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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. The Cox Center serves as the hub of the law school's international law program, which includes the Canada-US Law Institute, the Institute for Global Security Law & Policy, the Henry T. King Jr. War Crimes Research Office, the Yemen Accountability Project, the Immigration Law Clinic, and the *Journal of International Law.*

The Cox Center Team

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Co-Dean, School of Law

Stephen J. Petras Jr.
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Juscelino Colares
Co-Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center

Avidan Cover
Director, Institute for Global Security Law and Policy

Shannon French
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Richard Gordon
Director, Financial Integrity Institute, and Associate Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center

James Johnson
Director, Henry King War Crimes Research Office

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Eric Siler
Director of Academic Centers

CWRU's international law program earns top rankings

In a year of tumult, one thing remained steady: Case Western Reserve University's international law program earned top ratings from national publications.

Among the reasons for highlighting our program: the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center's $4 million endowment—one of the largest in the nation; our adaptability amid the pandemic to support our students (see p. 6); and an analysis of our academic strongholds, including concentrations, clinics, externships, journals, moot court success and more.

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international law program,
U.S. News & World Report

↑8
spots from the prior year

A+
rating, *National Jurist's PreLaw* magazine

4
years in a row

1
of 10 schools given this honor

International accolades for Co-Dean Scharf

When the fledgling International Criminal Court Mock Trial Competition foundered a decade ago, Case Western Reserve University School of Law Co-Dean Michael Scharf jumped into action, co-founding the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition in The Hague, along with Leiden University School of Law Professor and Grotius Center Director Carsten Stahn.

Since then, the competition has thrived—growing to include participants from 95 universities from 50 countries and earning sponsorship from the International Bar Association (IBA).

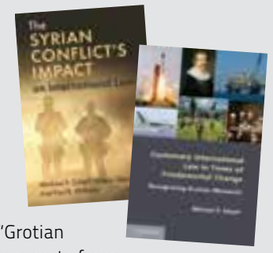
In recognition of his "extraordinary work" with the competition, the IBA presented Scharf with a leadership award, recognizing his creativity, energy, and expertise in writing the ICC Moot Court Problems and Bench Memos. Mark Ellis, executive director of the IBA, said the association wouldn't have entered into the new partnership, which includes naming rights for the competition, if not for Scharf's leadership as chair of the Board of Advisors.

The award comes just months after Scharf was voted president-elect of the American branch of the International Law Association, the international non-governmental organization involved in developing and restating international law.

Scharf has three decades of leadership in the American branch, which is among the oldest and largest of the association's 63 branches. He served nearly 10 years as its vice president and member of its board of directors, twice chaired International Law Weekend—its annual three-day conference in New York City that brings together 2,000 academics, practitioners and students—and organized three regional meetings at Case Western Reserve.

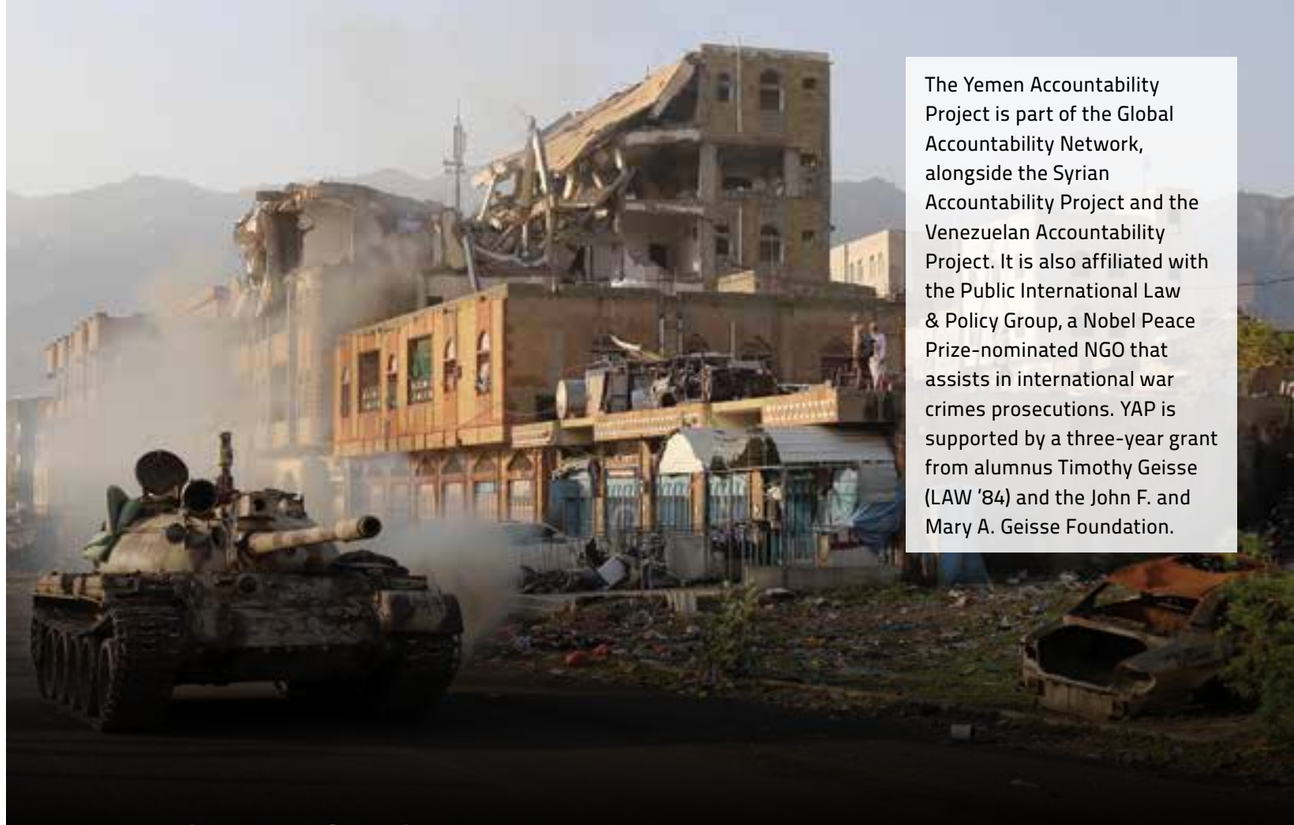
Scharf will serve as president-elect until 2022, when he will succeed Professor Leila Sadat of Washington University in St. Louis as president for up to a pair of two-year terms.

Conference takes on Scharf's "Grotian Moments" concept



Building upon School of Law Co-Dean Michael Scharf's concept of "Grotian Moments"—paradigm shifts and tipping points in international law—the Max Planck Institute in Heidelberg, Germany, convened a workshop this spring, titled "Grotian Moments in International Law."

Scharf, whose two books on the topic were published by Cambridge University Press, presented a paper on "Grotian Moments: The Concept." Twenty-two international law experts from across the globe then presented papers on the application of the Grotian Moment concept to a variety of areas; the papers will be published in a book by Brill.



The Yemen Accountability Project is part of the Global Accountability Network, alongside the Syrian Accountability Project and the Venezuelan Accountability Project. It is also affiliated with the Public International Law & Policy Group, a Nobel Peace Prize-nominated NGO that assists in international war crimes prosecutions. YAP is supported by a three-year grant from alumnus Timothy Geisse (LAW '84) and the John F. and Mary A. Geisse Foundation.

Student-led initiative DOCUMENTS ATROCITIES in Yemen

Three years ago, a group of Case Western Reserve University School of Law students came together to launch the Yemen Accountability Project (YAP) to document and map war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Yemeni Civil War.

Last fall, the team's extensive work began to come to fruition with the release of YAP's first white paper, "Aiding and Abetting: Holding States, Corporations, and Individuals Accountable for War Crimes in Yemen." Six months later, the group published its second, "Starvation: Building the Case for Prosecuting Starvation Crimes in Yemen."

The YAP is the first comprehensive effort to document atrocities in the country's civil war and lay the foundation for successful prosecutions of the responsible parties. The student-run project is supervised by Adjunct Professor James Johnson, the former chief of prosecutions at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and director of the CWRU War Crimes Research Office.

"When we launched the project, we were hoping for a handful of volunteers," said Johnson. "Instead, dozens of law students came on board despite the workloads and pressures of school. These students are volunteering their time because they see this as an opportunity to make a difference."

By the time Johnson finished recruiting, more than 70 law students joined the effort to help bring justice and accountability to a conflict that has cost more than 100,000 lives. Over the next two years, YAP volunteers worked to build a database of potential war crimes in Yemen's civil war, analyze data, and deliver meaningful reports to international organizations and NGOs in a worldwide effort to hold states, corporations and individuals accountable for the atrocities that have been committed in Yemen since the conflict began.

The first white paper, a 59-page report, explores how civilian victims of the war in Yemen can seek justice for the grave crimes perpetrated against them. The second, a 51-page document, examines evidence from 2015 to 2018 that illustrates patterns of widespread attacks on civilian objects indispensable to survival, such as food production and water supply, and outlines avenues for bringing charges against perpetrators of these crimes.

Johnson estimates the entire project will be complete in another three years, and hopes the students' work will prove invaluable to international prosecutors.

GOING GLOBAL—AT HOME

How students gained **hands-on international law experiences** amid the pandemic

In ranking Case Western Reserve University School of Law's International Law Program among the top 10 in the nation, *PreLaw* magazine recognized the law school's funded internships as its secret to placing so many of its graduates in the field of international law.

Every summer, 30 or so Case Western Reserve law students undertake international law internships around the globe, and with its $4 million endowment, the law school's Frederick K. Cox International Law Center provides stipends to cover the students' travel and living expenses. In addition, the law school grants academic credit for these placements.

In early 2020, law students obtained a record number of foreign placements. Then, the coronavirus hit. Many law firms, government agencies, international organizations and NGOs either moved to remote internship experiences or canceled internships for the summer of 2020 altogether.

Undaunted by the pandemic, the leaders of Case Western Reserve's international law program worked together to create an alternative arrangement for students who lost their summer placements. Such students were invited to work remotely for the summer as research fellows for one of the law school's Case Global centers, institutes and affiliated organizations, including the Cox Center (co-directed by Professors Juscelino Colares and Steve Petras) the Henry King War Crimes Research Office (directed by Adjunct Professor James Johnson) the Institute for Global Security Law and Policy (directed by Associate Dean Avidan Cover) the Canada-US Law Institute (directed by Petras) and the Public International Law & Policy Group (directed by Dean Michael Scharf). Students availing themselves of this option were provided $1,500 stipends and could earn three credits under the umbrella of the law school's externship program.

Altogether, the centers' directors developed 27 impactful projects—more than enough to cover every student who had lost an international internship. The projects include working with:

- Scharf on a Public International Law & Policy Group project analyzing the shift in security council power to the General Assembly;
- Petras to develop the first compendium analyzing all the Canadian and U.S. laws that apply to the Great Lakes;
- Johnson to create dossiers for potential prosecution of Yemen War Crimes; and
- Cover on a report examining nations' responses to the coronavirus pandemic and assessing their compliance with and respect for human rights.

At the same time, many students were able to intern for international law placements in-person or remotely in 2020 and 2021, including at:

- International Law Institute, African Centre for Legal Excellence, Kampala, Uganda*
- U.S. Court of International Trade, New York, New York*
- Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, Washington, D.C.*
- Human Rights Watch, New York and Washington, D.C.*
- Immigrant Defenders Law Center Cross Border, San Diego, California*
- Cambodian Center for Human Rights, Phnom Penh, Cambodia*
- International Foundation for Art Research, New York*
- International Bar Association, London*
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, Office of Co-Prosecutors, Phnom Penh, Cambodia*
- Department of Defense, Office of Military Commissions, Washington, D.C.
- American Red Cross, Office of General Counsel & International Humanitarian Law, Washington, D.C.
- Coast Guard JAG Office of Maritime and International Law, Washington, D.C.
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Chief Counsel, Washington, D.C.
- ICPO-INTERPOL, Lyon, France*
- The International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT) The Hague*

**Remote internships*

Dennis Schwartz spent the summer interning at International Law Institute - African Centre for Legal Excellence.

In 2020, Kathryn Meyer interned with the Office of the Co-Prosecutors, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia; this year, she was with the American Red Cross.

Sydney Bell interned at INTERPOL in summer 2021.

Brooke Behrmann interned in summer 2021 at International Law Institute - African Centre for Legal Excellence.

CWRU faculty connect with human rights experts in Thailand

The pandemic-induced proliferation of Zoom meetings spurred a new international connection: Case Western Reserve University School of Law faculty members recently met virtually with a team of Thai human rights experts, through a discussion organized by the U.S. Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program and the Cleveland Council on World Affairs.

Faculty in the law school met with Thai human rights experts—along with interpreters—for a live discussion on Zoom.

Using simultaneous translation, the conversation centered on best practices to protect the human rights of marginalized communities and indigenous people in Thailand, including issues of mass detention, mistreatment and expulsion from national parks.

"Hearing about the Thai lawyers' dedicated efforts to surmount discriminatory government practices as well as rule of law challenges was incredibly illuminating and humbling," said Avidan Cover, associate dean and director of the Institute for Global Security Law & Policy. "We look forward to a sustained dialogue and potential partnership on these issues."

Law faculty, students push for accountability for violence by police

As racial justice and anti-police-brutality protests took place in cities across the United States in summer 2020, reports showed attacks by federal and local police on medics—using mace, pepper balls, flash grenades, tear gas, rubber bullets and bean bag rounds, as well as physically pushing, grabbing and shoving individuals.

Such actions, a group of Case Western Reserve University School of Law students and faculty said, impinged on the rights to health and peaceful assembly under international law.

This spring, the law school's Institute for Global Security Law and Policy, together with Physicians for Human Rights, filed a joint submission to the United Nations' Special Rapporteurs on Health and Peaceful Assembly and Association. The project was led by Professor Avidan Cover and assisted by a group of student Cox Center fellows.

Their extensive submission documents how law enforcement both targeted and indiscriminately attacked medics. These actions, the submission contends, violate international treaties to which the United States is a party, opening the door for international accountability and pressure for reforms.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

John Sopko, Inspector General for Afghanistan

1977 graduate John F. Sopko was sworn in as Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction on July 2, 2012. Almost a decade later, he continues to serve in the position, overseeing the largest aid program since the Marshall Plan. This year, the U.S. withdrew most of its troops from Afghanistan, but the aid continues—and, with it, the mismanagement that Sopko and his team continue to combat.

"We have spent more money in Afghanistan on reconstruction than we did on the entire Marshall Plan to rebuild all of Europe after WWII—over $136 billion," Sopko said. "My job—and the job of my nearly 200 auditors, investigators, analysts and engineers—is to protect that money from fraud, waste and abuse and ultimately improve the way our government does development work in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the globe."

Special Inspector General Sopko (right) tours a training facility for Afghan Air Force pilots at Kabul International Airport.

Prior to his appointment to the Inspector General position by President Barack Obama, Sopko served as a federal prosecutor, counsel to several congressional committees, and a partner at a large Washington, D.C., law firm.

"But this is the most interesting job I have ever had," he said. "I'm not stationed in Afghanistan, but I try to travel there at least four times a year for anywhere from a week to two weeks visiting my staff, meeting with our government officials as well as the president of Afghanistan and other Afghan government, business and civil society representatives."

Sopko meets with U.S. Army General Austin S. Miller, the current commander of U.S. and NATO Resolute Support Mission forces in Afghanistan.

Sopko receives a briefing on biometric ID systems while visiting a unit of Afghan security forces in northern Afghanistan.

Sopko greets President Ashraf Ghani at the Presidential Palace in Kabul.

In the nine years since he was appointed inspector general, Sopko and his team have uncovered a great deal of fraud. "Our criminal investigators have conducted nearly 1,100 investigations, made 129 arrests and secured 147 guilty pleas and convictions," Sopko said. "Their work has resulted in $1.6 billion in criminal fines, restitutions, forfeitures, civil settlements, and other savings and recoveries for the government."

In addition, his team has issued more than 600 audits and other reports, made more than 1,000 recommendations to U.S. government agencies, and identified more than $1.4 billion in savings to the U.S. taxpayer just from their audits.

Sopko said the most important lesson he's learned from Afghanistan is that "oversight—the ability of American oversight officials to follow the money—is mission critical, particularly in a country with a deep history of corruption."

Known for his blunt talk, Sopko said that: "If we keep sending American taxpayer dollars to Afghanistan, without strong oversight, then we may as well just light that money on fire on the streets of downtown Kabul for all the good it'll do. We've also learned that to be effective, reconstruction efforts must be based on a deep understanding of the traditions of the host nation."

Sopko praised CWRU School of Law's expansive national security law offerings and encourages students to pursue jobs in the field.

"It is a tremendous area to work in," he said, "and covers the gamut from foreign economic development, weapons exports, money laundering and human rights issues."

Global impact

See where Case Western Reserve School of Law alumni are shaping international law

Case Western Reserve University School of Law has dozens of law alumni occupying prominent positions in government agencies, international organizations, NGOs, corporations and law firms around the world.

Here's a peek into the current roles of some of our esteemed graduates who are eager to mentor our students and help launch their international law careers.

Government/International Organizations

Stephen Petras ('79)
Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Council of the Great Lakes Region

Anne Simon ('83)
Senior Advisor, Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State

1 Mohamed Chambas ('84)
head of the U.N. Africa Bureau (New York)

Ambassador Capricia Marshall ('90)
former Chief of Protocol, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.)

Francois Philippe Champagne ('94)
former Canadian Foreign Minister, currently Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry (Ottawa, Ontario)

Ruth Mary Hackler ('05)
Prosecuting Attorney, Cambodia Genocide Tribunal (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)

Ahran Kang McCloskey ('06)
Attorney Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.)

Chelan Bliss ('07)
Senior Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.)

Ra'id Alsaedi ('09)
Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister of Iraq, formerly Inspector General of the Iraqi Army and Chief Investigative Judge of the Iraqi High Tribunal (Baghdad)

Nate Quick ('09)
Prosecutor, Kosovo Tribunal (The Hague)

Human Rights Law

Swithin Monyantwali ('92)
Executive Director and Co-Founder of the International Law Institute - Africa Center for Legal Excellence (Uganda and South Africa)

Chris Rassi ('03)
Director of the Office of Secretary-General, International Federation of the Red Cross (Geneva, Switzerland)

2 Andres Perez ('04)
Attorney Advisor at UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva, Switzerland)

Zach Lampell ('08)
Legal Adviser, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (Washington, D.C.)

Kathleen Gibson ('08)
Legal Adviser, Danish Refugee Council in Israel (West Bank)

Margaux Day ('09)
Policy Director, Accountability Counsel (Washington, D.C.)

Niki Dasarathi ('09)
Senior Advisor, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (Washington, D.C.)

Kimberly Brown ('12)
Senior Governance Adviser, Twitter's governance framework for global content moderation, former Associate Director of the Carter Center's Rule of Law Program (Atlanta)

Rachel Wolbers ('12)
Public Policy Manager, Facebook Oversight Board (Washington, D.C.)

Immigration Law

3 Austin Fragomen ('68)
founder of Fragomen, the world's largest immigration firm (New York)

Lisa Scott ('86)
founder of Scott Global Migration Law Group (Chicago)

Joseph Edlow ('07)
General Counsel of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (Washington, D.C.)

Rachel Berman-Vaporis ('14)
Attorney-Adviser, Board of Immigration Appeals (Washington, D.C.)

Malea Hetrick ('17)
Attorney Advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Cleveland Immigration Court

Aliza Corinne Lopes-Baker ('17)
Attorney Advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Cleveland Immigration Court

Seth Garfinkle ('17)
Attorney Advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Denver Immigration Court

Kate Masetta-Alvarez ('18)
DOJ Immigration Law Appeals Attorney (Washington, D.C.)

Amelia Wester ('19)
Associate Immigration Attorney at Blake Immigration Law (Alexandria, Virginia)

National Security Law

5 John Sopko ('77)
Inspector General of Afghanistan Reconstruction (Washington, D.C.)

Kevin Nealer ('78)
Principal of Snowcroft Group (Washington, D.C.)

Admiral Janet Donovan ('83)
former head of the Navy Reserve JAG Corps (Washington, D.C.)

Robert Altneu ('91)
Director of the U.S. Customs Office of Rules & Regulations

Ted Fowles ('00)
Coast Guard Chief Trial Judge (Washington, D.C.)

Rick Batson ('02)
Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Legal Service Command in Norfolk

Keith Petty ('02)
Major in Army JAG, Legal Liaison Officer for U.S. Army Europe at the US Embassy in Berlin

Katharine Quaglieri ('11)
Attorney-Adviser, DHS U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Washington, D.C.)

Phil Hadji ('12)
Assistant General Counsel, Department of Navy (Washington, D.C.)

Ted Parran ('13)
Assistant Chief Counsel with the Department of Homeland Security (Cleveland)

Hyder Syed ('13)
Assistant General Counsel, INTERPOL (Lyon, France)

4 Kristina Aiad-Toss ('21)
Attorney-Adviser, DHS U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)

Jazmine Edwards ('21)
Attorney-Adviser, DHS U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)

Amanda Makhoul ('21)
Attorney-Adviser, DHS U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)

International Business and Trade Law

Ritchie Thomas ('64)
International Trade Counsel, Squire Patton Boggs (Washington, D.C.)

6 Rick Newcomb ('73)
Partner and head of DLA Piper International Practice Section (Washington, D.C.)

Craig Chapman ('80)
Partner and Chair of Sidley Austin's Global Capital Markets group (New York)

Laura Quatella ('82)
General Counsel of Lenovo Group (New York and Beijing)

Michele Gon ('85)
Partner and International Business Law specialist at Han Kun Law Offices (Shanghai).

William Hayes ('88)
Senior Lawyer and Head of Legal & Business Affairs, R&D and Innovation, British Broadcasting Corp. (London)

Ashlee Lee ('07)
International Trade Counsel for Coca-Cola Co. (Atlanta)

Heather Doherty ('09)
International Trade Compliance Counsel, Nidek Motor Corp. (Washington, D.C.)

Luke Tillman ('11)
Customs and International Trade Lawyer at Steptoe and Johnson (Washington, D.C.)

Thomas Au ('13)
Assistant General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (Washington, D.C.)

Zach Walker ('13)
International Trade Counsel at Picard Kentz & Rowe (Washington, D.C.)

Tyler Kimberly ('15)
Judicial Clerk, U.S. Court of International Trade (New York City)

Gabrielle Feuer ('16)
Assistant General Counsel, TransDigm Group Inc. (Cleveland)

Brandan Saslow ('16)
Litigation Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Commerce (Washington, D.C.)

Teresa Azzam ('19)
International Arbitration Associate, Squire Patton Boggs (Dubai)

Douglas Pilawa ('19)
International Dispute Resolution Associate at Squire Patton Boggs (Cleveland)

Garo Yaghsezian ('19)
Associate, Kramer, Levin, Naftalis & Frankel (Paris)

International Law Judges

7 Kathleen O'Malley ('82)
Judge of U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (Washington, D.C.)

Jennifer Peyton ('98)
Immigration Court Judge (Chicago)

Jennifer Riedthaler Williams ('01)
Immigration Court Judge (Cleveland)

Duncan Gaswaga ('13)
Judge of the Uganda High Court International Crimes Chamber (Kampala)

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International Law Professors (full-time)

Chip Carter ('98)
University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Ken Davis ('74)
Wisconsin Law School

Amos Guiora ('74)
University of Utah School of Law

Greg McNeal ('06)
Pepperdine Law School

Bryan Mercurio ('00)
University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law

8 Katy Mercer ('83)
Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Mary-Beth Moylan ('94)
University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law

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Charles Norchi ('86)
University of Maine School of Law

9 Jack Turner ('02)
Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Rafael Dean Brown ('02)
Qatar University College of Law

Study abroad opens doors to employment overseas

CWRU School of Law has semester abroad programs with 17 law schools on five continents and three concurrent degree programs with universities in London, Paris and Madrid, where our students receive both a foreign LLM and our JD degree in just three years at no extra cost.

After earning his concurrent degree at University of Paris, Garo Yaghsezian ('19) secured a position at the Paris office of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel. Jessica Turner ('19) obtained a job at Avonhurst Legal Services in London after earning her concurrent degree at Middlesex University in the United Kingdom. And Teresa Azzam ('20) got a job as an international arbitration counsel in Squire Patton Boggs' Dubai office after earning her concurrent degree at Comillas University in Madrid.

Three Decades of Progress

NOTABLE MILESTONES OF THE FREDERICK K. COX INTERNATIONAL LAW CENTER'S **FIRST 30 YEARS**

The Frederick K. Cox International Law Center marks its 30th anniversary this year. In honor of the occasion, we're taking a look back at some of the remarkable accomplishments of our past three decades.

1991

A multimillion-dollar gift from the Gund Foundation endows the Cox International Law Center. That same year, CWRU launches its LLM program for lawyers from outside the United States, which now enrolls more than 130 foreign students a year.

Frederick K. Cox, Executive Director of the Gund Foundation and members of the Gund family.

2001

Bruce J. Klatsky, chair and CEO of Phillips Van Heusen Corp. and a member of the Board of Directors of Human Rights Watch, provides a special endowment to the law school for a human rights lecture series and an annual fellowship for two students to Human Rights Watch.

Samantha Power, then U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, chats with the Editor in Chief of the Journal of International Law *after delivering the Klatsky Lecture.*

2002

The Cox Center's War Crimes Research Office and War Crimes Research Lab are established, now directed by James Johnson, former chief of prosecutions of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. To date, the office has provided over 250 research memos to international tribunals, piracy courts, INTERPOL and the U.S. military commissions.

Three Decades of Progress

Case Western Reserve
Journal of International Law

End Game?
An International Conference on
Combating Maritime Piracy

FOREWORD

KEYNOTE LECTURE

ASSESSING CURRENT TRENDS AND EFFORTS TO COMBAT PIRACY

2003

The Institute for National Security Law and Policy is established. *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* (established in 1968) moves to a double issue symposium format.

2004

Cox Center creates the International Humanitarian Award for Advancing Global Justice; UN Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs Hans Corell is the inaugural recipient.

2005

Cox Center War Crimes Research program, in association with the Public International Law and Policy Group, is nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the chief prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for its work, which led to the successful prosecution of Liberian President Charles Taylor.

2007

CWRU approves semester-long foreign internships at international tribunals. That same year, CWRU adds three specialized LLM degree programs.

2008

CWRU wins the World Championship of the Jessup International Law Moot Court competition.

2009

CWRU launches fundraising initiative resulting in an endowment for internship support in honor of the late Henry King (1918-2009), a CWRU professor and former Nuremberg prosecutor.

2011

CWRU Jessup Team wins the Baxter Award for best brief in the worldwide competition. The Cox Center develops a Human Rights Documentary Film Series, which brings in filmmakers to lead discussions of the films.

2012

CWRU becomes the only law school with its own talk radio show when it debuts "Talking Foreign Policy" radio program, hosted by Michael Scharf, on WCPN, Cleveland's NPR station.

2013

CWRU launches first international law massive open online course (MOOC) on Coursera. To date, over 135,000 students from 139 countries have taken the "Introduction to International Criminal Law" free MOOC. CWRU creates Maritime Piracy Prosecution Project, providing assistance to tribunals in Kenya, Mauritious and the Seychelles. CWRU launches its SJD program, which now enrolls 60 foreign students a year.

2014

CWRU debuts first concurrent degree program with Comilas University in Madrid, through which students can spend their 3L year abroad and graduate with both a foreign LLM and our JD degree in just three years. Subsequently, CWRU has added concurrent degree programs with Middlesex University in London and University of Paris.

2015

Our Canada-U.S. Law Institute celebrates its 40th anniversary.

2016

Immigration Law Clinic is established. Under the law school's new capstone requirement, 3L students earn a semester of credit externing at any international institution. The Cox Center launches annual Trade Law Conference, organized by Co-Director Juscelino Colares. The new Master of Arts in Financial Integrity degree launches.

2018

Students and faculty create the Yemen Accountability Project. Funded by a grant from the John F. and Mary A. Geisse Foundation, 70 students working under the supervision of Professor James Johnson produce whitepapers, a conflict narrative, a crime-based matrix, draft indictments and analytical dossiers to lay the groundwork for eventual prosecutions (see p. 5).

2019

Cox Center submits its first Amicus Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court, in a case concerning the interpretation of the Hague Child Abduction Convention. The International Criminal Court cites a report on crimes against the Rohingya people written by several CWRU law professors and alumni.

2020

Cox Center hosts the 10th annual American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting.

2021

The Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court cites the Amicus Brief written by Dean Scharf and colleagues in the *Ntaganda* case.

CWRU TAKES TOP HONORS
in international moot court competitions

Jessup Competition

Year after year, CWRU excels in the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. It has won regionals nine times in the past two decades and, in 2008, CWRU won the World Championship—the last U.S. team to do so. This year, CWRU won best oralist and brief awards, was the top-ranked U.S. team, and was ranked third in the world out of over 600 participating law schools in the global competition.

ICC Moot Court Competition

CWRU's ICC Moot Court team has also proven to be a perennial winner. After making it to the semifinals of the Americas Regional Competition three of the past four years, the team made it to the final round this year, coming in second overall. That earned CWRU its first berth in the Global Rounds, organized by the International Bar Association and Leiden University in The Hague. There, the team advanced all the way to the quarterfinals, and won a Best Brief Award.

Ripped from the headlines, this year's ICC Moot Court problem concerned charges of "viral homicide" involving the escape of a deadly artificially created virus, which was kept secret and resulted in hundreds of thousands of deaths.

"To be ranked among the top teams on this world stage was an incredible accomplishment for CWRU School of Law," the team's coach, Professor Michael Benza, said. "We are so proud of all this team accomplished."

Vis International Arbitration Moot

For the third time in four years, CWRU took home a best oralist award at the Vis International Arbitration Moot Court competition hosted in Vienna, Austria. The award is given to the top 40 students out of more than 1,000 who competed, representing 380 universities. As a warm-up, the team competed in the Swiss Chambers Arbitration Institution pre-moot, where a CWRU team member placed third as an individual oralist out of a field of more than 100 competitors.

"We are absolutely thrilled with how the Vis team performed this year," said the team's co-coaches Katy Mercer and Douglas Pilawa. "The competition gets harder each year and the Case Western team continues to improve to meet that challenge."

CWRU's Secret to Success?

CWRU is one of the only law schools that selects 1Ls to participate alongside upper-class students in its three international law moot court teams.

"Rather than distracting from the rigors of first year, we find the moot court experience makes the 1Ls better students in the classroom," said Dean Michael Scharf, who serves as coach of the Jessup team. "And they have a track record of excelling in the international competitions as 1Ls and improving as 2Ls and 3Ls."

In addition, Scharf said, "They get great mentoring: The international law teams are coached by some of our most committed full-time and adjunct professors."

Making an impact on immigration

Leader of Immigration Law Clinic—whose parents came to the U.S. decades ago—helps students score major victory

On June 1, 2021, United States President Joseph R. Biden Jr. issued a proclamation declaring June National Immigrant Heritage Month, encouraging reflection on the stories of "courageous families who ventured here—be it centuries ago, or just this year—from every part of the world to seek new possibilities and help to forge our nation."

One family to make such a journey was that of Aleksandar Cuic, adjunct professor of law and director of the Immigration Clinic at the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center since 2017. Originally from Serbia (the former Yugoslavia), Cuic's parents immigrated to the United States in 1970, first settling in New Jersey and then in Cleveland as they found jobs in slaughterhouses and factories to give their three children better opportunities. Eventually, they opened their own business.

The youngest of his siblings, Cuic describes his journey to a career in immigration law as serendipitous—the result of degrees in Russian language and international business, an MBA and a JD paired with well-timed career opportunities.

Now, he's working with clients as a partner at Brown Immigration Law in Cleveland—while also shaping the next generation of immigration lawyers at the School of Law. For nearly a decade, Cuic and his students in the law school's Immigration Law Clinic have been on the frontlines of the battle for human rights in America's immigration courts.

This spring, they scored a major victory.

A client from Trinidad & Tobago had been ordered removed by an immigration judge in Detroit; the client, rendered homeless due to serious issues with sexual abuse, had failed to appear for a hearing. The CWRU team of then-third-year law students—Charlee Thomas, Courtney Koski, Mrinali Sethi and Emma Wilson—got her case reopened and the venue changed to Cleveland. After the students filed briefs and argued at the deportation hearing, the immigration court granted their client's application for permanent residency. The government waived appeal, ending her eight-year court battle.

Ranked sixth in the nation in practical training by *PreLaw* magazine in 2021, CWRU has nine clinics. Under the law school's capstone program, every third-year student either undertakes a semester-long clinic or externship to gain hands-on experience.

"Cleveland is the ideal place for an immigration clinic since we have one of the nation's regional immigration courts and a continuing flow of new immigrants from all over the world," said Cuic.

The clinic affords law students the opportunity to represent clients before the Department of Justice Immigration Courts, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Field Offices, and asylum officers.

"Our students are having an impact on their client's lives and they are developing a marketable skill in gaining employment in the field," said Cuic. Armed with that experience, Cuic's students have gone on to careers in immigration law at private law firms, non profits, and in the government.

For Cuic, the power of immigration is woven into his life story—and that of all Americans. "Immigration is part of our country's fabric, and we wouldn't be what we are today if it weren't for the immigration of our past," Cuic said. "Even if your family has been in the U.S. for generations, your story was shaped by immigration, too. The cliche of America being a melting pot really is true."

OUR INTERNATIONAL LAW **FACULTY**

At Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 33 individuals teach courses related to international law. Few law schools in the country have as many faculty members with expertise in the field or offer as many specialized courses in the area. Learn more about them.

Michael Scharf

Co-Dean, Case Western Reserve University School of Law; Joseph C. Hostetler — BakerHostetler Professor of Law (teaches Fundamentals of International Law and the* Journal of International Law *seminar, and coaches the Jessup Moot Court team)

Formerly Attorney Adviser for United Nations Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, Michael Scharf served as head of the International Law Program at Case Western Reserve University School of Law for a dozen years before becoming dean in 2013. He is the co-founder and managing director of the Public International Law & Policy Group, the author of 20 books, and is ranked as among the most cited international law professors in the United States, according to the Sisk study. In 2020, he was selected as president-elect of the American Branch of the International Law Association.

Steve Petras

Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center; U.S. Director, Canada-United States Law Institute (teaches International Business Transactions)

Steve Petras practiced international business transactions as a partner in the Business Practice Group of BakerHostetler LLP prior to retiring at the end of 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, and is now chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of the Great Lakes Region and a director of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs.

Juscelino Filgueiras Colares

Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Business Law and Professor of Political Science; Co-Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center (teaches Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Trade Law, and Regulatory Law courses)

Before joining the CWRU faculty, Juscelino Colares clerked for the Hon. Jean-Louis Debré, chief justice of France's Constitutional Court (2008-09 term) 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 appointed by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to serve on the U.S. Roster of North American Free Trade Agreement (Chapter Nineteen) Panelists since 2013. This spring, USTR appointed him to the first U.S. Roster of United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement Panelists. For the last six years, Colares has organized a series of Trade Law Fall Updates, a practitioner-oriented gathering of leading trade lawyers, federal judges, and trade agency officials. Winner of the 2018 Faculty Research Award, Colares is the author of more than 35 articles and book chapters, and a book, titled *Restructuring Trade Agreements* (Wolters Kluwer 2021; see sidebar).

Stephen Anway

Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Arbitration)

Stephen Anway is a partner and global co-chair of the world-ranked International Dispute Resolution Practice Group at Squire Patton Boggs, which was named International Arbitration Group of the Year by *Law360* in 2020. In that role, he leads a team of more than 140 lawyers across 25 offices in North America, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific. Anway acts as lead counsel and as an arbitrator, and he has represented the winning party in many of the largest international arbitrations in the world over the past 15 years. He has worked in more than 40 countries and has represented clients—including 12 sovereign nations and numerous foreign investors—in some 100 international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations.

Danielle Asaad

Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Business Transactions)

A partner in the Global Corporate Practice of Squire Patton Boggs law firm, Danielle Asaad represents private equity sponsors and corporate clients in connection with acquisitions, minority investments, divestitures, joint ventures, financings, restructurings and other international business matters.

Michael Benza

Senior Lecturer in Law, Associate Director of the Institute for Financial Integrity (teaches International Death Penalty Seminar and coaches the ICC Moot Court team)

An expert in criminal law who has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, Michael Benza coaches our ICC Moot Court team, whose members won the best speaker award in the national competition in 2015 and 2016, won the best brief award in 2017, and reached the semifinals in 2018 and the finals in 2021. In 2021, the team advanced to the International Rounds, where they made it to the quarterfinals and received a best brief award (see p. 16). Benza teaches courses in our Master of Arts in Financial Integrity program and at Southwest University of Politics and Law in Chongqing, China, as part of the law school's joint LLM Degree program.

Jaclyn Celebrezze

Instructor and International LLM Program Fellow (teaches U.S. Legal Writing and Foreign Graduate Seminar to LLM students)

Jaclyn Celebrezze teaches U.S. Legal Writing and Foreign Graduate Seminar in the LLM program. She also regularly teaches in the Summer Language and Law Institute for incoming LLM students and foreign legal professionals. Before joining the School of Law in 2019, she practiced immigration law in private practice.

Avidan Y. Cover

Professor of Law; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Director, Institute for Global Security Law and Policy (teaches International Law and International Human Rights Law)

Avidan Cover previously served as senior counsel in Human Rights First's U.S. Law & Security Program. This past year, Cover and his students submitted complaints to the United Nations Special Procedures concerning United States local police departments mistreatment of medics at anti-police brutality protests (see p. 8) and the Chinese government's arbitrary arrests and detention of Uyghur citizens.

Aleksandar Cuic

Adjunct Professor of Law and Director of the Immigration Clinic (teaches Immigration Law Clinic and Immigration Law II: Asylum & Refugee Law)

Aleksandar 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/religious groups. He has been selected yearly for The Best Lawyers in America as well as Super Lawyers Rising Star in the area of immigration law.

Shannon E. French

Inamori Professor in Ethics, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Professor of Law, and Director of the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence (teaches War and Morality)

Shannon French, PhD, taught at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis before joining CWRU's faculty in 2008. She is a tenured member of the university's Department of Philosophy with a secondary appointment in the law school. French's primary expertise is in the area of military ethics, and her acclaimed book, The Code of the Warrior, features a forward by the late Sen. John McCain.

Cox Center co-director completes new book on trade deals

A new book by Juscelino Colares, the Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Business Law and co-director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, and Mustafa Durmus (LAW '16, '19) now an assistant professor at Turkey's Muş Alparslan University, will be released later this year.

Restructuring Trade Agreements: The Legal and Transactional Reworking of Bad Trade Deals (Wolters Kluwer) uses the European Union-Turkey trade relationship as a primary case study to provide a practical framework for identifying trade agreements that are ripe for renegotiation—and how such renegotiations might take place.

Gabriele Gagliani

Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Intellectual Property Law)

A lecturer at Bocconi University in Milan, Gabriele Gagliani has held visiting positions at the University of Poitiers in France, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in the United Kingdom, and at Senghor University in Alexandria, Egypt. He is the chair of the European Intellectual Property Teachers' Network Working Group on Teaching IP and International Economic Law.

Jonathan Gordon

Professor of Law; Director, Foreign Graduate Legal Studies SJD Program (teaches the First-Year and Advanced SJD Seminars, Professional Responsibility, and several courses in the joint program with SWUPL)

Jonathan Gordon, a graduate of Columbia Law School, joined the CWRU School of Law faculty after serving as a trial attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. As director of the law school's SJD Program, Gordon teaches the First-Year and Advanced SJD Seminar classes as well as Professional Responsibility. He also serves as co-chair of the Legal Writing Institute's Global Legal Writing Skills Committee. Gordon has presented at numerous national and international conferences and has taught several courses to LLM students in Chongqing, China, as part of the law school's partnership with Southwest University of Politics and Law.

Richard Gordon

Professor of Law, Associate Director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Founding Director of the Financial Integrity Institute (teaches International Tax Law, numerous courses in the Master of Arts in Financial Integrity program)

Prior to joining CWRU's faculty in 2005, Richard Gordon practiced international tax law in Washington, D.C., and later served as deputy director of the Harvard International Tax Program. After leaving Harvard, Gordon joined the staff of the International Monetary Fund, where he spent 14 years as senior counsel, senior financial expert and senior economist. Following the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Gordon co-led the IMF and World Bank's involvement in anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT). He serves as a consultant on AML/CFT to a number of countries.

Brian Gran

Professor of Sociology, Applied Social Sciences, and Law (teaches International Children's Rights)

Research by Brian Gran, PhD, JD, concentrates on human rights. He is the author of the book *Sociology of Children's Rights* and co-directs the International Survey of Human Rights. With support of the National Science Foundation, Swiss NSF, and Fulbright Commission, he is completing a study of independent children's rights institutions. Gran is on leave as a Jefferson Science Fellow of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, appointed to the U.S. State Department.

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Sharona Hoffman

Edgar A. Hahn Professor of Law, Professor of Bioethics, Co-Director of the Law-Medicine Center (teaches Health Care and Human Rights)

Sharona Hoffman, SJD, LLM, JD, has published over 60 articles and has lectured nationally and internationally on civil rights and health law topics. She has also published two books—*Aging with a Plan: How a Little Thought Today Can Vastly Improve Your Tomorrow* (Praeger, 2015) and *Electronic Health Records and Medical Big Data: Law and Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2016). She is an elected member of the prestigious American Law Institute.

James Johnson

Adjunct Professor of Law, Director of the Henry King War Crimes Research Office (teaches International Law Research Lab, Human Rights, National Security Law, and International Criminal Law)

James C. Johnson serves as the chief prosecutor of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, appointed to the position by the UN Secretary-General in 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. Students under his supervision prepare research memoranda for international criminal tribunals and organizations. Johnson also organizes the annual International Humanitarian Dialog Conference in Chautauqua, New York, which is co-sponsored by the Cox Center.

Raymond Ku

Professor of Law, Director of the Center for Cyberspace Law & Policy (teaches Cyberlaw)

Raymond Ku has served as associate dean for academic affairs and co-director of CWRU's Center for Law, Technology and the Arts. Before joining our faculty, Ku clerked for the Hon. Timothy K. Lewis, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and practiced constitutional, intellectual property, and antitrust law with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, and First Amendment/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

Associate Professor of History and Law (teaches European Legal History and European Union Law)

Kenneth Ledford, PhD, JD, 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, and as parliamentarian of the Council of the American Historical Association. He also continues to serve on the Board of Editors of the *Law and History Review*, published by Cambridge University Press.

Cathy Lesser Mansfield

Senior Instructor in Law; Executive Director, Master of Arts in Financial Integrity Program (teaches consumer, payments, and commercial law courses, as well as Holocaust and the Law)

Cathy Lesser Mansfield is a frequent lecturer on the Holocaust and is a Distinguished Fellow in Holocaust and the Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law. She is the composer and librettist of *The Sparks Fly Upward*, a Holocaust-themed opera, and the founder and executive director of The Sparks Fly Upward Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust, genocide and tolerance.

Stacy Cozart Martin

Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Immigration Law)

Stacy Cozart Martin has focused her practice on business and family-based immigration since 2000. *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine has named her a "Rising Star" annually from 2006 to 2013 and she has a "Superb 10.0" rating from Avvo. She served as president of the Ohio Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association from 2015 to 2017.

Kathryn Mercer

Professor of Law (teaches Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation Representation, and VIS International Arbitration Practicum)

Kathryn Mercer, PhD, MSSA, JD, is a frequent lecturer at international conferences, and has taught in China at our various partner schools. Her recent lectures have focused on "Immigration and Child Welfare." She is co-coach of the law school's Vis International Arbitration Moot Court team and teaches in the joint LLM Program in China.

James Moroney

Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Counter-Terrorism Law)

James Moroney joined the CWRU faculty in 2017. He is now engaged in the private practice of law, in the areas of white collar criminal defense and taxpayer representation. Moroney recently retired after a 30-year career as an assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) in the Northern District of Ohio. During that career, he served as a counterterrorism prosecutor, chief of the National Security Unit for the Northern District of Ohio, and as national security coordinator for all 94 U.S. Attorney's Offices at the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. As an AUSA, 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.

Dale A. Nance

Albert J. Weatherhead III and Richard W. Weatherhead Professor of Law (teaches Conflict of Laws, Law of Archeological Artifacts)

In the wake of the publication of Dale Nance's monograph, *The Burdens of Proof: Discriminatory Power, Weight of Evidence*, and *Tenacity of Belief* (Cambridge University Press, 2016) he has applied his theory to unsolved problems in private international law. Most recently, he published "Choice of Law for Burdens of Proof," 46 *North Carolina Journal of International Law* 235 (2021).

Craig Nard

Galen J. Roush Professor of Law, Director of the Spangenberg Center for Law, Technology & the Arts (teaches International Intellectual Property Law)

An expert in international intellectual property law, in 2017, Craig Nard was a visiting lecturer at the University of Strasbourg Centre d'Etudes Internationales de la Propriete Intellectuale. He recently served as a senior lecturer at the World Intellectual Property Organization's Master of Laws program in Torino, Italy.

Gregory P. Noone

Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Humanitarian Law)

Gregory P. Noone, PhD, JD, is the director of the Fairmont State University National Security and Intelligence Program and a professor of political science and law. Noone is a retired United States Navy captain and has served as the commanding officer of the Navy JAG International and Operational Law reserve unit, as the commanding officer of the DIILS reserve unit, as well as the 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* (Aspen / Wolters Kluwer Publishing, 2nd edition, 2019). Since 2020, he has been executive director of the Public International Law & Policy Group, a Nobel Peace Prize-nominated NGO.

Douglas Pilawa

Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Arbitration)

After several years working in global supply chain and marketing and sales at a Fortune 500 company, Douglas Pilawa obtained his JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law and his Master 2 in Droit européen et international des affaires from Université Paris-Dauphine. He is an associate in the International Dispute Resolution practice group at Squire Patton Boggs, doing both international commercial arbitration and international investment arbitration. Having twice won Best Speaker awards as a student at the Vis Competition in Vienna, Pilawa serves as co-coach of the Vis International Arbitration Moot Court team.

Ted Parran III

Adjunct Professor of Law, Managing Director of the Canada-United States Law Institute (supervises the Canada-United States Law Journal)

Ted Parran serves as an assistant chief counsel with the Department of Homeland Security, where he practices international, criminal and administrative law. He has worked in U.S. and international corporate investigations and compliance, for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (appeals chambers) and as an assistant prosecutor for the State of Ohio. He has also authored legal scholarship on comparative Canada-United States law and policy issues, including "The Arctic Ice Melt: Emerging Resources, Emerging Issues," and "Cruising the Great Lakes: A Report on the United States and Canadian Regulations for the Commercial Cruise Industry on the Great Lakes."

Cassandra Burke Robertson

John Deaver Drinko—Baker & Hostetler Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Professional Ethics (teaches Transnational Litigation)

Prior to joining the CWRU faculty in 2007, Cassandra Burke Robertson clerked for the Texas Supreme Court and served as assistant solicitor general in the Office of the Texas Attorney General. Her scholarship on citizenship, due process, and transnational litigation has appeared in numerous journals, including the *Columbia Law Review, NYU Law Review*, and *Vanderbilt Law Review*. She has recently been reappointed as one of Ohio's representatives to the Uniform Law Commission.

Rumu Sarkar

Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Development Law)

Rumu Sarkar, PhD, JD, LLM, is general counsel to Millennium Partners, an international development consulting group located in Charlottesville, Virginia. She has served as senior legal advisor to CALIBRE Systems, a defense consulting group based in Alexandria, Virginia; 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 staff attorney with the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Maya Simek

Lecturer in Law, Director of the Human Trafficking Clinic (teaches the Human Trafficking Clinic)

Maya Simek, JD, MSSA, LISW-S, is a clinical law professor and director of Case Western Reserve's Human Trafficking Clinic, supported by a grant from the Ohio Attorney General's Office. She also serves as the legal director at Equality Ohio, where she developed and is now supervising a state-wide legal clinic for the LGBTQ community.

Steven G. Stransky

Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Foreign Affairs and National Security Law)

Steven Stransky joined CWRU School of Law in 2018. He is a partner and vice chair of the Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice Group at Thompson Hine LLP. Prior to joining Thompson Hine, Stransky 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.

Jack Turner II

Assistant Professor of Law; Director, Foreign Graduate Legal Studies LLM Program (teaches Contract Law and Scholarly Legal Writing to LLM students)

Jack Turner has taught U.S. Scholarly Legal Writing and U.S. Contract Law to foreign lawyers in the LLM program for the past eight years. He also teaches research and writing to our first-year SJD students working on their doctoral theses. Turner directs the Summer Language and Law Institute for incoming LLM students and foreign legal professionals. He also regularly teaches in China through our partnership with one of China's top universities.

Andrew A. Zashin

Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Family Law and International Family Law)

Andrew Zashin is co-managing partner of the Ohio firm Zashin & Rich, where he practices family and international family law. Zashin has published several law journal articles, lectured widely and earned numerous awards. Ranked the top family law attorney in Cleveland, rated as a Super Lawyer, and consistently making the list of Top 100 Lawyers in Ohio, *Worth Magazine* has named Zashin one of the Top 100 Lawyers in America. During the past 18 years at CWRU, Zashin has taught every family law offering. He has practiced at every level of court in Ohio as well as in federal courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States. He recently participated with the Cox Center on an Amicus Brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Diplomatic tendencies

George Kamanda is a man on a mission: to improve the lives of individuals in his home country, Sierra Leone.

If past and present performance are reliable indicators of future success, Kamanda, a 3L, is well on his way to making a major impact.

Kamanda's start at Case Western Reserve University School of Law was nowhere near the beginning of his educational journey: By the time he arrived on campus, he'd earned a bachelor's degree in political science and international relations at Saint Joseph's University, a certificate in international human rights from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and an associate degree in international relations and affairs from Delaware County Community College in Philadelphia.

But he came to Case Western Reserve based on the reputation of its international law program and faculty, including Co-Dean Michael Scharf, whose publications on international law and human rights inspired Kamanda and helped shape his interest in diplomacy. "I read all of Dean Scharf's books before coming to Case Western Reserve," he said.

Like Scharf, Kamanda is a published author. His third book, *Citizenship Reimagined: The Case for Responsible Whole Citizenry in Sierra Leone* (Palmetto Publishing, 2020) builds on the work of The Necessity Firm, a nonprofit organization he founded thanks in no small part to a summer fellowship with the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center. The nonprofit's goal is to eradicate apathy in civics and governance in Sierra Leone and empower its citizens, especially a younger generation, to become more engaged on nation-building matters, regardless of political and tribal affiliations. "My firm is an incubator for the vision I have for my country," Kamanda said.

"George Kamanda came to our law school to gain the skills necessary to help lead his struggling country, Sierra Leone, into a better future," said Scharf. "The NGO he founded is already having a significant impact there. With his drive, determination, and all that he has accomplished so far, I have no doubt that George will play an increasingly important role in Sierra Leone and perhaps the greater West Africa region in the coming years."

At the law school, Kamanda has been active in leadership roles, including two terms as a student senator. This summer, he interned with Human Rights Watch. Kamanda also received a fellowship from FASPE, the prestigious global ethical leadership organization.

Last year, Kamanda paused his law studies to pursue a master's degree in diplomatic studies from University of Oxford. He is expected to receive his degree in November. But he'll return to Case Western Reserve this fall and anticipates graduating with the class of 2022.

In the audience is likely to be his mother, a single parent who immigrated to the United States to create greater opportunities for her family. Earlier this year, when honored with the Outstanding Alumni Award from Delaware Community College, Kamanda gave a touching keynote address that credited his mother with keeping him motivated. Or, as his LinkedIn page simply states: "I'm: For God | For Country | For Mom."

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That's how many participants attended Case Western Reserve University School of Law's 39 online events in 2020–21.

That's about THREE TIMES the number who attended in-person events in years past.

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- Prosecuting Starvation Crimes in Yemen's Civil War
- Awash in Blood: The Blackwater Pardons
- The United States and Canada: Outlook for Bilateral Relations in 2021
- Fifth Trade Law Fall Update
- 2020 American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting*
- Planting the Seeds of Violence: How U.S. Involvement in El Salvador Led to Today's Migration Crisis
- From Cleveland to Chief of Protocol: Lessons on Diplomacy, Protocol, and Soft Power
- A State-Provincial Approach to Harmful Algal Blooms in the Great Lakes Basin: Possibilities and Pitfalls
- Should the United States back Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelagos?
- Nazi Laws: From Democracy to Dictatorship to Genocide
- Corruption: A Threat to the Rule of Law and Sustainable Peace in Afghanistan
- The Syria Conflict's Impact on International Law: An Online Roundtable Discussion

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$4 million: Size of our international law program endowment

A+: Ranking of our International Law Program *(National Jurist)*

16: Ranking of our International Law Program *(U.S. News & World Report)*

1: Jessup Moot Court World Championship

1: Nobel Peace Prize Nomination of our program