Special Report: Professors help establish accountability mechanisms for Syrian atrocities

The bloody civil war in Syria recently crossed a milestone, topping 100,000 casualties, many of them civilians. The regime has employed Scud missiles, chemical weapons, and widespread torture. Three Case Western Reserve Law professors are participating in an international project to establish accountability for the atrocities committed during the Syrian conflict.

Under the auspices of the Public International Law & Policy Group, Associate Dean for Global Legal Studies Michael Scharf, Adjunct Professor Greg Noone, and Summer Institute for International Law and Policy Professor David Crane have shuttled back and forth to Istanbul to provide a series of workshops for leaders, lawyers, and human rights advocates associated with the Syrian opposition.

The Professors helped draft Statutes for a Truth Commission and Special Tribunal for atrocities committed in Syria since March 15, 2011.

Istanbul was selected as the venue for the workshops as it was too dangerous to have the meetings in Syria. Ironically, while in Istanbul on June 12, 2013, Scharf and some of the other participants found themselves at a Starbucks suddenly surrounded by a flash mob of student protestors, fleeing hundreds of teargas-shooting riot police. After running with the mob, the lawyers made it safely back to their hotel. Though 5,000 people were reported injured in the melee that night, one of the Syrian workshop participants put the incident in perspective, saying: “when you’ve been shot at by Scud missiles and machine guns, a little tear gas is no big deal.”
I’m very pleased to report the achievements of our Case Global program, which consists of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Canada-US Law Institute, H.T. King War Crimes Research Office, and the Institute for Global Security Law and Policy. Following are some of the highlights:

■ The Spring 2013 annual survey of American international law professors conducted by US News and World Report ranked Case Western Reserve at #13, tied with Stanford.

■ We have expanded our semester study abroad programs with foreign law schools from five to 26 over the past two years. We also now offer concurrent degree programs with foreign partner schools in which our students can earn our JD and a foreign LLM degree in three years for the price of just our JD.

■ We were the first Law School in the world to offer an International Law MOOC. Launched by Coursera on May 1, 2013, with over 25,500 students worldwide, the MOOC focuses on International Criminal Law.

■ We are the only law school with its own international law radio program: “Talking Foreign Policy,” produced by our faculty and students, is broadcast on WCPN 90.3 FM and available worldwide at: law.case.edu/TalkingForeignPolicy.

■ Students participating in our Labs are making a difference on the world stage. Last summer, the Seychelles Supreme Court cited one of our student-written memos in a landmark piracy decision. At its meeting in September 2012 the UN Contact Group on Somali Piracy circulated one of our student-written memos to its 188 State members.

■ We are one of the few law schools to offer students the opportunity to study international law in the first year, and dozens of our students graduate with a Certificate of Concentration and Honors in International Law or in National Security Law.

■ We offer a number of practice-based courses in international law. Our Immigration Law Practicum allows students to work on asylum and refugee cases involving real clients. Students may also enroll in several international law-related Labs, including our Homeland Security Lab, in which students prepare memos at the request of the US Military Commissions for accused Al Qaeda Terrorists, and our War Crimes Research Lab, in which students undertake legal research assignments at the request of the international criminal tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; the Special Court for Sierra Leone; the Cambodia Genocide Tribunal; the Special Tribunal for Lebanon; Kenya, Mauritius, and Seychelles Piracy Courts; and the permanent International Criminal Court. In 2005, assistance provided by Professor Michael Scharf and his students was recognized by a Nobel Peace Prize nomination by the International Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone.
Our International Tribunal Externship program allows our students to earn a full-semester’s credit for interning during the fall or spring at one of several international tribunals. More Case Western Reserve law students have interned at the international tribunals (the number just passed 100) than from any other law school. Six of our recent graduates have gone on after graduation to work as prosecutors, defense counsel, and legal advisers to the judges at the tribunals. In December 2012, our faculty voted to expand this very successful program so that our students can also intern for a semester at other international organizations like the World Trade Organization, the Law of the Sea Tribunal, the Human Rights Council, UNODC, and INTERPOL.

The Cox Center’s multi-million dollar endowment allows it to provide grants to help cover travel and living expenses for more than 30 students who undertake summer, semester-long, and post-graduation internships abroad. Twenty-four permanent and preferred slots are reserved for Case Western Reserve law students at international organizations and tribunals across the globe.

We also host annual conferences, experts meetings, and distinguished lectures, and have a wide range of extracurricular programs, including one of the oldest and most prestigious international law journals in the country, three award-winning international law moot court teams (Jessup, Niagara, and Vis), and an active Student International Law Society. Reflecting the strength of our international law program, our Jessup International Law Moot Court team has won the National Regional Rounds six out of the past nine years. In 2008, our team won the World Championship Round of the competition, and in 2011, we won the award for the Best Brief in the World. And this spring, our Niagara International Law Moot Court team made it to the finals of the international competition in Toronto, won the Best Brief award, and 1L Mary Kim won the award for best speaker in the competition.

More than 500 of our alumni practice international law, including Ambassador Capricia Marshall, President Obama’s Chief of Protocol; Admiral Janet Donovan, Judge Advocate General of the US Navy Reserve; John Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; and Mohamed Ibn Chambas, U.N. Special Representative to Darfur. They are dedicated to helping our students land jobs in the field.

Our Case Global program is a true gem, one we intend to continue to polish over the coming years.

Michael P. Scharf, Acting Dean and Director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center.
Worth Reading - Recent Faculty Publications/Activities


Juscelino F. Colares, Associate Director of the Cox Center, who teaches international trade and international environmental law courses, published three articles and a book chapter this year: The Dynamics and Global Implications of Subglobal Carbon-Restricting Regimes, 24.2 Georgetown International Environmental Law Review (forthcoming 2013); Paths to Carbon Stabilization: How Foreign Carbon-Restricting Reforms Will Affect US Industry, Climate Policy and the Prospects of a Binding Emission Reduction Treaty, 47.2 Journal Of World Trade 281 (spring 2013) (peer reviewed; The Reality of EU-Conformity Litigation in France, 18.3 Columbia Journal Of European Law 369 (fall 2012); and “The Extraterritorial Impact of the EU and Australian Carbon-Restricting Reforms,” in Critical Issues In Environmental Taxation: International and Comparative Perspectives (Hope Ashiabor, David Duff, Larry Kreiser and Janet Milne, eds., Edward Elgar Publishing, Ltd.) (spring 2013). He spoke at several major conferences including the Midwest Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting in St. Louis, October 12, 2012 and the 13th Global Environmental Tax Conference, hosted by the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, September 20-22, 2012. He will deliver the Keynote Address at the Peace of Utrecht Conference on International Law and Climate Change, hosted by Universiteit Utrecht, the Netherlands on October 10, 2013. Professor Colares was appointed by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to serve on the 2013–2014 United States Roster of NAFTA Panelists. He was also selected to serve on the American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources Membership Diversity Enhancement Program.

Richard Gordon, Associate Director of the Cox Center, is currently working with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan in developing guidance to prevent money laundering and terrorism financing in the non-bank sector. He is also working with the Executive Secretary of the UN Financial Action Task Force to develop an executive masters degree in financial integrity, to be offered by the Law School starting in 2014. The second edition of his book, Public Corruption and Money Laundering, will be published by the World Bank in fall 2013, and his new book, Combating Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing, Policy and Practice, is scheduled for publication by Oxford University Press in the Spring of 2014.

Avidan Cover was appointed Director of the Law School’s Institute for National Security Law and Policy in July 2013. His most recent article, Presumed Imminence: Judicial Risk Assessment in the Post-9/11 World, will be published in the April 2014 issue of the Cardozo Law Review.

Timothy Webster was recently appointed Director of the China Law Program. During his first year, Professor Webster explored the Midwest and Far East, presenting his research on China’s WTO compliance in Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Lawrence (Kansas), Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Taipei. He accompanied Dean Mitchell to China,
Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam to establish partnerships with leading law schools in East Asia. He spent the summer of 2013 as a Taiwan Fellow in Taipei, researching the judicial implementation of international human rights law, and teaching international law at National Taiwan University, a partner school. Recently named a Fulbright Specialist, Professor Webster will return to Vietnam to teach international law at Hanoi Law University in 2014. His latest publication, *China’s Human Rights Footprint in Africa*, recently appeared in *51 Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, 423 (2013).

David Kocan, Managing Director of the Canada-US Law Institute, spoke on *A Failure to Consider: Why Lawmakers Create Risk by Ignoring International Trade Obligations* at the Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop. In October 2012, he presented *DRC v. FG Hemisphere: Hong Kong’s Trojan Horse?* at the Central States Law Schools Association Annual Conference, where he examined mainland China’s involvement in Hong Kong governance. His most recent article, *A Failure to Consider: Why Lawmakers Create Risk By Ignoring Trade Obligations*, will be published in *31 UCLA PAC. BASIN L. J.* (2013).

Mike Benza, who teaches international law and the death penalty and coaches the law school’s Niagara Moot Court team, appeared on April 30, 2013 before the Sixth Circuit on behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany in the case of *Cauthern v. Colson*, No. 10-5759. Professor Benza taught this summer at China University of Political Science and Law, a partner school, a partner school.

Shannon French is the Director of the University’s Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence, and a professor of law. Professor French recently received a two-year appointment as a non-resident Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the world’s top-ranked security and international affairs think tank. She published “No Separate Sphere: Assessing Character and Morality in the Context of War,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, David Chan, editor, special issue on War, Character, and Virtue, Volume 19, issue 2, 2012 (pages 50–60); and wrote a chapter on “Dehumanizing the Enemy: The Intersection of Neuroethics and Military Ethics,” co-authored with Anthony I. Jack, that will appear in a new book by editor David Whetham (King’s College, London) on *The Responsibility to Protect: Alternative Perspectives*, to be published by Brill/Martinus Nijhoff Publishers (the Netherlands) in 2014.

Brian Gran is a professor at the Law School and the College of Arts and Sciences. He served as a Fulbright Scholar in 2012-2013, conducting research on Iceland’s independent children’s rights institution and visiting at the Law School of Reykjavik University where he taught a course on children’s rights and social policy. Gran co-edited *The Handbook of Sociology and Human Rights* (with David Brunsma and Keri Iyall Smith, Paradigm, 2013). As a member of the Council of the Science and Human Rights Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in January 2013 Gran served on a panel on a child’s right to benefits from scientific progress and its application (REBSPA), and recently published an article on children’s REBSPA in *The International Journal of Children’s Rights* (Gran, Waltz, and Renzhofer, July 2013). At the United Nations, Gran was recently invited to participate in a discussion on human rights indicators sponsored by the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights.

Max Mehlman has taken on the Directorship of the multi-institutional, interdisciplinary research consortium CeTMoNS (Consortium on Emerging Technologies, Military Operations, and National Security), which has moved to Case Western Reserve University from Arizona State University in 2013.

Greg Noone, who teaches International Humanitarian Law at Case, was selected by the West Virginia Faculty Merit Foundation as the 2012 West Virginia Professor of the Year. He is also the co-author (with Laurie Blank) of the recently published textbook: International Law and Armed Conflict: Fundamental Principles and Contemporary Challenges in the Law of War (Aspen / Wolters Kluwer Publishing 2013).

Cassandra Robertson, who teaches courses related to international litigation in U.S. courts, was appointed Director of the Cox Center’s Case Abroad at Home Program. Robertson recently published Due Process in the American Identity, 64 Ala. L. Rev. 255 (2012), which examines due process and national security through the lens of social psychology.

Dalindyebo Shabalala joined the Case faculty in 2013 as a long-term visiting professor, while continuing his affiliation as Assistant Professor (and academic coordinator for the Institute for Globalization and International Regulation) at Maastricht University Faculty of Law in the Netherlands. He also serves as Advisor on Intellectual Property and Climate Change to the Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL). He participates in the Climate Action Network Technology Working group on behalf of CIEL and recently wrote a submission to the Technology Executive Committee on Tackling the Intellectual Property Elements of an Enabling Environment for Technology Transfer. In May 2013 Shabalala published a book chapter “TRIPS and Technology Transfer for Emissions Reduction” in D. Prevost and G. van Calster, Research Handbook on Environment, Health and the WTO (Edward Elgar 2013). He presented a paper on “Climate Technology Innovation, Transfer and Diffusion in the Energy Sector in Brazil: What Intellectual Property options?” at the Energy and Technology Conference, Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, which he co-organized December 3 – 7, 2012.

Case Launches New Online LLM

Case Western Reserve University School of Law is embarking on a new venture, the creation of online versions of the existing LL.M. degrees for foreign students. The first degree program to be offered in this fashion will be the LL.M. in International Business Law. Under the leadership of Vice Dean Dale Nance, this program is part of the law school’s effort to participate in university-wide initiatives to increase our international presence and to explore the new learning modalities made possible by modern technology. The immediate goal is to reach an audience of potential students holding foreign law degrees who would like to upgrade their educations by obtaining an American LL.M. degree but who cannot afford to stop their careers and spend a year in the United States. Through a combination of synchronous (live) interaction with students across the internet as well as asynchronous materials that the student can view (and re-view) at their convenience, the student will start by learning fundamental aspects of the American legal system and then proceed to explore various topics in international business, from international trade to the international regulation of financial institutions. As part of the program, students will be invited to participate in our one-week intensive program on campus in August, the Case Abroad at Home program.
Case Professor’s New Book Explores Accelerated Formation of Customary International Law

Customary International law usually develops gradually—a process known as crystallization. But sometimes transformative change, known as a “Grotian Moment,” causes rules and doctrines to emerge surprisingly quickly.

Case Western Reserve University’s Michael Scharf examines Grotian Moments that accelerate the formation of international law in his new book, Customary International Law in Times of Fundamental Change: Recognizing Grotian Moments (Cambridge University Press).

The term Grotian Moment is named for Dutch jurist and scholar Hugo Grotius, whose 1625 book, De Jure Belli ac Pacis (On the Law of War and Peace), is widely regarded as having triggered a paradigm shift in international law.

Scharf became interested in the Grotian Moment concept during a sabbatical in 2008, when he served as Special Assistant to the Prosecutor of the Cambodia Genocide Tribunal. He was assigned to write the Prosecution brief arguing that the Tribunal could use a doctrine known as Joint Criminal Enterprise Liability (JCE) which is similar to the U.S. felony murder rule. In response to the Defense argument that there was not enough State practice to provide a foundation for JCE, Scharf’s brief argued that the Nuremberg Tribunal’s judgment and the endorsement of the Nuremberg Principles by the United Nations General Assembly in 1946 constituted a “Grotian Moment” that established JCE as virtually instant customary international law. It was the first time the term was used in an international court.

In his book, Scharf explains he is taking a close look at what makes a Grotian Moment because relatively little has been written in legal research on that question. He offers a balanced exploration, including an examination of cases “in which commentators and NGOs (non-governmental organizations) have been too quick to claim the existence of a new rule of customary international law.”

After discussing the concept with Sir Christopher Greenwood, the UK judge on the International Court of Justice, Scharf settled on six case studies since World War II that seemed at first glance to fit the profile of a Grotian Moment. “In each,” Scharf writes, “the development was ushered in by the urgency of dealing with fundamental change. And each was followed by widespread and/or authoritative recognition of the existence of a new rule of customary international law despite the short duration and dearth of state practice.”

This is the first book to explore the concept of Grotian Moments, and as such, Judge Greenwood writes: “This is a fascinating and thought-provoking book that deserves to be read by all those interested in international law and how it responds to new challenges. Michael Scharf has performed a real service to the international community.”

Scharf’s book launch occurred on June 6, 2013 at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies – Leiden University in The Hague, attended by 220 experts in the field including judges and prosecutors of several international tribunals. Upcoming book events are scheduled for Cleveland, DC, NYC, and Denver.

Scharf and ICJ Judge Christopher Greenwood.
On April 1, 2013, Mohamed Ibn Chambas, a 1984 graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, took up his post in Khartoum as Joint Special Representative for Darfur, Head of the African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and Joint Chief Mediator. UNAMID is currently the largest peacekeeping mission in the world.

After graduating from Case Western, Chambas practiced law with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, and the Cleveland Law Office of Forbes, Forbes and Teamor, and taught at Oberlin College. He returned to Ghana in 1987, where he was appointed Deputy Foreign Secretary. He then served as an MP and First Deputy Speaker of the Ghanaian Parliament, and thereafter was appointed Deputy Foreign Minister. Chambas came to international importance as mediator between the parties of the First Liberian Civil War of the 1990s, and later the Ivorian Civil War in the early 2000s. Centrally involved in the ECOWAS mediation efforts in Liberia, he directly participated in negotiations leading to the agreements ending the Liberian civil war.

In 2002 Chambas was appointed Executive Secretary of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). In 2007, he was appointed the group’s first President by the governments of its member states. Two years later, he was appointed Secretary General of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States, a security and economic cooperation organization of 79 countries created by the Georgetown Agreement of 1975.

We are very proud of the work of our distinguished alumnus.
Case launches new exchange and concurrent degree programs with 21 foreign partners

Recognizing that the practice of law is increasingly global, we have expanded our foreign partnerships from five to 26 over the past two years. This gives our students the chance to spend a semester abroad studying at prestigious universities in China, Europe, and Canada. This year more than 30 exchange students from around the world will come to our law school, and many of our students will study abroad. We also bring study abroad to Cleveland through our “Case Abroad at Home program,” under which four professors from our partner schools teach one credit courses at the law school in August before fall semester classes begin.

Our Chinese partners include Peking University, Renmin University, Tsinghua University, China University of Politics and Law (Beijing), Fudan University, East China University of Politics and Law (Shanghai), Shanghai Jiaotong University Law School (Shanghai), Jilin University (Changchun), Southwest University of Politics and Law (Chongqing), and Zhejiang University (Hangzhou). We are the only law school in the US to offer such a diverse and impressive array of study abroad options in China. Students can also study at City University of Hong Kong and National Taiwan University (Taipei).

Our offerings are equally impressive in Europe. Students can study in five different European nations, at Maastricht University, Utrecht University and VU University Amsterdam in the Netherlands; Bocconi University (Milan); Middlesex University (London); the European Business School (Wiesbaden); and Central European University (Budapest). We also have student exchange programs with our Canadian sister school, the University of Western Ontario, as well as with the University of Ottawa (common law and civil law).

In the spring of 2013, our faculty approved a new concurrent degree program. Our students can take their third year at a foreign law school, and graduate with both the JD and foreign LLM at the same time for just the price of our JD. Pictured above, in May 2013, Dean Mitchell signed the law school’s first Concurrent Degree Agreement with Pedra Linares Llamas, Vice Rector of Comillas Pontifical University in Madrid. Similar Concurrent Degree Agreements are currently being negotiated with several other universities including Paris Dauphine, VU in Amsterdam, and University of Haifa in Israel.

Case offers world’s first free online international law course

A year ago, leading universities including Stanford, Harvard, and MIT began to offer MOOCs – free courses available online – working with a company named Coursera. A huge number of people from around the world enrolled in these courses. On May 1, 2013, Case Western Reserve University, in partnership with Coursera, presented the world’s first international law MOOC – “An Introduction to International Criminal Law,” taught by Professor Michael Scharf. More than 25,500 people from 137 countries enrolled in the MOOC.

The course includes video lectures with exciting power point slides that bring the material to life, pop-up quizzes that ensure that students comprehend the material, movie clips, on-line simulations and discussions, a final exam, and a special video appearance by Angelina Jolie. Students who complete the course with a passing grade on the final receive a certificate of completion (with distinction if the student participated in five online simulations).

The MOOC will be offered again in September 2013 and January 2014. To register for the International Criminal Law MOOC, or to get more information, click on: https://www.coursera.org/#course/intlcriminallaw
International Law Talk Radio from Case celebrates its first year

Case is the only law school with its own foreign policy talk radio program. “Talking Foreign Policy,” produced by Case Western Reserve University School of Law in partnership with WCPN 90.3 ideastream, celebrated its first successful year with its May 16, 2013 broadcast about plans for accountability for atrocities committed in Syria.

The hour-long radio program, hosted by Professor Michael Scharf, premiered on March 1, 2012, with a segment about responding to Iran’s acquisition of nuclear weapons. Since then, the program, which airs every three months, has focused on “presidential power in a war without end” (September 27, 2012), and “the Obama Administration’s new foreign policy team” (February 4, 2013).

The show is billed as a radio version of the McLaughlin Group with a breezy, casual exchange of opinions from experts that range the spectrum of political thought. Guests have included Professor Jack Goldsmith of Harvard Law School; Bahar Azmy, Legal Director of the Center for Constitutional Rights; David Crane, former Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone; Paul Williams, President of the Public International Law & Policy Group; Col. Mike Newton, former Deputy Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues; Milena Stereo of Cleveland Marshall College of Law; and Shannon French, director of Case Western Reserve’s Inamori Center for Ethics and Excellence.

The program airs live in Cleveland on 90.3 FM, and is webcast live world-wide on WCPN.org. Archived broadcasts are available for viewing in video format anytime at: law.case.edu/TalkingForeignPolicy.

Transcripts of the broadcasts of “Talking Foreign Policy,” edited by Case law students, are published in the new journal, International Journal of Ethical Leadership. Published by the International Center for Ethics and Excellence, and University of Akron Press, the journal was launched in the fall of 2012 under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief Shannon E. French, Executive Editor Michael P. Scharf, and Managing Editor Kathleen C. Norman.

Case International Law Moot Court teams excel again in 2013

Over the past decade, Case Western Reserve has had one of the most successful international law moot court programs in the world.

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world’s largest moot court competition, featuring 600 teams from 140 countries. Our Jessup Moot Court team, coached by Professor Scharf, has won the U.S. “Super Regional” in Chicago six out of the past nine years. In 2008, our team won the Jessup World Championship, the only U.S. team to do so in 22 years. In 2011, our team won the Richard Baxter Award for the Best Brief in the world. Our 2013 Jessup team went undefeated in the preliminary rounds before dropping in the Quarterfinals of the Super Regional.

Founded 20 years ago, the William C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is held every year in Vienna and Hong Kong. Our Vis International Arbitration Team, coached by Professor Timothy Webster, has won honorable mention awards in 2011 and 2012 at the International competition in Hong Kong.

Two dozen Canadian and U.S. teams compete in the Niagara International Moot Court Competition, which is held in alternating years in Toronto and Washington, D.C. Our Niagara Moot Court team, coached by Professors Cassandra Robertson and Michael Benza, has reached the finals of the international moot court competition three of the past five years, including most recently in 2013. The 2013 team also won the best brief award and first year law student Mary Kim, pictured above at the Peace Palace during her summer internship in The Hague, won the best overall oralist award.
Record number of foreign lawyers received LLM degrees from Case Western Reserve in 2013, ten countries represented

We welcomed 82 LLM students from nine countries for the 2012-2013 academic year. It was our largest LLM class ever. Our students came from Bosnia, China, South Korea, Kuwait, Russia, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda and United Arab Emirates.

Case Western Reserve offers four Master of Law (LLM) degrees in United States & Global Legal Studies, International Business Law, Intellectual Property Law, and International Criminal Law. Professor Lewis Katz, Director, Foreign Graduate Legal Studies, welcomed the first LLM class in 1992, and looks forward to welcoming our LLM alumni back to Cleveland for a reunion in June 2014.

Case Western Reserve has partnerships with several distinguished law schools in China. This year we had LLM students from the following partner institutions: Renmin University, East China University of Political Science and Law, and Southwest University of Political Science and Law. Some of them completed their final year of their first degree in law from our partner Chinese institution, while simultaneously completing their master’s program at CWRU School of Law.

The law school is launching a new degree program for foreign lawyers this year: the three-year Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD). Our first SJD students will start at the law school in August 2013. The three students studying for the SJD are each CWRU LLM alumni. They hail from China, Kuwait, and Turkey. The SJD degree uniquely prepares these students for academic careers in law.

Professor Jack Turner, who teaches US Legal Writing to LLMs during the academic year, is also director of the Summer Language and Law Institute. The institute, a four-week program in July, introduces students to the practice and study of law in the U.S., provides students with a practical introduction to U.S. legal research and analysis, and improves students’ English language skills through an integrated English for Legal Purposes program. The law school, in addition to its LLM students, has a growing number of international students who enroll as one-semester exchange students and as JD students. All incoming international students are encouraged to attend the Summer Language and Law Institute.

Liz Woyczynski, assistant director, Foreign Graduate Legal Studies, is new this year. She manages the program full-circle: from admissions, to advising, and alumni relations. This July, the Language and Law program will have a new conversational English component which will prepare international students to participate in classroom discussions and school-wide extracurricular activities. Liz provides LLM students with opportunities to network with Cleveland lawyers at lectures provided by the Cleveland International Lawyers Group and the International Section of the Cleveland Bar Association, and through summer internships offered by Cleveland lawyers who serve on the LLM Advisory Board.

Zhen “Leo” Zhou, a May 2013 LLM grad from China, writes: “Most classes we took are with JD students. The more contact with local students, the better our communications skills are. We also have the freedom to choose the classes we are really interested in. The program offers lots of opportunities to know the local culture and society. Also, we make friends with classmates who come from different countries. I believe these experiences will make us more global and be very helpful to our legal career in the future.”

We’ve enrolled students from China, Iraq, India, Kuwait, and Vietnam for 2013-2014; we look forward to educating and mentoring next year’s group of future international lawyers.
The American Lawyer features PILPG – a prestigious NGO with special ties to Case Western Reserve

Eighteen years ago, Case Western Reserve Law Professor Michael Scharf and American University Washington College of Law Professor Paul Williams co-founded an NGO designed to be a pro bono international law firm. In the early years, the NGO operated on a shoe-string budget from the law school offices of the two professors. But the NGO has steadily grown into one of the most respected organizations in the field, with its main headquarters across the street from the White House and a dozen offices around the globe. In its June 27, 2013 issue, The American Lawyer profiled the work of PILPG (see sidebar).

Case has benefited from its unique relationship with PILPG in a variety of ways. In addition to Scharf, who serves as PILPG’s Managing Director, Case Western Reserve alumni Andres Perez is currently Deputy Chief of Party of PILPG’s Libya Office in Tripoli, and recent Case Western Reserve grad Danielle Fritz is a law fellow in PILPG’s DC Office (see sidebar). Students edit and produce PILPG’s “War Crimes Prosecution Watch,” a bi-weekly e-newsletter that goes out to 15,000 subscribers. Our War Crimes Research Lab receives projects by virtue of PILPG’s special relationship with international and domestic war crimes tribunals and piracy courts. Over the years, Case students have played significant roles in PILPG projects, like Cameron McLeod, who during law school served for two years as the Rapporteur for PILPG’s High Level Piracy Working Group. And Case Western Reserve alums, like Margaux Day at Jones Day, have taken on PILPG as a pro-bono client, enabling them to continue to work on exciting public international law projects as part of their law firm practice.

Andrés Pérez (’04) recently joined the Public International Law and Policy Group’s Libya office as Deputy Chief of Party. PILPG Libya provides the Libyan government and civil society with legal and technical assistance on key issues for Libya’s democratic transition, such as transitional justice, constitution-drafting, women’s and youth political empowerment, and effective protections for human rights. Andrés is based in Tripoli and frequently travels throughout the country to conduct outreach, workshops, and trainings. Prior to joining PILPG, Andres served in a variety of positions at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania: as defense counsel, legal officer to Chambers, Deputy to the President, Prosecution Trial Attorney, and Prosecution Appeals Attorney. Andrés was the recipient of the Case Law Alumni Association Distinguished Recent Graduate Award in 2012.
Since its creation in 1995, PILPG has advised on international law in such places as the Balkans, Somalia, Tanzania, and South Sudan. ... For most firms looking to become involved in Arab Spring–related work, organizations like PILPG provide an ideal conduit. Formed by a group of former U.S. State Department employees, PILPG maintains close ties to several Am Law 200 firms, including Baker & McKenzie, Cleary, Covington, DLA Piper, Jones Day, Orrick, and Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr.

PILPG says it annually provides more than $15 million worth of international pro bono work advising transitional governments, helping new democratic regimes, and advising on international criminal cases. For some firms it has become a major source of international pro bono work. Covington, for example, has had almost 150 attorneys log around 7,700 hours over a nearly 10-year relationship with PILPG.

Such is PILPG’s reputation that it has worked in all four countries—Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, and Syria—that have seen revolutions in the Arab Spring. Although PILPG declined to identify the specific groups it works with in each country, it prides itself on offering a unique perspective by getting its own staff on the ground as soon as a situation is considered safe enough. ...

Although advising on new constitutional frameworks or prosecuting former warlords is not typically part of a law firm’s day-to-day workload, lawyers who work on PILPG matters say that the leap from their typical private-practice cases isn’t too daunting. “PILPG is very good at providing background and highlighting the sensitivities in a matter,” says an associate in Covington’s Washington, D.C., office who has worked on a range of issues for PILPG, including, most recently, a project related to transitional justice in Syria. “It’s not that different from coming out of law school, joining your new firm, and being put straight on a new matter,” he says. Except it may be more likely to be featured on the next day’s front page.”

Danielle Fritz (’13) will be joining the Public International Law and Policy Group this fall as a Law Fellow in Washington, D.C. Her six-month fellowship was made possible by a generous grant by the Planethood Foundation. While in law school, Danielle had three Cox Center-funded internships. In the summer after her first year of law school, Danielle interned in Kampala, Uganda with the Refugee Law Project where she conducted field research on the Ugandan Access to Information Act. During the spring semester of her second year, Danielle interned in The Hague with the Office of the Prosecutor for the Special Court for Sierra Leone, providing assistance to the Prosecutor’s case against former Liberian President Charles Taylor. Danielle spent her second summer working for Human Rights Watch in the International Justice Program as a Klatsky Human Rights Fellow. Additionally, Danielle served as the Executive Articles Editor for the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law. And her War Crimes Research Lab memo on child pirates was distributed at the September 2012 meeting of the UN Contact Group on Somali Piracy.
Human Rights Documentary Film Series

Now in its fourth year, the International Law Society's Documentary Film Series annually brings the director/producer of an award-winning human rights documentary to present the film and lead a discussion at the law school. Past screenings have featured Sig Libowit’s “The Response” and Rebecca Richman Cohen’s “War Don Don.” In October 2012, Pamala Yates and Paco de Onis presented their documentary, “Granito: How to Nail a Dictator.”

The dictator at the heart of the film is General Rios Mont, who led a ruthless military junta in Guatemala in the early 1980s. “Granitos,” Spanish for “grains of sand,” represent the many human rights advocates who together managed to bring the former leader to justice.

Yates told the student audience how an “out-take” of her earlier documentary, “When the Mountains Tremble,” ended up supplying a key piece of evidence against General Mont. In it, the General bragged to Yates that he closely controlled every action the Guatemala military took against the tribal people who he perceived as enemies of the regime. This video helped convince a Spanish court to indict Mont and was later played at his trial to prove his liability under the doctrine of command responsibility.

In addition to the film series, the 80-member student International Law Society sponsors international career and internship panels, beer tasting networking events with members of the Cleveland Bar, and roundtables on breaking news topics, among other events.
Celebrating its 37th anniversary, the Canada-US Law Institute at Case Western Reserve School of Law has had its most successful year. On April 11-12, 2013, the Institute hosted New Realities in Canada-US Relations, its largest conference ever. This two-day event drew nearly 250 top experts in Canada-US relations to the newly expanded Cleveland Museum of Art. The Institute welcomed the U.S. and Canadian Ambassadors as the keynote speakers for the third year in a row. Top policymakers, attorneys, corporate leaders, and academics filled out two days of panels. The theme of this conference was regional coordination towards solving the unique economic and environmental challenges within the Great Lakes region.

The highlight of the conference was the launch of the Council of the Great Lakes Region (CGLR, pronounced “Ciglar”), an organization comprised of the region’s key stakeholders in the public, private, and academic sectors. The launch of CGLR represented the culmination of a year-long project spearheaded by the Institute and the Mowat Centre at the University of Toronto. The goals of this new organization are to connect the region’s leaders, find commonality across sectors, identify new opportunities for regional collaboration, and inform policy makers of the region’s unique voice in order to promote its prosperity and sustainability. As part of this effort, the Institute hosted 25 leading experts in law and policy from the public and private sectors for an Experts’ Meeting in Toronto in February 2013.

The Institute also hosted its 37th annual Niagara International Moot Court Competition. This year’s competition, held in Toronto, Ontario, attracted law students from across the US and Canada to argue a fictional dispute before the International Court of Justice. The problem involved cutting edge issues concerning an individual’s listing on the UN’s Al-Qaeda and Taliban Sanctions List and the extent to which his corporation’s assets could be frozen. The final round was held at the offices of one of Canada’s top law firms, McCarthy Tetrault, with a set of three stellar judges: the Honorable Justice Ian Binnie, former Supreme Court Justice of Canada; Hon. Kimberly Prost, Ombudsperson, UN Security Council’s Al-Qaeda and Taliban Sanctions Committee; and Hon. Thomas Snow, U.S. Immigration Judge, US Department of Justice.

The Institute also continues to advance Canada-US relations through academic research. Through the student-edited Canada-US Law Journal, one of the preeminent law journals in Canada-US relations, the Institute publishes articles analyzing salient questions of law and policy. Additionally, the Institute empowers law students by giving them the opportunity to conduct research for governmental agencies. In the summer of 2012, a team of six student fellows from Case Western Reserve School of Law and Western Ontario Faculty of Law developed a one-hundred page report for the US Department of Agriculture, which they presented at an open hearing in Washington, DC. Finally, the Institute continues to expand its internet presence, delivering its research through its online CUSLI Nexus Law and Policy Blog. For more information, go to: http://cusli.org/.
In the past 5 years, 155 Case Law students have interned at 98 placements in 37 countries

One of the most significant aspects of the Cox Center is that it helps launch students in a career in international law by providing over $60,000 per year in grants to support summer, semester-long, and post-graduate unpaid internships abroad or in the United States with an international organization, a governmental agency, or a nonprofit. In addition, the Klatsky endowment provides our students with two $4,000 funded internships at Human Rights Watch. Dozens of Case grads have parlayed their internship experiences into permanent jobs in the field of international law.

North America:
American Friends Immigrant Services (Miami, Florida)
Amnesty International (Washington, D.C.)
Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco)
Canada Department of Foreign Affairs (Ottawa, Ontario)
Canada Parliament (Ottawa, Ontario)
Carter Center for International Peace (Atlanta)
Center for International Environmental Law (Washington, D.C.)
Council of Great Lakes Governors (Chicago)
Federal Trade Commission (D.C.)
Human Rights Watch (Washington, D.C. & NYC)
(Klatsky Fellowship)
International Consortium for Law and Development (Boston)
International Monetary Fund (Washington, D.C.)
National Organization for Women, Immigrant Women Program (Washington, D.C.)
National Security Law Institute (Charlottesville, VA)
Organization of American States (Washington, D.C.)
Permanent Mission of Thailand to the U.N. (NYC)
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the U.N. (NYC)
Political Asylum Project of Austin (Austin, Texas)
Public International Law and Policy Group (Washington, D.C.)
U.N. Office of Legal Affairs (U.N. Headquarters, NYC)
U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps (various locations)
U.S. Coast Guard Office of Legal Counsel (Washington, DC)
U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration Review, Organized Crime Section (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Chief Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (Washington, D.C.)
U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (San Juan, PR)

Central and South America:
Center for Human Rights and the Environment (Patagonia, Argentina)
Ecological Association for Paquera, Lepanto, and Cabano (Costa Rica)
Government of Dominica, Ministry of Legal Affairs (Dominica West Indies)
Government of St. Kitts/IPO Ministry of Health (St. Kitts and Nevis)
Inter-American Court of Human Rights (San Jose, Costa Rica)
Peru Ministry of Health, Office of Transparency & Defense of Human Rights (Lima, Peru)
South American Trade Office (Santiago, Chile)
Europe:
Amnesty International (London, England)
Association of Defense Counsel, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (The Hague)
Bahas, Gramatidis & Partners (Athens, Greece)
International Bar Association (London, England)
International Criminal Court, Chambers (The Hague)
International Criminal Court, Office of the Prosecutor (The Hague)
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Appeals Chamber (The Hague)
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Office of the Prosecutor (The Hague)
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Office of the Registrar (The Hague)
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Defense Counsel (The Hague)
The International Trade Center (Geneva, Switzerland)
INTERPOL Office of Legal Affairs (Lyons, France)
INTERPOL Maritime Piracy Task Force (Lyons, France)
O’Connor & Co. (Brussels, Belgium)
Pfizer Pharmaceutical (Hungary)
U.N. Human Rights Council (Geneva, Switzerland)
UNODC (Vienna, Austria)
U.S. Embassy in Bonn (Germany)
U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo (Bosnia)
U.S. JAG Office in Naples (Italy)
World Intellectual Property Organization (Geneva)

Asia:
Aide Medicaire Internationale (Rangoon, Burma)
Document Center of Cambodia (Phnom Penh)
The Ahmedabad Bar Association (Gujarat, India)
Albright Law Firm (Shanghai, China)
Asian Law Caucus
Chang Tsieh Partners (Beijing, China)
Clyde & Co. (Shanghai, China)
Council for Legal Aid (Bangalore, India)
DLA Piper (Beijing, China)
Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, Chambers (Phnom Penh)
Human Rights Commission (Pakistan)
International Bridges to Justice (Beijing, China)
Long An Law Firm (Shanghai, China)
King and Wood Law Firm (China)
Medecins Sans Frontieres (Rangoon, Burma)
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 Program (Hanoi, Vietnam)
U.N. Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (Dili, Timor-Leste)
Vinoth Ministry and Company (Mumbai, India)
WHO in Kobe (Japan)
Zhoungzhou Law Office (China)
Zong Lun Law Firm (China)

Middle East:
Clinic for Migrant Rights (Tel Aviv, Israel)
Office of the Prosecutor of the UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon (Hague Office)
Office of the Defense of the UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon (Hague Office)
Shrak Ha Din Israeli Law Centre (Tel Aviv, Israel)

Africa:
Abrahams & Gross, Capetown (South Africa)
Aids and Rights Alliance for South Africa (South Africa)
Constitutional Court of South Africa (South Africa)
Equality Now (Nairobi, Kenya)
Institute for the Study and Development of Legal Systems, the South African Legal Resources Council (South Africa)
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Chambers (Arusha, Tanzania)
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Office of the Prosecutor (Arusha, Tanzania)
International Justice Mission in Kenya (Nairobi)
International Law Institute (Kampala, Uganda)
Ministry of Justice (Ghana)
Refugee Law Project (Kampala, Uganda)
Special Court for Sierra Leone, Office of the Prosecutor (Freetown, Sierra Leone)
Uganda Ministry of Health, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (Uganda)
Christopher Rassi (JD ’03) began his international law career as an intern for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda supported by a Cox Center grant. After working at a law firm for two years, he returned to the Rwanda Tribunal as a Legal Adviser to the Trial Chambers in Arusha, Tanzania. He subsequently worked as a Legal Adviser to the Tribunal’s Appeals Chamber in The Hague. He was then hired in 2009 as a Senior Adviser to the Prosecutor of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague. Most recently, in October 2012, Chris joined the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, a global international humanitarian organization located in Geneva, as Senior Legal Officer. In this role, Chris works to ensure the sound legal risk management of the International Federation and works closely with National Societies around the world. Founded in 1919, the IFRC comprises 187 member National Societies, including the American Red Cross, a secretariat in Geneva, five Zone Offices, and more than 60 delegations strategically located to support humanitarian activities around the world.

Nathan (Nate) Quick (JD ’09) was one of the first Case Law students to spend a semester at an international tribunal under the law school’s international tribunal externship program. These externships provide students a semester’s worth of credit for interning for six months at an international tribunal under the supervision of Case faculty and a local supervisor. Nate did such a great job during his internship at the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) in The Hague that he was hired immediately after graduation to be a prosecutor at the SCSL, where he played a key role in the trial and appeal of Charles Taylor, the former President of Liberia. After three years at the Special Court for Sierra Leone, Nate was hired to be a legal officer at the extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (eCCC) in Phnom Penh, the tribunal set up by the UN to prosecute the former leaders of the Khmer Rouge regime. At the ECCC, Nate has played a role in the appeal of the Duch case, involving the commander of the notorious S21 torture center, and the ongoing trial of the four surviving leaders of the Khmer Rouge. Few lawyers in the world get to work on one significant international trial at an international tribunal. Just four years after graduating from Case Western Reserve Law School, Nate has already worked on three major trials at two international tribunals as both a prosecutor and a legal adviser to the judges.
Other recent graduates whose International Law careers began with Cox Center-funded internships.

- **Ruth Mary Hackler** ('05) interned for the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) and was then hired as a full-time member of the prosecution team that prosecuted Charles Taylor at The Hague.

- **Ahran Kang** ('05) interned at the International Trade Center in Geneva and then went on to work in the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

- **Thihan Nyun** ('06) interned at the United Nations, then worked as legal officer for the WHO in Burma and is now legal counsel to the Myanmar Peace Center.

- **Chelan Bliss** ('07) interned at the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) and is now Vice Consul of the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya.

- **Braddock Stevenson** ('07) interned on a project for the World Bank and upon graduating landed a position in regulatory policy with the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

- **Kathleen Gibson** ('08) interned at Human Rights Watch under our Klatsky endowed fellowship and went on to a position in the Geneva Legal Office of the International Committee of the Red Cross, and is now Counsel to an NGO in Ramallah.

- **Amanda Perkett** ('08) interned at the Dominican Ministry of Legal Affairs, and went on to become Asylum Officer with the Department of Homeland Security's Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Division, adjudicating asylum cases. Amanda (R) appears with Paul Rusesabagna (L) who saved 1,268 Tutsis during the 1984 Rwandan Genocide, and was the subject of the movie “Hotel Rwanda.”

- **Zach Lampell** ('08) interned for a semester at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) in Phnom Penh and was hired upon graduation as an attorney in the ECCC Office of the Co-Prosecutors.
Alex Laytin ('08) interned at the International Trade Center in Geneva and then went on to become an Attorney in the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Chief Counsel, Trade and Finance.

Brianne Draffin ('08) (in photo with Ken Roth, Ex. Dir. of Human Rights Watch) interned at Human Rights Watch, the ECCC, and SCSL, and is now treaty negotiator for the U.S. Social Security Administration.

Margaux Day ('09) interned at the International Bar Association in London and the ECCC in Phnom Penh and is now working on Foreign Corrupt Practice litigation at Jones Day’s Asian offices.

Niki Desarathi ('09) interned at the ECCC and is now Program Manager for the ABA Human Rights Rule of Law Program, headquartered in Washington, DC. She is joined there by Jacqueline Greene ('11), who interned at the SCSL, worked on a defense team at the ECCC after graduation, and is now an Attorney Adviser at the ABA Human Rights Rule of Law Program.

Steven De Eyre ('10) interned with the Hudson Institute and now works as an Analyst at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Andrew Finn ('10) was a post-graduate Canada-US Law Institute fellow and now works as a Program Associate at the Canada Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.

Kim Brown ('12) interned at the International Law Institute – African Centre for Legal Excellence (ILI-ACLE) in Kampala, Uganda. The ILI-ACLE, which was founded by Case law graduate Swithin Munyantwal, hired her after graduation as a Legal Adviser to the organization.

Jon-Paul McConnell ('12) interned for the SCSL and is now Chief executive officer of the Syrian Support Group (SSG), an NGO based in Washington, D.C. that provides support to protect civilians during the civil war in Syria. He is joined there by his classmate Max Stahlburg ('12), who interned at the ICTR and STL and is now a Senior Legislation and Policy Fellow at the Syrian Support Group.

Margaux Day won the Best Speaker Award at the 2008 Jessup World Championship Round.
2012-2013 Major Events Round Up

August 29, 2012: Fatou Bensouda, Chief Prosecutor of the ICC

Fatou Bensouda, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, received the 2012-2013 Cox Center Humanitarian Award for Advancing Global Justice and delivered the Cox Lecture on Global Justice.


September 11, 2012: Judge Ben C. Green Lecture


March 19, 2013: The Klatsky Endowed Lecture in Human Rights

David Tolbert, President, International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), delivered the 2013 Klatsky Seminar in Human Rights lecture at the Cleveland City Club, an event co-sponsored by the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group. Mr. Tolbert had previously served as Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; Registrar, Special Tribunal for Lebanon; and Executive Director, American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative. His talk focused on some controversial recent decisions of the ICTY and ICC.

Endowed in 2001 by Bruce J. Klatsky, the Klatsky Lecture has featured Richard Goldstone, former Constitutional Court judge in South Africa and former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; Justice Albert L. Sachs, anti-apartheid activist and Judge, Constitutional Court of South Africa; Samantha Power, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and human rights expert; David Crane, Chief Prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone; Eli Rosenbaum, Director, Department of Justice Office of Special Investigations; Kenneth Roth, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch; Michael Reisman, former President, Inter-American Commission for Human Rights; Geoffrey Robertson QC, former Appeals Judge, Special Court for Sierra Leone; Sir Christopher Greenwood, Judge, International Court of Justice; and Judge Christine van den Wyngaert, International Criminal Court.

September 7, 2012: Annual Cox Center Conference

Harvard Law Professor Jack Goldsmith, former Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Legal Counsel, delivered the Keynote Address at the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center’s day-long symposium, “Presidential Power, Foreign Affairs, and the 2012 Election.” Held at ground zero (Ohio) at the height of the 2012 Presidential election campaign, this timely symposium explored the contemporary debate over the foreign affairs powers of the President. Funded by a generous grant from the Wolf Family Foundation, the symposium was co-sponsored by the American Society of International Law, the American National Section of the International Association of Penal Law, and the Public International Law and Policy Group. Two dozen former high-level government officials and leading academics participated.
August 25-27: The Seventh International Humanitarian Law Dialogs: “The Long Hot Summer after the Arab Spring” -- Accountability and the Rule of Law
An annual conference at the Chautauqua Institute in New York, featuring the Chief Prosecutors of all the International Criminal Tribunals, co-sponsored with the Robert Jackson Center and other organizations.

Friday, September 6, 2013 (9:00 AM-5:00 PM): “End Game! An International Conference on Combating Maritime Piracy.” For the moment pirate attacks are down, but piracy continues to present a major threat to world shipping. Even with greatly expanded patrolling by international navies and increased use of private security forces, there have been 48 pirate attacks, 448 seamen were held hostage by pirates, and global economic losses due to piracy topped 5 billion dollars in the last twelve months. Meanwhile, renewed political turmoil in Somalia and Yemen is sowing the seeds for a fresh generation of pirates with increasingly deadly tactics, and piracy is expanding on the west coast of Africa at an alarming rate. This day-long conference brings together two-dozen of the world’s foremost counter-piracy experts to analyze the novel legal challenges and options related to this new phase in the fight against piracy. Best-selling author, General Romeo Dellaire, presents the keynote speech.


Tuesday, September 24, 2013 (noon-1:00 PM): “A Conversation with the Chief Prosecutor of United States Military Commissions.” IGSLP lecture featuring Brigadier General Mark Martins, Chief Prosecutor for the United States Military Commissions at Guantanamo Bay.


Tuesday, March 18, 2014 (noon-1:30 PM at the Cleveland City Club): “The Klatsky Lecture in Human Rights: Observations from the former State Department Legal Adviser.” The Klatsky endowed Lecture featuring Yale Law Professor Harold Koh, former State Department Legal Adviser, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights, and Dean of Yale Law School.

Thursday-Friday, April 3-4, 2014: Annual Canada-US Law Institute Conference.

Events are webcast live at http://law.case.edu/lectures and articles by the speakers are published in the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law.
We invite you to view a brief video about our international law program at:
http://law.case.edu/centers/cox/content.asp?content_id=157
and encourage you to contact us for further information.

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