugh Shelton Distinguished Chair in Ethics 2017-2024. Her primary research fields are military ethics and ethics in emerging technology. She directs the only **MA program in military ethics** in the U.S. – a program available to law students as a joint degree. Her publications include *The Code of the Warrior*, edited volumes, and numerous book chapters and articles. She is an ELSI consultant for the Institute for Defense Analysis and the RAND Corporation and a member of the ethics board for the ACM. She has been ELSI lead on major grant projects, is an associate editor for the *Journal of Military Ethics*, serves on several other editorial boards, and is active in the European Chapter of the International Society for Military Ethics. She has presented her work in the U.K., France, Germany, Australia, Japan, Norway, Spain, Pakistan, Austria, and the Netherlands.



Brian Gran

Professor of Sociology,
Applied Social Sciences
and Law

Gran's research concentrates on human rights,

specifically those of children, demonstrated in his books, *Sociology of Children's Rights* and *Children's Rights and Independent Children's Rights Institutions*. He teaches **Human Rights** and **International Children's Rights**. With support from the National Science Foundation in both the United States and in Switzerland, as well as the Fulbright Commission, Gran recently completed a major study of independent children's rights institutions. His current scholarship examines the emerging human rights of cognitive data. Gran serves as an Observer to the Uniform Law Commission's Study Committee on Mental Data, Neural Data, and Cognitive Biometrics.



**Philip Hadji
(LAW '09)**

Adjunct Professor

A former Editor-in-Chief of our *Journal of International Law*, Hadji was appointed

by President Biden in September 2023 as a judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C. From 2011 to 2023, he served as an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, with a practice focused on government contract law. He teaches **Government Contract Law**, which focuses on military and civilian procurement issues.



Sharona Hoffman

Distinguished University Professor, Edgar A. Hahn Professor of Law, Professor of Bioethics, Co-Director of the Law-Medicine Center

Hoffman, who teaches **Health Care and Human Rights**, has published over 80 articles and book chapters and lectured nationally and internationally on civil rights and health law topics. She has published two books—*Aging with a Plan: How a Little Thought Today Can Vastly Improve Your Tomorrow* and *Electronic Health Records and Medical Big Data: Law and Policy*. She frequently appears in the media, is an elected member of the American Law Institute, and has received numerous awards for her scholarship, teaching, and service.



Lewis Katz

Emeritus Professor of Law

A longtime member of our faculty (since 1966), Katz founded our LLM and SJD

programs for foreign students over thirty years ago. He continues to teach courses in our **foreign LLM program** and directs our **comparative law**

program for Saudi Administrative Judges in both Riyadh and at Case Western Reserve.



**Alek El Kamhawy
Adjunct Professor of Law**

Past director of the Law School's Saudi Arabian Masters of Financial Integrity

program, El Kamhawy is an American Business and Criminal Defense Lawyer who is fluent in English, Arabic, and Russian. El Kamhawy teaches in Case Western Reserve's **Financial Integrity Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)** program and at the American Common Law Center at Taras Shevchenko University in Kyiv, Ukraine, which he co-founded in 2013.



**Raymond Ku
John Homer Kapp Professor of Law**

Ku teaches **Cyberlaw** at the School of Law and previously served as associate

dean for academic affairs and co-director of CWRU's Center for Law, Technology and the Arts. Before joining the faculty, Ku clerked for Timothy K. Lewis, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He practiced constitutional, intellectual property and antitrust law with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and First Amendment and media and intellectual property law with Levine Pierson Sullivan & Koch LLP, both in Washington, D.C. He has taught at Cornell Law School, Seton Hall University School of Law, Thomas Jefferson School of Law and St. Thomas University School of Law. Ku is the lead author of the first casebook devoted exclusively to the study of cyberspace law.



Kenneth F. Ledford, PhD

Associate Professor of History and Law
Ledford teaches **European Legal History** and **European**

Union Law and writes about private practitioners and judges in Prussia during the German Second Empire and Weimar Republic, exploring the contours and limits of the rule of law. He serves as chair of Case Western Reserve's Department of History, as parliamentarian of the Council of the American Historical Association and on the Board of Editors of the *Law and History Review*.



**Julia Liston
(LAW '16)**

Instructor and International LLM Program Fellow

A former Editor-in-Chief of our

Journal of International Law, Liston returned to CWRU after serving as assistant general counsel at INTERPOL Washington, D.C., in the U.S. Department of Justice, where she worked to bring the world's most-wanted fugitives to justice. Liston recently served as the Chief Operating Officer of the American Branch of the International Law Association. At CWRU Law, she teaches **U.S. Legal Writing** and **Foreign Graduate Seminar** to LLM students.



Stacy Cozart Martin

Adjunct Professor

Cozart Martin teaches **Immigration Law** and **Immigration Law II: Business Immigration**

Law. She is a partner at MJB Immigration in Independence, Ohio, where she has focused her practice on business and family-based immigration since 2000. *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine named her a Rising Star annually from 2006 to 2013 and she

has a “Superb 10.0” rating from Avvo. Cozart Martin served as president of the Ohio Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association from 2015 to 2017 and as an Ohio Supreme Court Mentor since 2009. She was selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016–2023 in the field of immigration law. Additionally, she was named the *Best Lawyers*® 2020 and 2023 *Immigration Law* “Lawyer of the Year” in Cleveland. Cozart Martin was also selected as Adjunct Professor of the Year for 2025.



Laura McNally
*Professor of Law,
Associate Dean for
Experiential Education,
and Director of the
Milton and Charlotte
Kramer Law Clinic*

McNally is co-director of the Law School’s new **Spring Break in the Hague** program. This past year she taught **Introduction to the American Legal System** to the judges of the Saudi Board of Grievances (Administrative Court) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. McNally has also taught **American Legal English** in our joint LLM Program with Southwest University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing, China.



Kathryn Mercer, PhD (LAW ’83; SAS ’83; GRS ’97)
Professor of Law
Mercer teaches **Mediation and Dispute Resolution** in

the joint LLM Program in Chongqing, China. She is a frequent lecturer at international conferences, most recently the Global Legal Skills Institute’s 16th GLS Conference in Bari, Italy, in June 2024, and the 17th GLS Conference in June 2025 in Brno, Czechia, where she presented on “Implementing the International Bar Association’s Guidelines for Inclusion and Wellbeing in Legal Education.” At the law school, she teaches **Alternative**

Dispute Resolution, Mediation Representation, and Vis International Arbitration Practicum. Mercer coaches the law school’s award-winning Vis International Arbitration Moot Court team. Her recent lectures have focused on immigration and international child welfare.



James Moroney
Adjunct Professor
In private practice, Moroney focuses on white-collar criminal defense and taxpayer representation. He

recently retired after a 30-year career as an assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Ohio, where he prosecuted a wide variety of white-collar cases—including frauds in the areas of securities, financial institutions, corporations, money laundering and taxes—in addition to national security cases. He additionally served as a counterterrorism prosecutor, chief of the National Security Unit for the Northern District of Ohio and, while at the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, was the national security coordinator for all 94 attorney offices in the U.S. Department of Justice. Moroney joined the Case Western Reserve law school faculty in 2017 and teaches **Counter-Terrorism Law.**



Dale A. Nance
Albert J. Weatherhead III and Richard W. Weatherhead Professor of Law
Nance teaches **Conflict of Laws** and

Law of Archeological Artifacts at the School of Law. Much of his scholarship focuses on evidence law. In the wake of the publication of his book, *The Burdens of Proof: Discriminatory Power, Weight of Evidence, and Tenacity of Belief*, Nance applied his theory to unsolved problems in private international law. He explored these themes further in “Choice of Law for Burdens of Proof” in North Carolina

Journal of International Law in 2021, as well as in “Burdens of Proof and Choice of Law” in *Evidential Legal Reasoning: Crossing Civil Law and Common Law Traditions* in 2023.



Craig Nard
*Galen J. Roush Professor of Law,
Director of the
Spangenberg Center
for Law, Technology &
the Arts*

Nard teaches **International Intellectual Property Law.** He was a visiting lecturer at the University of Strasbourg Centre d’Etudes Internationales de la Propriete Intellectuelle in 2017 and recently served as a senior lecturer at the World Intellectual Property Organization’s Master of Laws program in Torino, Italy.



Gregory P. Noone, PhD
Adjunct Professor
Noone is the director of the National Security and Intelligence

Program and a professor of political science and law at Fairmont State University. At Case Western Reserve, he teaches **International Humanitarian Law.** Noone is a retired U.S. Navy Captain who has served as the commanding officer of both the Navy JAG International and Operational Law reserve unit and the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies reserve unit. He was also director of the Department of Defense’s Periodic Review Secretariat. Noone is the co-author of the widely used textbook *International Law and Armed Conflict*. Since 2020, he has been executive director of the Public International Law & Policy Group, a Nobel Peace Prize-nominated non-governmental organization.



Brett O'Brien
(LAW '11)

Adjunct Professor
Co-Founder of the
National Security
Law Firm, LLC, in
Washington, D.C.,

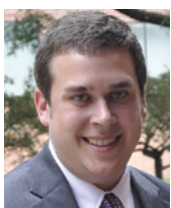
O'Brien teaches **National Security Law**. O'Brien formerly served as an Intelligence Law Attorney for U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) and Advisor on Counterintelligence, Personnel Security, and National Security Matters. In addition to his intelligence law experience, O'Brien served as a Judge Advocate in the United States Army Reserve, rising to the rank of Major.



Sarah Okuh
(LAW '10)

Adjunct Professor
Okuh is the founding
partner and managing
attorney of Okuh and
Ibara-Cech Law, LLC,

a Cleveland-based immigration law firm. Her practice includes removal defense, asylum and other forms of humanitarian relief, family-based immigration, naturalization, and appellate work. Okuh teaches the **Asylum and Refugee Law** course at Case Western Reserve University.



Steven Paille
(LAW '13)

**Adjunct Professor and
Program Director of
the Canada-United
States Law Institute**
Paille works at

Charles Schwab, leading compliance risk assessments that encompass all business lines and inclusive of the firm's international entities. He previously worked in people advisory services and assurance services at Ernst & Young. Paille is a member of the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group, Council of the Great Lakes Region, and World Affairs Council of Hilton Head (South Carolina). He is a contributor to the Wilson Center's Canada Institute

and a mentor for Hire Heroes USA. Paille teaches **Canada-United States Law Journal** and Independent Study at Case Western Reserve.



Ted Parran III (LAW '13, MA '18)

**Adjunct Professor and
Managing Director of
the Canada-United
States Law Institute**
Parran is an Assistant

U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice for the Northern District of Texas. He practices criminal, civil, and international law while prosecuting transnational criminal activity—including in national security, drug trafficking, money laundering, and international trade. He has worked in U.S. and international corporate investigations and compliance; for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (appeals chambers); as an assistant prosecutor for the State of Ohio; and as an assistant chief counsel with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He has also authored legal scholarship on comparative Canada-United States law and policy issues and supervises the Canada-United States Law Journal at the School of Law. He was co-author of an amicus brief before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Monasky v. Taglieri*, 140 S. Ct. 719, concerning the application of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Child Abduction.



Cassandra Burke Robertson

**John Deaver Drinko-
Baker & Hostetler
Professor of Law and
Director of the Center
for Professional Ethics**

Prior to joining the CWRU faculty in 2007, Burke Robertson clerked for the Texas Supreme Court and served as assistant solicitor general in the Office of the Texas Attorney General. She now teaches **Transnational Litigation** for the School of Law. Her scholarship on citizenship, due process and transnational litigation has appeared in

numerous journals, including *Columbia Law Review*, *NYU Law Review* and *Vanderbilt Law Review*. This year, she published "Adopting Nationality" in the *Washington Law Review* and "Integral Citizenship" in *Texas Law Review*. She also published "The United States Experience," a chapter in the *Research Handbook on Extraterritoriality in International Law*. Burke Robertson recently was reappointed as one of Ohio's representatives to the Uniform Law Commission and was appointed vice chair of its study committee on the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (also known as the Singapore Convention).



Paul Rose
**Dean and
Professor of Law**

Having joined our law school from Ohio State Moritz College of Law in 2024 to become our Dean, Rose is an expert in International Business Law and Securities Law. He has served as Senior Legal Consultant at the World Bank and has co-authored a book to guide countries in establishing strategic investment funds and sovereign wealth funds. He has taught as a visiting professor at law schools across the globe.



Rumu Sarkar, PhD
Adjunct Professor

Sarkar teaches the **International Development Law Practicum** that advises clients who invest in social impact projects in the Global South. She is an independent legal consultant to international NGOs and private equity firms that focus on Africa and Asia. She was formerly the general counsel and chief risk officer of the Global Innovation Fund, a social impact investment NGO headquartered in London. She was also the general counsel to Millennium Partners Consulting, an international

development group. She has served as the general counsel for the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission; general counsel for the Overseas Basing Commission; assistant general counsel for administrative affairs for the Overseas Private Investment Corp.; and attorney-advisor in the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Agency for International Development. She has widely published legal texts and law reviews.



**Maya Simek
(SAS '07)**
*Lecturer in Law,
Director of the Human
Trafficking Law Clinic*
Simek oversees the
Human Trafficking

Law Clinic, which is supported by a VOCA grant from the Ohio Attorney General's Office. She recently received the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking's "Inspire Change Award" in recognition of her outstanding work and dedication to advocating for victims of human trafficking and developing an innovative, holistic, model for legal and social services.



Steven G. Stransky
Adjunct Professor
Stransky joined CWRU School of Law in 2018 and teaches **Foreign Affairs and National Security Law**. He is

a partner and vice chair of the Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice Group at Thompson Hine LLP. Stransky previously served for more than 10 years in the federal government, including at the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In addition, Stransky served on the President's National Security Council, where he provided legal and policy advice to White House officials on developing and coordinating policies and programs with respect to homeland security, counterterrorism and cybersecurity.



Kyleigh Weinfurtner
Weinfurtner is the Managing Partner of Zashin Law. Zashin Law is a national leader in the practice of International

Family Law. She is an active trial lawyer who has taken part in many of the firm's international cases. Her experience and knowledge allow her to comprehensively advise clients both within the USA and abroad. Weinfurtner has been an Adjunct Professor at CWRU School of Law since 2020. She teaches **Advanced and International Family Law**.



Jessica Wolfendale, PhD
*Professor of
Philosophy and Law*
Wolfendale is Professor of Philosophy with a

secondary appointment in the School of Law. She is the author of *American Torture and American Terrorism: The Myth of American Decency* (2026); *War Crimes: Causes, Excuses, and Blame* (2018, with Matthew Talbert); and *Torture and the Military Profession* (2007). She has written over 40 articles and book chapters on military ethics, war crimes, torture, terrorism, and political violence.



**Andrew A. Zashin
(LAW '93)**
Adjunct Professor
Zashin is the Founding Partner of Zashin Law, where he practices family

and international family law. He has published several academic articles in law journals, lectures widely, and has earned numerous awards. Zashin is ranked among the top family law attorneys in Cleveland, has been rated as a Super Lawyer and consistently makes the list of Top 100 Lawyers in Ohio. *Worth Magazine* has named Zashin one of the Top 100 Lawyers in America. He has practiced at every level of court in Ohio as well as in federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. At the Supreme Court of the United States, he and his firm have been counsel in the two most consequential 1980 Hague Convention on International Child Abduction cases ever heard. Andrew often serves as an expert witness regarding children traveling internationally, a topic about which he has lectured, and about which he has been quoted in numerous publications including The New York Times. For over two decades, Zashin has taught every family law offering at the School of Law, including Advanced and International Family Law.





Student Leaders Honored

Every year during commencement weekend, the International Law faculty pay tribute to a dozen or so student leaders for their contributions to the International Law Program in a special ceremony at the law school attended by parents and friends. Congratulations to the 2026 recipients of the Case Global Leadership Awards:

Meshari Alzahrar, SJD Program/Saudi Judges Summer Program

Isabelle Bazy, Senior Cox Center Fellow

Kaylara Benfield, ICC Moot Court Team

Joel Berg, Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team

Bay Farraj, International Law Society President and Managing Editor of the *Canada-US Law Journal*

Sophia Fisher, National Security Law Society President

Louden Keihl, Senior Cox Center Fellow

Teresa Lebowitz, ICC Moot Court Team

Matthew Matolka, Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team

Liam Parsons, Executive Director of the Yemen Accountability Project

Vanessa Pilatova, Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team

Daniel Radigan, Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team

Aziz Sidky, International Development Law Lab

Patricia Taylor, Jessup International Law Moot Court Team

Lucas Van Dyke, Editor-in-Chief of the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law

Shenley Wish, Managing Editor of the *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*

Douglas Whitmire, Jessup International Law Moot Court Team



CASE WESTERN RESERVE
UNIVERSITY
School of Law

WHAT MAKES OUR INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM STAND OUT?

\$6 million: Size of our International Law Program endowment

20: Number of our Study Abroad and Concurrent Degree Partner Schools

A+: Rating of our International Law Program (*PreLaw Magazine*)

#11: Ranking of our International Law Program (*US News & World Report*.)]

Top ranked: Foreign LLM Program (*International Jurist*)

#19: Most-cited International Law Journal (Washington & Lee Journal Rankings)

#1: Jessup Moot Court World Championship (2008)

#1: Jessup Moot Court Best Brief in the World Award (2011)

#1: Jessup Moot Court Best Oralist in the World Award (2022 and 2023)

#1: Nobel Peace Prize nomination for our War Crimes Research initiative

