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The February 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine and the international response represented a tectonic shift in geopolitics. This timely day-long symposium will examine how the Ukraine crisis and other recent events have transformed international law and international institutions.

In addition to four panels featuring leading international law experts, highlights include keynote addresses by Sean Murphy, member of the UN International Law Commission, and Beth van Schaack, U.S. Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice.

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Articles from the Cox Center's annual conference are published in the *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*, one of the oldest and most-cited student-edited international law journals in the world. The recently published Volume 54 of the *Journal* contains articles from our 2021 symposium, "The Academy and International Law: A Catalyst for Change and Innovation."



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for Global Criminal Justice*



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the UN International Law  
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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. With its \$4.5 million endowment, the Cox Center serves as the hub of the law school's international law program, which includes the Canada-U.S. Law Institute, the Institute for Global Security Law & Policy, the Henry T. King Jr. War Crimes Research Office, the Yemen Accountability Project, the Immigration Law Clinic and the *Journal of International Law*.

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# Top rating for five years running

Case Western Reserve University School of Law has maintained its place among the top international law programs in the country, according to *U.S. News & World Report*, which ranked it at #21.



And, for the fifth consecutive year, the program received an A+ from *preLaw* magazine—a rating achieved by only nine law schools this year.

**A+**  
rating\*

**5**

consecutive years of A+ ratings\*

**1 OF 9**

schools earning this rating\*

\**National Jurist's preLaw* magazine



## Immigration Law Clinic students win torture convention case in federal court

Thanks to CWRU students' impressive litigation skills, a torture victim will not be forced to return to his native El Salvador, where he had suffered inhumane treatment at the hands of the Salvadoran government. Under the supervision of **Aleksandar Cuic**, director of the Immigration Law Clinic and adjunct professor at the School of Law, **Zhiwei Hua (LAW '19, '22)**, **Kathleen Lynch (LAW '22)** and **Thomas Messner (LAW '22)** successfully argued a Convention Against Torture (CAT) claim for their client before the Cleveland Immigration Court.

Under the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, applicants are eligible for relief if they can establish that it is more likely than not that they would be tortured if removed from the United States.

The students contended that repeated detention of their client by the Salvadoran National Civil Police was arbitrary, and the harsh beatings he endured during detention amounted to torture. Based on the students' argument, the immigration judge determined that their client, could not relocate within El Salvador without being tortured or further targeted by the Salvadoran government. This victory freed their client from more than two years spent in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

For more than 30 years, students in the CWRU Immigration Law Clinic have a track record of winning refugee and asylum cases, and many graduates of the program have gone on to impactful careers in the field, including as immigration law judges, Department of Justice attorneys, and immigration attorneys at nonprofit organizations and law firms.

### WINNING A CAT CASE IS A RARE FEAT

Based on the Department of Justice's most recent Immigration Court Statistics Yearbook, **69,618 CAT claims were heard** by U.S.

Immigration Courts during the past year. **Less than 2% of those claims were granted.**

# Jessup moot court team excels at world championships

## Student named best oralist in the world

After coming in third in the National Competition, Case Western Reserve University's Jessup International Law Moot Court Team ranked 14th in the world at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in April, thanks to exemplary performances from team members **Michael Eckhart (LAW '22)**, **Sydney Warinner**, **Will Baker** and **Elise Manchester**.

Then-first-year students Manchester and Baker ranked #1 and #11 oralists in the world, respectively, in the advance rounds—out of more than 2,400 students from over 600 schools.

Case Western Reserve University School of Law defeated Macedonia, Georgia, Sri Lanka and the United Kingdom in the preliminary rounds and Romania, Mexico and Russia in the advanced rounds. The team, coached by Co-Dean **Michael Scharf** and Squire Patton Boggs attorney **Liz Safier (LAW '21)**, lost only to Indonesia, earning a high seed in the elimination round of 32.

CWRU then lost to University of Queensland, Australia, which won the World Championship in 2018—but their finish marked one of the highest ever for a Case Western Reserve School of Law team in the World Championship Rounds. Harvard Law School, which knocked

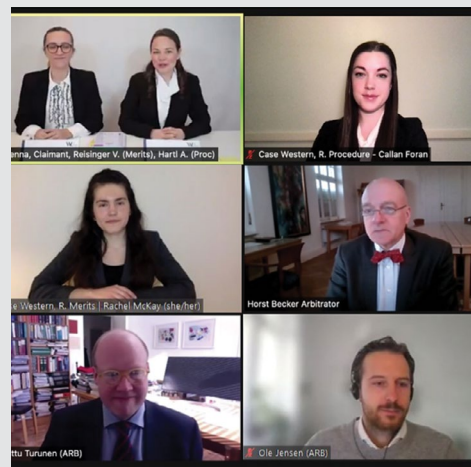
Case Western Reserve out in the national semifinal a month prior, ended up winning the World Championship—making it the first American team to win the Jessup World Championship since Case Western Reserve did so in 2008.



CWRU Jessup team members Will Baker, Elise Manchester, Sydney Warinner and Michael Eckhart.

## CWRU emerges as a top American team at Vis International

For the first time in school history, Case Western Reserve University's team advanced to the elimination rounds of the Vis International Arbitration Moot Court competition—one of only six American teams, including the University of Michigan and Harvard University, to reach this level.



Pictured at the 29th Vis International Arbitration Moot Court competition: Callan Foran (top right) and Rachel McKay (middle left).

More than 350 teams from around the world entered the Vis competition, and only 64 advanced to the knockout rounds. Represented by co-captains **Rachel McKay (LAW '22)** and **Callan Foran (LAW '22)** in the round of 64, Case Western Reserve's team—which also included **John Schon (LAW '22)**, **Reece Disney** and **Frankie Collins**—was narrowly defeated by the home team, Vienna University of Economics and Business. Cheering from the sidelines were the remaining team members, **Elena Strelkova (LAW '22)**, **Brooke Behrmann** and **Rose Carlyon**, along with faculty coaches **Douglas Pilawa (LAW '19)** and **Kathryn Mercer, PhD (LAW '83; SAS '83; GRS '97, social welfare)**.

McKay received "Honorable Mention for Best Oralist"—an award given to 25 students out of 2,500. This is the second year in a row that a Case Western Reserve student has taken home a top speaking award from the prestigious competition. Last year, Foran became only the second person in the law school's history to win it.

This year's problem involved a contract formation dispute, challenging students to unravel the choice of law web and argue for proper application of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, the UNCITRAL Model Law and the Asian International Arbitration Centre Rules of Arbitration. The team prepared briefs comprehensively addressing the positions of both claimant and respondent, digging into scholarly commentary, case law and arbitral practice.

# Updates from *Talking Foreign Policy*

Hosted by **Michael Scharf**, professor and co-dean of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, *Talking Foreign Policy* is a radio program that airs quarterly on WKSU 89.7 ideastream, Cleveland's NPR affiliate. It features experts discussing salient foreign policy issues of the day. Read on to learn about two recently aired episodes.

## Special broadcast on the Russian invasion of Ukraine

"Responding to the Ukraine Crisis" aired in March, and experts delved deep into the history leading up to Russia's unprovoked and brutal military invasion of Ukraine, the West's response and Russia's implied threats to use nuclear and chemical weapons.

A panel of experts on military issues, national security, war crimes prosecutions and peace negotiations joined Scharf: Milena Sterio, the Charles R. Emrick Jr.-Calfee Halter & Griswold Professor of Law at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; **Avidan Cover**, associate dean for academic affairs, professor of law and director of the Institute for Global Security Law and Policy at Case Western Reserve University School of Law; Sandy Hodgkinson, retired Navy captain, former deputy assistant secretary of defense and deputy to the ambassador-at-large for war crimes issues; and Paul Williams, president of the Public International Law and Policy Group.

To listen to the full episode, visit [bit.ly/talking-ukraine](https://bit.ly/talking-ukraine).

## Talking with the inspirations behind a hit TV show

When the second season of the action-adventure series *Blood & Treasure* premiered on Paramount+ earlier this summer, it brought the challenging, and sometimes exhilarating, field of international law into primetime. But before the show—centered on an intrepid international lawyer and a cunning art thief who team up to catch a ruthless terrorist—began, Case Western Reserve University School of Law Co-Dean Michael Scharf brought its inspiration to the airwaves.

*Blood & Treasure* is the brainchild of Mark Vlasic, a former war crimes prosecutor and



Milena Sterio and Michael Scharf in the studio to record an episode of *Talking Foreign Policy*.

law professor, based on his and his friends' real-life adventures working on war crimes prosecutions, human rights cases and peace negotiations around the world.

Scharf interviewed four of Vlasic's international lawyer friends—including a former deputy of the State Department's War Crimes Office and a legal advisor to the

U.S. Embassy in Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein—who shared their globetrotting experiences that may have shaped the show's concept and content.

Visit [bit.ly/talking-blood-treasure](https://bit.ly/talking-blood-treasure) to listen to this episode.



# U.S. Supreme Court follows reasoning of CWRU amicus brief

This summer, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision to reverse a circuit court's findings in *Golan v. Saada*, a case about how to interpret the Hague Convention on Child Abduction. In doing so, the court applied the reasoning of an amicus brief filed by members of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

The issue at the heart of the case was whether a child taken to the United States by his American mother should be forced to return to his Italian father in Italy, despite the father's violent tendencies. The Hague Convention on Child Abduction provides an expedited process for returning children who have been taken from their state of habitual residence—but it contains an exception when there is a grave risk that the child's return would expose them to certain types of harm or place them in an intolerable situation.

The trial court recognized the grave risk to the child but held that "protective undertakings" provided by the Italian judicial system (such as monitoring the father's visitation) were sufficient to protect the child, and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the decision.

The Cox Center brief—co-authored by Co-Dean **Michael Scharf**, Associate Dean **Avidan Cover**, Professor **Andrew Pollis**, Cox Center Director **Stephen Petras**, and alumnus and BakerHostetler law firm partner **David Carney (LAW '05)**—argued that the Supreme Court should reject the Second Circuit's "judicial amendment" to the Child Abduction Convention, requiring the consideration of protective undertakings after a finding of grave risk to the child.

To support its argument, the Cox Center analyzed the treaty text in light of its object and purpose, discussed a series of cases interpreting the treaty by foreign courts around the globe, and delved into whether U.S. courts are capable of fairly assessing foreign judicial systems to determine if protective undertakings are adequate in such a case. "In this case, the district court expressly found that the petitioner had shown the grave risk exception was met. No more should have been required of her, and thus the judgment of the Second Circuit should be reversed," the brief argued.

Applying the reasoning of the Cox Center brief, the Supreme Court reversed the circuit court's decision.

"The ultimate upshot of what the court held was exactly what we had argued—that courts hearing petition proceedings are not required to consider ameliorative measures (particularly if they aren't offered)," Carney explained. "But if they were offered, the court should limit their scope in accord with the other competing interests at the heart of the convention: protection of the child, expeditious proceedings and (less on this point) to avoid entangling lower courts in child custody disputes."

"It was gratifying to see the Supreme Court, in reversing the holding of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, draw on points that we argued in our amicus brief," said Pollis, who also is director of the School of Law's Appellate Litigation Clinic.

"The Supreme Court may not have taken the case, and the U.S. government may not have filed a brief in favor of overturning the Second Circuit if not for the Cox Center's initial amicus brief in favor of cert and its brief on the merits," added Scharf. "This was an important win for both the Cox Center and international law in the Supreme Court."

# Cox Center celebrates 30th anniversary with conferences and events

## The academy and international law: a catalyst for change and innovation

Perhaps more than in any other legal field, academic institutions and organizations have had a profound influence on the development of international law. In a two-day conference held last September, 22 expert panelists from international organizations, non-governmental organizations and academic institutions explored how academia has influenced war crimes prosecutions, peace negotiations and the pursuit of human rights since the second World War.

The opening panel featured Judge Silvia Fernandez de Gurmendi, president of the Assembly of State Parties of the International Criminal Court. Mark Ellis, executive director of the International Bar Association, delivered a keynote luncheon address. Articles generated by the conference were published in a double volume issue of the student-edited *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*, one of the oldest and most-cited student-edited international law journals in the world.

## Tackling the global supply chain crisis

The world economy runs on global supply chains, and this is particularly true of the largest trade relationship in the world—the United States and Canada. Starting in 2020, supply chain disruptions spread to all sectors of global trade, causing significant delays, shortages and fueling inflation around the world.

To explore how the U.S. and Canada can jointly tackle this crisis, the Canada-US Law Institute (CUSLI) hosted its 46th Annual Conference at Case Western Reserve University School of Law last spring.

Held at the Cleveland Botanical Garden near the law school, “Supply Chain Challenges for North America” featured two dozen journalists, corporate officers, practitioners, academics and government officials from the U.S. and Canada. The Hon. David L. Cohen, United States ambassador to Canada, delivered remarks in the morning, and Rachel Poynter, deputy assistant secretary for the Mexico and Canada Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, was the keynote speaker.

## Sen. Sherrod Brown delivers keynote at CWRU’s 6th annual trade law conference

In October, legal minds from across the world gathered virtually and in person at Case Western Reserve University School of Law to discuss the most pressing issues in trade law, labor and the supply chain—areas of the global economy that continue to be drastically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine.



Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) during his keynote address at the Trade Law Fall Update.

The sixth annual Trade Law Fall Update, “Labor, Trade, and Supply-Chain Developments—A Practice-Oriented Update on Trade and Customs Law,” was organized by the Fall Update Organizing Committee and **Juscelino F. Colares**, the Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Business Law and professor of political science.

The conference focused on emerging issues in labor, customs and trade law, driven by an international trade panel, a rapid “crossfire” exchange between experts and a keynote speech by U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH).

“The only end to the global race to the bottom is by raising labor standards in every country we trade with, and make sure those standards are real and enforced,” Brown said. “The solution is real-world trade organization reform. It takes a constant effort over many years to reorient our trade agreements, our trade law, our tax policy. But we are fixing it and we’re changing it. ... The battle is not nearly over.”

Watch Sen. Brown’s keynote address at [bit.ly/CWRU-trade-law-conf-2021](https://bit.ly/CWRU-trade-law-conf-2021).

# Four grads hired as government trade attorneys

Trade law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law is more than a course taught by **Juscelino Colares**, one of the nation’s leading experts. It’s more than the Trade Law Fall Update, a practitioner-focused conference held annually at the law school. And it’s more than the opportunity for funded externships at the U.S. Court of International Trade, Commerce Department, and the Office of the U.S. Trade

Representative. For an increasing number of CWRU law students every year, it’s a launchpad to judicial clerkships, government employment and lucrative practice in the field.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection hired four 2021 Case Western Reserve School of Law graduates—**Kristina Aid-Toss**, **Jazmine Edwards**, **Amanda Makhoul** and

**David Krawiec**—as attorneys in the office of regulations and rulings; they join alumnus **Robert Altneu (LAW ’91)**, one of the office’s directors.

The office issues binding advance rulings and other legal decisions in connection with the importation of merchandise into the United States—rulings that affect hundreds of billions of dollars of trade.

# LLM program marks 30 years

## Recent and upcoming events

- Sept. 8, 2021: Learning the Law through Classic TV: *Star Trek* and International Law
- Oct. 20, 2021: The Klatsky Endowed Lecture in Human Rights featuring Nicholas Koumjian, head of the UN Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar
- Nov. 4, 2021: Taking Control: The United States & Canada Respond to China's Supply Chain Challenge
- Jan. 27, 2022: Nazi Laws: From Democracy to Dictatorship to Genocide
- April 27, 2022: A Draft Indictment: A Roundtable Discussion about Russian War Crimes in Ukraine
- May 18, 2022: Prosecuting War Criminals: From Nuremberg to the Ukraine
- July 1, 2022: Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Founding of the UN Special Court for Sierra Leone
- Aug. 28-30, 2022: International Humanitarian Law Roundtable

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In 1990, just as Case Western Reserve University School of Law was establishing its Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Professor **Lewis Katz** approached then-Dean Peter Gerhart with a plan: a graduate legal studies program that would bring approximately 15 international students to Cleveland.

In the three decades since its establishment, the Master of Laws (LLM) program has grown to 120 LLM and 62 Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) students studying across three specializations, making it one of the five largest—and one of the most successful—foreign graduate legal studies programs in the nation.

“At the time, there were very few U.S. programs for foreign lawyers,” noted Co-Dean **Michael Scharf**. “So, Professor Katz was a pathbreaker in the American legal academy.”

In addition to its focus on international attorneys, Katz, now the John C. Hutchins Professor Emeritus of Law, recalled that his proposal was distinct from other LLM programs in that “we designed it to be as much a family atmosphere as an academic program.” The culture has remained a hallmark of the program, which *International Jurist* magazine ranked as a top LLM program for the student experience in 2021.

Professor **Jack Turner (LAW '02)**, who joined the LLM program as a faculty member in 2010 and took over as faculty director in 2018, said Katz's original intention—creating a familial atmosphere for international students—remains 30 years on, thanks to the “dedicated administrators and professors who only work in this program and teach



Professor and founder of the LLM program, Lewis Katz, visits with CWRU Law alumni during a trip to Saudi Arabia.

LLM students,” he explained. “The students know that we are available and they can come to us for any reason at any time.”

But beyond that constant personal support, Turner noted that the program is committed to introducing international students to American law school life through programming such as a four-week summer course, dedicated LLM orientation week, tutors, mentoring, and frequent social events at the law school and beyond. “We do not just sign the students up and throw them into JD courses to sink or swim on their own,” Turner said.

The school has also shifted its approach to recruitment—from word of mouth to formal recruitment to, in recent years, visits to partner schools in Thailand, China and the Middle East by Scharf, Katz, Turner and other faculty. “In addition to being an important source of tuition revenue, the LLM and SJD programs provide our domestic JD students with valuable connections across the globe and diversify the educational experience,” Scharf said. “And by exposing foreign students to U.S. conceptions of justice, it helps strengthen the rule of law where our graduates practice around the world.”

“It's the perfect place to begin a career in trade law,” said Co-Dean **Michael Scharf**, a noted expert in international law. “And these [placement] numbers prove you don't have to be in law school in D.C. to break into the field of trade law.”

This pipeline is the result of joint efforts by the law school's Career Development Office; Colares, the Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Business Law and professor of political science, who has served in the

U.S. rosters of North American Free Trade Agreement and U.S.-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement trade panelists; and alumni such as **Luke Tillman (LAW '12)**, who began his impressive trade career as an attorney at U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Tillman then went on to positions as trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's International Trade Field Office, counsel to the International Trade Commission and now has a customs and trade practice as an associate at the nation's premier international trade law firm, Steptoe & Johnson.



Professor Juscelino Colares (left) has held numerous positions in trade law, a field that has been a gateway to successful careers for many CWRU alumni.



## Recent alumna wins national public interest law scholarship

After an internship spent assisting in the prosecution of the leaders of the Khmer Rouge regime at the Cambodia Genocide Tribunal, as well as an internship at the American Red Cross where she presented a widely viewed webinar discussing protections for women under international humanitarian law, it comes as little surprise that **Kathryn Meyer (LAW '22)** was selected to receive the Ms. JD 2021 Public Interest Scholarship last fall.

Through the scholarship fund, Ms. JD—a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to help aspiring and early-career women lawyers—provides a stipend to students as they pursue their paths in public interest law.

“I’m absolutely delighted to receive this scholarship,” said Meyers, who graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in May. “My fellow recipients are all such passionate and driven women, and I’m honored to be among them.”

While at CWRU, Meyer was a peer mentor, an active member of the Lambda Law Students Association and served as the executive notes editor of the *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*. In fall 2022, she will begin her job as attorney advisor at the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations in Washington, D.C.

“Kathryn Meyer is an extraordinary student who has done groundbreaking work in international law,” said School of Law Co-Dean **Michael Scharf**. “She is already making a name for herself in the field.”

# First graduation for Master of Arts in Financial Integrity cohort in Saudi Arabia



*Sada Alsaud (left), of Saudi Arabia—standing here with Dean Michael Scharf—will graduate in May 2023.*

In 2018, Case Western Reserve University School of Law launched a partnership with Naif Arab University for Security Sciences (NAUSS) to create CWRU’s first Master of Arts in Financial Integrity program, focused on anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism, targeted sanctions, anti-corruption and international tax evasion policies and practices. Each student cohort would average 20 students from across the Middle East, and it would be co-directed by Alek el-Kamhary of CWRU School of Law and Najla Al-Hogail of NAUSS.

In the fall of 2021, the first cohort of students graduated in Saudi Arabia. School of Law Co-Dean **Michael Scharf** spent three days last fall in Riyadh to participate in their graduation ceremony as the guest of NAUSS University President Abdulmajeed bin Abdullah Albanyan. Ghada Fathi Waly of Egypt, executive director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, was the graduation speaker.

As the 2021 class moved into the field, another cohort graduated in May and the third will graduate in 2023.



# CWRU wins grant for Visiting Russian Law Student Program

The School of Law at Case Western Reserve University has received a \$283,000 grant from the U.S.-Russia Foundation to run the Visiting Russian Law Student Program.

The origins of the program date back to 2001, when Case Western Reserve School of Law emeritus professor Sidney Picker—along with his wife, retired Cleveland-Marshall College of Law professor Jane Picker—began to organize yearlong visits for Russian law students to CWRU and other law schools. By 2017, the project had expanded to include eight Russian students placed annually at six U.S. law schools: Case Western Reserve University, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Maine, University of Arkansas Fayetteville, University of the Pacific and George Washington University.

When Sidney Picker died in 2020, the program was brought to CWRU School of Law, with continued assistance from Jane Picker. In 2021, Co-Dean **Michael Scharf** applied for funding from the U.S.-Russia Foundation, a U.S. nonprofit that supports Russian student visits to the U.S. In January 2022, the foundation awarded CWRU the grant, which will cover the Russian law students' non-tuition expenses while in the U.S. next academic year, and the costs for a part-time administrator for the program.

Case Western Reserve has hired LLM alumnus **Alexander Loshakov (LAW '01)**, who resides in the Cleveland area, to serve as the grant-funded program director. Loshakov has worked as a corporate and tax lawyer in Russia and the United States.

"In light of the international response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we are particularly careful about the selection of Russian students for this program, scrupulously avoiding children of oligarchs and students from government-run universities," said Scharf. "But we feel it is important to continue to bring independent-minded Russian law students to the United States, where they will gain the knowledge and skills to foster democratic changes and enhance the rule of law in Russia in the future."

# Invaluable international experience

One of the most important ways the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center helps Case Western Reserve University School of Law students launch their careers in international law is by providing significant support—both financially and through building connections—for real-world experiences. The Cox Center offers more than \$75,000 per year in grants toward summer, semester-long and post-graduate unpaid internships and externships abroad or in the United States. Additionally, through the school's Klatsky endowment, two CWRU law students annually receive \$4,000 funded internships at Human Rights Watch.

Case Western Reserve University law students have completed internships the world over—take a look at where they landed.

## Africa

- AIDS and Rights Alliance for South Africa (Cape Town, 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 Justice Mission (Nairobi, Kenya)
- International Law Institute (Kampala, Uganda)
- Ministry of Justice (Accra, Ghana)
- Ministry of Justice (Port Louis, Mauritius)
- Refugee Law Project (Kampala, Uganda)
- Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, Office of the Prosecutor (Freetown, Sierra Leone, and The Hague)
- Uganda Ministry of Health, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (Kampala, Uganda)

## Asia

- Aide Medicale Internationale (Rangoon, Burma)
- Ahmedabad Bar Association (Gujarat, India)
- Albright Law Firm (Shanghai)
- Cambodian Center for Human Rights (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- Chang Tsi & Partners (Beijing)
- Chengdu Government Office (Beijing)
- Chenxi Law Firm (Weihai, China)
- Council for Legal Aid (Bangalore)
- Document Center of Cambodia (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (Bangkok)
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, Prosecutor (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- Human Rights Commission (Islamabad, Pakistan)
- International Bridges to Justice (Beijing)
- Jingtian & Gongcheng (Shanghai)
- Linuo Law Firm (Weihai, China)
- Medecins Sans Frontieres (Rangoon, Burma)
- Senate Legal Counsel (Ngerulmud, Palau)
- Society for the Protection and Rights of the Child (Lahore, Pakistan)
- Supreme Court of India (New Delhi)
- Supreme Court of the Philippines (Manila, Philippines)
- United Nations Development Program (Hanoi, Vietnam)
- UN Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (Dili, Timor-Leste)
- Vinod Ministry and Company (Mumbai)
- World Health Organization (Kobe, Japan)

## Central and South America

- Center for Human Rights and the Environment (Patagonia, Argentina)
- Ecological Association for Paquera, Lepanto, and Cabano (San José, Costa Rica)
- Environmental Justice Initiative for Haiti (Port-au-Prince)



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

## Middle East

- Al-Haq, Defense of Human Rights (Ramallah, West Bank)
- Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists (Amman, Jordan)
- Clinic for Migrant Rights (Tel Aviv, Israel)
- Shrat Ha Din Israeli Law Centre (Tel Aviv, Israel)

## Europe

- Amnesty International (London)
- Fragomen, Del Ray, Bernsen & Loewy (London)
- International Bar Association, Human Rights Center (London)
- International Bridges to Justice (Geneva)
- International Criminal Court, Prosecutor, Chambers, Defense (The Hague)
- International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (Geneva)
- International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (The Hague)
- International Trade Center (Geneva)
- INTERPOL, Office of Legal Affairs, (Lyons, France)
- Office of the Mayor of the City of Paris (Paris)
- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Office of General Counsel (The Hague)
- Pfizer Pharmaceutical, Office of General Counsel (Budapest)
- UN Human Rights Council (Geneva)
- U.S. Embassy (Bonn, Germany)
- U.S. Embassy (Sarajevo, Bosnia)
- U.S. JAG Office (Naples, Italy)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (Geneva)

## North America

- American Friends Immigrant Services (Miami)
- Amnesty International (Washington, D.C.)
- Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco)
- Asian Services in Action (Cleveland)
- Canada Department of Foreign Affairs (Ottawa, Ontario)
- Canada Parliament (Ottawa, Ontario)
- Canadian Department of Justice, War Crimes Office (Ottawa, Ontario)
- Carter Center for International Peace (Atlanta)
- Catholic Charities of Cleveland, Immigration Division (Cleveland)
- Center for International Environmental Law (Washington, D.C.)
- Council of Great Lakes Governors (Chicago)
- Federal Trade Commission (Washington, D.C.)
- Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics-FASPE (New York)
- Human Rights Watch – Klatsky Fellowship (Washington, D.C., and New York)
- Immigration Courts (Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit)
- Immigration Court, Executive Office of Immigration Review (Bloomington, Indiana)
- Immigrant Defenders Law Center (Los Angeles)
- International Consortium for Law and Development (Boston)
- International Foundation of Art Research (New York)
- International Institute of Akron (Akron)
- International Trade Commission (Washington, D.C.)
- International Monetary Fund (Washington, D.C.)
- National Organization for Women, Immigrant Women Program (Washington, D.C.)
- National Security Law Institute (Charlottesville, Virginia)
- Oasis Legal Services - Immigration (Oakland, California)

- Organization of American States (Washington, D.C.)
- Permanent Mission of Thailand to the UN (New York)
- Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the UN (New York)
- Political Asylum Project of Austin (Austin)
- Public International Law and Policy Group (Washington, D.C.)
- UN Office of Legal Affairs (New York)
- U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps (various locations)
- U.S. Coast Guard Office of Legal Counsel (Cleveland, Ohio; Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Court of International Trade (New York)
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Chief Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Counter-Terrorism Unit (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration Review, Organized Crime Section (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Foreign Litigation (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of International Affairs – Criminal Division (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 Homeland Security (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Advisor (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Trade and Development Agency (Arlington, Virginia)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Washington, D.C.)
- World Bank (Washington, D.C.)



# INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

From The Hague to the United Nations, the Cox Center influences justice around the world

Since 1991, Case Western Reserve University School of Law's Frederick K. Cox International Law Center has trained lawyers while making a global impact on international law and justice. Over the last year, the center's students and faculty have changed lives, grabbed headlines and swayed decisions in foreign policy with their exceptional expertise.

As Cox Center faculty and students have learned, justice doesn't often come quickly—but it does deliver rewards along the way to those who fight for it. Read on to learn about a few of their noteworthy achievements from last year.

## BURDEN OF PROOF

After being kidnapped by Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army in northern Uganda and forced to become a child soldier, Dominic Ongwen rose through the ranks to become one of the insurgent group's top commanders—until his 2015 surrender to U.S. forces in the Central African Region and subsequent turnover to the International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague.

At 45 years old, he became the defendant in *The Prosecutor v. Dominic Ongwen* at the ICC, where he was charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity, including murder, rape and sexual enslavement. His attorneys sought an insanity defense, presenting expert testimony that, because Ongwen had been forcibly indoctrinated by the Lord's Resistance Army as a child, he suffered from a mental disease or defect that precluded culpability before the ICC. The prosecution presented its own psychiatric witnesses to counter the defense. The trial chamber ruled that Ongwen failed to meet the burden of proof in the mental disease or defect defense and sentenced him to 25 years.

The defense filed appeals on both the conviction and sentencing. That's when the ICC Appeals Chamber invited Case Western Reserve University School of Law Co-Dean **Michael Scharf**—who has authored 20 books on international criminal law—and his colleagues at the non-governmental organization Public International Law and Policy Group (PILPG) to submit an amicus brief addressing the question: Who has the



Dean Scharf presented an amicus argument before the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, pictured above, in February.



burden of proof for the insanity defense in cases before the ICC, the prosecutor or defendant?

Scharf—who co-founded the Nobel Prize-nominated PILPG 25 years ago and continues to serve as head of its international amicus practice area—traveled to The Hague in February, where he became one of the only U.S. citizens to ever present an amicus argument before the Appeals Chamber of the ICC. He argued that the ICC's statute should be interpreted as requiring the defense to produce evidence that supports the insanity defense—but then requiring the prosecution to prove that the evidence presented regarding mental illness doesn't raise a reasonable doubt as to the defendant's guilt.

The Appeals Chamber is likely to render its judgment this fall. And though Scharf did not take a position on whether the approach

he advocated would alter the outcome for Dominic Ongwen, he believes it would have an important effect on the quality of international justice in future cases.

"If adopted, our approach will apply to all possible defenses, not just insanity," Scharf said. "And it will provide a coherent framework so that international judges can apply standards consistently when such defenses are raised."

Read Scharf's amicus brief presented at The Hague at [bit.ly/scharf-amicus-brief](https://bit.ly/scharf-amicus-brief).



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced at a press briefing on March 21 that the United States has determined that Myanmar's army has committed genocide against the Rohingya people.

## POWERFUL PERSUASION

When U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced last spring that the United States had determined Myanmar's army committed genocide against the Rohingya people, his declaration drew on a Case Western Reserve University-led study prepared in 2018 by PILPG for the U.S. State Department.

For "Documenting Atrocity Crimes Committed Against the Rohingya in Myanmar's Rakhine State," a team led by alumna **Margaux Day (LAW '09)**, former vice president of PILPG, and **Greg Noone**, an adjunct professor at the School of Law and senior legal advisor for PILPG, interviewed more than 1,000 Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

Both Scharf and **James C. Johnson**, adjunct professor of law and director of CWRU's Henry King War Crimes Research Office, also helped draft the report, which made the legal determination that—based on the findings of the PILPG investigative mission—"there are reasonable grounds to believe that crimes against humanity, genocide, and war crimes were committed against the Rohingya" in Myanmar.

Four years later, echoing the language of the PILPG report, Blinken said the attacks against Rohingya were "widespread and systematic" and that evidence pointed to a clear intent to destroy the mainly Muslim minority.

The ICC in The Hague cited the same PILPG report in its November 2019 decision authorizing the ICC prosecutor to pursue the case of crimes against humanity against the Rohingya of Myanmar. But when PILPG initially sent its report to the State Department in 2018, the Trump administration chose not to label any of these crimes as genocide, thereby excusing the United States from any legal or moral obligation to take action.

In a June 2021 article in *The Diplomat*, Scharf, PILPG Co-Founder Paul Williams and PILPG Managing Director Milena Sterio called on the Biden Administration to reverse course: “The Biden administration is faced with an historic opportunity. By labeling the atrocities committed against the Rohingya in Myanmar’s Rakhine State as genocide, the Biden administration has a chance to reassert the United States’ moral authority on human rights and to lead

the international community on issues of justice and accountability,” they wrote. Their persistent advocacy paid off.

“We are extremely gratified that the U.S. government has finally labeled these atrocities what they are—genocide,” said Scharf. “We hope that this will bolster efforts to hold the Myanmar generals accountable and help prevent further atrocities.”

## ONGOING ACCOUNTABILITY

The conflict in Yemen continues to be the site of some of the worst atrocities and suffering on the planet. Case Western Reserve University School of Law is playing a unique role in documenting those crimes in hopes of eventual prosecution.

The law school’s Yemen Accountability Project (YAP)—supported by an annual grant from alumnus **Tim Geisse (LAW ’84)** since its inception—is entering its fifth year this fall. Overseen by James Johnson, director of the war crimes research office at CWRU, and directed by third-year law student **Sydney Warriner**, the YAP is a student-led initiative

that documents and analyzes war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the Yemen Civil War.

Over the last year, YAP’s student researchers documented potential crimes occurring through 2020, updated dossiers on the conflict’s most responsible parties and drafted a white paper, “Attacks on Yemen’s Cultural Property,” which covered religious sites, educational institutions and a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

This latest report is the project’s third white paper. The first report in 2020 was “Aiding and Abetting: Holding States, Corporations, and Individuals Accountable for War Crimes

in Yemen,” which explores the atrocities that have led to the loss of over 100,000 lives since 2015 and offers policy proposals for accountability actions, and the second report in 2021 was “Starvation: Building the Case for Prosecuting Starvation Crimes in Yemen,” which aims to assist prosecutors in bringing accountability to the perpetrators that used starvation as a method of warfare in Yemen. The white papers have been widely disseminated to governments, non-governmental organizations and international organizations.

Warriner said their work will continue in 2023, when they will focus on how the conflict specifically impacts children.

## WRONGFULLY DETAINED

Just five days after Rushan Abbas publicly spoke out against China’s persecution of the Uyghurs—a majority Muslim ethnic group living in Xinjiang, China—her sister, Gulshan Abbas, was arrested, convicted and harshly sentenced for alleged terrorist acts. The medical doctor has been held for three years in incommunicado detention in a Chinese “re-education” camp—one of 1,300 across China, where more than 1 million Uyghurs have been detained for terrorism and “disloyalty to the state.”

To CWRU law students **Natalie Aguilar** and **Lucas Allison**, it seemed clear that Gulshan was arrested solely because of her association with the Campaign For Uyghurs; Rushan, her sister, is director of the campaign. With the help of **Avidan Cover**, professor of law and associate dean for academic affairs, the students prepared and submitted a complaint on behalf of Rushan to the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and other U.N. Special Rapporteurs concerning the unlawful detention of Gulshan.

In the complaint, Aguilar and Allison detailed how they believe Gulshan’s arrest and detainment violated numerous international human rights provisions, amounting to an arbitrary deprivation of liberty, and how her mistreatment is part of the Chinese government’s systematic human rights violations and crimes against its minority Uyghur population.

“We seek the immediate release of Dr. Abbas,” explained Aguilar in the complaint. “But we also hope to bring attention to the thousands of others illegally imprisoned, and call for the U.N. to take action accordingly.”

Allison and Aguilar worked on the complaint as part of their summer internship with CWRU School of Law’s Institute for Global Security Law and Society. To prepare the complaint, they communicated with the Abbas family, consulted with human rights experts, and researched international law and Chinese and Uyghur histories.

“Dr. Abbas’ case is an all too familiar example of the lengths China will go to silence political dissidents abroad,” Allison said. “Rushan has



Lucas Allison (left), Avidan Cover (center) and Natalie Aguilar (right) submitted a complaint to the United Nations Working Group on behalf of a prisoner they believe has been unlawfully detained.

shown China that these tactics will not work, as she continues to fight for her sister.”

Allison and Aguilar expect the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention to soon issue an opinion supporting the complaint’s contentions and recommend China release the imprisoned Uyghur doctor. As he waits for the ruling, Allison finds solace in his efforts. “Helping Rushan advocate for Gulshan’s release—and contributing to the international community’s understanding of the situation in Xinjiang—was a rewarding experience,” he said.



Andres Perez (LAW '04), left, works for the Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia.

# Global Presence

## Case Western Reserve University School of Law alumni are power players in the field of international law throughout the world

Alumni from Case Western Reserve University School of Law are shaping international law in positions at government and nongovernmental agencies, international organizations, corporations and law firms around the world. Our alumni regularly help our students obtain internships and jobs in the field, and help them network their way to successful careers of their own. See the impressive reach of some of our law school's graduates.

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pictured at the annual Case Global Awards Ceremony at the bottom of page 18  
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former Chief of Protocol, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.)

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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 students receive both a foreign LLM and a JD degree in just three years.

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

## Appointments and awards

- **Juscelino F. Colares**, the Schott-vanden Eynden Professor of Business Law, a professor of political science and co-director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, was reappointed by the Office of the United States Trade Representative to the U.S. Roster of United States-Mexico-Canada-Agreement, Chapter Ten Trade Panelists (2021-22). He was also appointed visiting professor at Tel Aviv University, Buchmann Faculty of Law (spring 2022 sabbatical), and was named to *Law360's* 2022 International Trade Editorial Advisory Board.
- **Shannon French**, a professor of philosophy and law, as well as the Inamori Professor in Ethics and director of the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence, was renewed as the General High Shelton Distinguished Visiting Chair in Ethics for the Command and General Staff College Foundation in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.
- **Brian Gran**, a professor of sociology, applied social sciences and law, completed a Jefferson Science Fellowship from the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, after spending 2020-21 at the U.S. State Department. He also received, but declined, a Fulbright Scholar award to Korea.
- **Cassandra Burke Robertson**, the John Deaver Drinko-Baker Hostetler Professor of Law and director of the law school's Center for Professional Ethics, was appointed vice chair of the Uniform Law Commission's study committee on the UN Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (also known as the Singapore Convention).
- **Michael Scharf**, co-dean and the Joseph C. Hostetler-Baker Hostetler Professor of Law, was elected president of the American branch of the International Law Association with a four-year term beginning in October, as well as to the executive committee for the Association of American Law Schools' Deans' Section. He also received the 2022 Beyond Duke Award, given to alumni of Duke University who have distinguished themselves through service to their community, their country or to society at large.

# Learning the law through classic TV: *Star Trek* and international law



With four new *Star Trek* series streaming and a film in production, the franchise is as popular as ever—and international law practitioners are understanding there is much to learn from it.

Last September, on the 55th anniversary of the broadcast of the first *Star Trek* episode, Case Western Reserve University School of Law Co-Dean **Michael Scharf** led a multi-visual online presentation of his law review article "The interstellar relations of the federation: international law and *Star Trek: the Next Generation*."

Christian Jorgensen, legal adviser of the American Red Cross national headquarters, which hosted a widely attended webinar on the subject of International Law and *Star Wars* the year prior, introduced the event. Scharf discussed controversial issues in international law by comparing them to the interstellar law encountered by Captain Picard and the intrepid crew of the Enterprise in seven seasons of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

The presentation covered law governing the use of force, human rights law, the law of the sea, international environmental law, treaty interpretation and international arbitration.

To watch the one-hour event, visit [bit.ly/star-trek-law](https://bit.ly/star-trek-law).

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## Michael Scharf

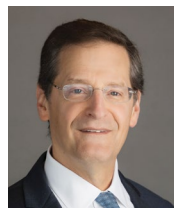
*Co-Dean, Case Western Reserve University School of Law; Joseph C. Hostetler — BakerHostetler Professor of Law (teaches Fundamentals of International Law and the Journal of International Law seminar, and coaches the Jessup Moot Court team)*



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 co-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. More recently, Scharf was elected to serve on the executive committee for the Association of American Law School's Deans' Section and was awarded an International Bar Association's Leadership Award.

## Steve Petras (LAW '79)

*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, and the U.S. Roster of United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement Panelists since 2021. For the last seven 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 CWRU School of Law's 2018 Faculty Research Award, Colares is the author of more than 35 articles and book chapters, and a book, *Restructuring Trade Agreements* (Wolters Kluwer 2021). He also completed a sabbatical this spring as a visiting professor at Tel Aviv University, Buchmann Faculty of Law.

## Stephen Anway

*Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Arbitration)*



Stephen Anway is a partner and global co-chair of Squire Patton Boggs' world-ranked International Dispute Resolution Practice Group, which *Law360* named International Arbitration Group of the Year 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 16 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.

## Michael Benza (WRC '86, LAW '92)

*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. 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.

## David Carney (LAW '05)

*Adjunct Professor (teaches Cybersecurity Law)*



David Carney is a partner at BakerHostetler LLP and practices in the Group's Privacy and Digital Risk Class Action and Litigation team. Recently named one of *Law360's* 2021 Cybersecurity & Privacy MVPs, and previously named a *Law360* Rising Star for Privacy, Carney also heads the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center's Supreme Court Amicus Brief writing team.

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## 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 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)**

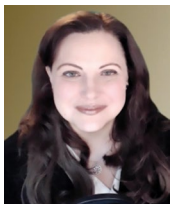


Aleksandar Cuic is a partner at Robert Brown LLC, where he oversees the firm's litigation practice group. During his legal career, he has represented individuals across the United States in more than 40 immigration

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 annually for The Best Lawyers in America as well as Super Lawyers Rising Star in the area of immigration law.

## Shannon E. French

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



Shannon French, PhD, taught in 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 foreword by the late Sen. John McCain. She was recently renewed as the General High Shelton Distinguished Visiting Chair in Ethics for the Command and General Staff College Foundation at Ft. Leavenworth.

## Jonathan Gordon

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



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.

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.

## Richard Gordon

**Professor of Law, Associate Director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center and 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, 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 recently completed a major study of independent children's rights institutions. Gran spent 2021 on leave as a Jefferson Science Fellow of the

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, appointed to the U.S. State Department.

## 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 has published over 60 articles and lectured nationally and internationally on civil rights and health law topics. She has published two books—*Aging with a Plan: How a Little Thought Today Can*

*Vastly Improve Your Tomorrow* (2nd ed. First Hill Books, 2022) and *Electronic Health Records and Medical Big Data: Law and Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2016). She is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

## James C. 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 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 Roundtable Conference in Chautauqua, New York, which is co-sponsored by the Cox Center.

## Raymond Ku

**Professor of Law (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.

### Julia Liston (LAW '16)

**Instructor and International LLM Program Fellow (teaches US Legal Writing and Foreign Graduate Seminar to LLM students)**



As a student at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Julia Liston was editor-in-chief of the *Journal of International Law* and was voted student of the year by her classmates. She returned to CWRU

after serving as assistant general counsel at INTERPOL's Washington D.C. office, and as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, where she worked to bring the world's most wanted fugitives to justice. She was also an associate at Frantz Ward law firm. Julia is a member of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Young Professionals Advisory Committee.

### Cathy Lesser Mansfield

**Senior Instructor in Law; (teaches 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. She was recently elected to the American Law Institute.

### Stacy Cozart Martin

**Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Immigration Law and Business Immigration)**



Stacy Cozart Martin is a Managing Member and Partner at MJB Immigration. She was named the Best Lawyers® 2020 Immigration Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Cleveland. Also, Ohio

Super Lawyers magazine has named Ms. Cozart Martin a "Rising Star" annually from 2006 to 2013 and she has been selected by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 in the field of Immigration Law.

### Kathryn Mercer (LAW '83; SAS '83; GRS '97, social welfare)

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



Kathryn Mercer, PhD, 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 award-winning 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 Case Western Reserve law school faculty in 2017. In private practice, he focuses on 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, while at the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, he was the national security coordinator for all 94 attorney offices in the U.S. Department of Justice. 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 Intellectuelle. 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, is the director of the National Security and Intelligence Program and a professor of political science and law at Fairmont State University. 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 Defense Institute of International Legal Studies reserve unit, and 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

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Public International Law & Policy Group, a Nobel Peace Prize-nominated non-governmental organization.

## **Sarah Okuh (LAW '10)**

**Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches Immigration Law)**



Sarah Okuh is the managing attorney for the removal department at Martin Jolic & Associates, LLC ("MJB Immigration"). Sarah's practice includes removal defense, asylum, assistance for survivors

of violent crimes, family-based immigration, naturalization, appellate work and federal litigation.

## **Douglas Pilawa (LAW '19)**

**Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Arbitration)**

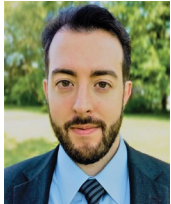


After several years working in global supply chain and marketing and sales at a Fortune 500 company, Douglas Pilawa obtained his Master 2 in Droit européen et international des affaires from Université

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 CWRU's Vis International Arbitration Moot Court team.

## **Ted Parran III (LAW '13)**

**Adjunct Professor of Law and 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 and was appointed vice chair of its study committee on the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (also known as the Singapore Convention).

## **Rumu Sarkar**

**Adjunct Professor of Law (teaches International Development Law)**



Rumu Sarkar, PhD, 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 (SAS '07)**

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



Maya Simek 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 statewide 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 (LAW '02)**

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



Jack Turner has taught international lawyers in the LLM program for the past eight years. He also teaches research and writing to first-year SJD students working on their doctoral theses.

Turner directs the Summer Language and Law Institute for incoming LLM students and international legal professionals. He also regularly teaches in China through CWRU's partnership with one of China's top universities.

## Rachel Wolbers (LAW '12)

*Adjunct Professor and Advisor to the Journal of Law, Technology & the Internet*

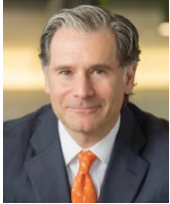


Rachel Wolbers is Head of Global Engagement at Oversight Board Administration at Facebook. She served as president of the International Law Society, managing editor of *War Crimes Prosecution*

*Watch* and editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Law, Technology & the Internet*. Prior to joining the Facebook Oversight Board, Rachel served as the policy director at Engine, Legislative Director at TwinLogic Strategies, and as counsel for Congressman Blake Farenthold—a member of the House Judiciary Committee—handling all of his tech and telecom portfolio.

## Andrew A. Zashin (LAW '93)

*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 academic articles in law journals, including

Oxford University's. He has also 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 19 years at CWRU, Zashin has taught every family law offering, including Advanced and International Family Law. He has practiced at every level of court in Ohio as well as in federal courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States where, in 2022, he won a case concerning the Hague Convention on Child Abduction. He recently participated with the Cox International Law Center on an amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court.



# Students recognized for achievements

Last spring, Case Western Reserve University School of Law honored 13 students with Case Global Service Awards for their remarkable contributions to the school's top-ranked international law program.

The student honorees included the editors of the *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*, *Canada-United States Law Journal* and *War Crimes Prosecution Watch Newsletter*, the award-winning members of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Team, the International Criminal Court Moot Court Team, the Vis International Arbitration Moot Team and the leaders of the International Law Society and Yemen Accountability Project.

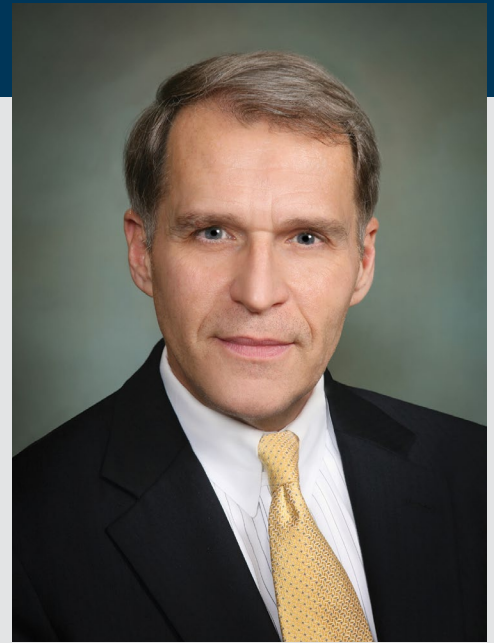
Congratulations to this year's outstanding recipients:

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Natalie Davis  
Christine DiSabato  
Alan Dowling  
Caroline Dzeba  
Michael Eckhart  
Callan Foran

Jillian Fox  
Mackenzie Kern  
Rachel McKay  
John Schon  
Clare Soria  
Jiaao Yu

# Kevin G. Nealer (LAW '78), principal of the Scowcroft Group

In his extraordinary career, 1978 graduate Kevin Nealer has served as a State Department foreign service officer, a trade policy advisor to the U.S. Senate, a member of the board of directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corp., a member of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board and a professor at Georgetown University. Today, he is a principal of the Scowcroft Group—one of the world's most prestigious international business consulting firms. In an interview with *Case Global*, Nealer discussed his career journey and his thoughts about the new Cold War.



Kevin G. Nealer

## What do you do at The Scowcroft Group?

I head our global risk practice, where we advise mostly American financial firms, insurance companies and banks on issues that impact markets—from China policy to Russia sanctions.

## How did your career path land you at The Scowcroft Group?

Let's agree that planning, goals and acquiring a toolbox of skills are necessary, but careers are full of chance events. After graduating from law school—inspired by [the late] Professor Sidney Picker—I took the Foreign Service Exam. I joined one of the first Foreign Service Officer classes after Iran had taken the American Embassy hostages, so I wasn't under the illusion that the job would be easy.

While at the State Department, I worked for an assistant secretary of state, who ended up returning to the U.S. Senate Democratic leadership. He called me out of the blue to say his staff needed both a lawyer and a trade policy advisor—could I leave State for a while and come to the Hill? I had no idea what working there would entail, but ended up spending five years on the Senate leader's staff.

It's almost unimaginable in our current political culture, but during that time, I became friends with members of President [Ronald] Reagan's National Security team and subsequently met Brent Scowcroft—

the only person to serve twice as national security advisor. I left the Senate Majority Leader's office when Washington's largest law firm approached me to help set up an international business consulting practice. The firm allowed me a year off to teach trade law and policy as a Fulbright professor in China, deepening my experience of that country.

When Bill Clinton won the White House, I was offered several political appointments, but Scowcroft wanted to set up a global business advisory practice—competing with his lifelong friend Henry Kissinger. I've been there now for 28 years.

## What are some of the important projects you've worked on during your career?

A highlight was the role I played in helping draft and win passage—over a presidential veto—of the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act, the 1986 South Africa sanctions bill. We've all heard that "sanctions don't work," which I guess is true until they result in a Nelson Mandela presidency.

Recently, serving as one of only 16 people with the same security clearance access as President [Barack] Obama on his Intelligence Advisory Board was a memorable challenge. Cyber threats, China, Russian interference in American elections and reshaping the role of the intelligence community were mission-critical to the president.

No easy problems come to the White House. Helping adjudicate the most sensitive issues relating to management of our intelligence resources was humbling and a great honor.

## How did your education at CWRU School of Law prepare you for your career?

It's been foundational to everything. The late and great Professor Sidney Picker got me involved in one of the first cohorts of the Canada-U.S. Law Institute. His engaging teaching style and the richness of the issues in international law—as well as his Washington anecdotes—made me think about careers in international law and policy.

## You'll be speaking at the law school's fall conference, "International Law and the New Cold War." What are some of your thoughts about how the Russian invasion of Ukraine is changing international law and international institutions?

As someone for whom the Cold War was the backdrop of my early career, I'm deeply disturbed by the human tragedy and the risk that Russia's aggression transmits to the entire global system. I've sat through many "tabletop" exercises with our military and intelligence officials, gaming out scenarios in which the U.S., NATO and others confront Russian aggression. The facts in front of us now, and Putin's



Nealer (second from left) negotiates South Africa and trade issues with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker in the early 1990s.

risk-indifference, offer challenges to the global order that are as dark as any of those imagined exercises. And I'm deeply concerned that the artifacts of the war—food insecurity, energy policy risks and sanctions—will limit policy options for years to come.

I had the privilege of helping edit Brent Scowcroft and President [George H.W.] Bush's accounting of the end of the Cold War (*A World Transformed*, 1999). The stewardship of those two men, along with the wisdom of Britain's Margaret Thatcher and Mikhail Gorbachev's courage, managed an existential crisis without the loss of a single life. It wasn't just a happy accident. The instincts and incentives that were in place then have frayed or disappeared.

The work Dean [Michael] Scharf and others are doing now to insist on accountability for war crimes is necessary in putting a floor

under threats to the global order when they emerge from this crisis.

### What advice do you have for CWRU law students interested in a career in international law?

Don't take seriously anything anyone over 50 tells you about career trajectories in a market that has changed utterly since they graduated. Certainly be adaptive and willing to take risks. Have confidence in the fact that you are the product of one of the very best international law programs anywhere. And please think about starting your career in government. There are hundreds of international law positions or careers where your legal training is invaluable. We have never needed talented and motivated people in these jobs more, and there is nothing that gives greater satisfaction or prepares you better to be a problem solver than public service.



Nealer (right) accompanied former U.S. President George H.W. Bush on a trip to China in the early 1990s.



Nealer presents at the Center for Strategic & International Relations program on U.S.-Japan issues.



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**\$4.5 million:** Size of our international law program endowment

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

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

**1:** Jessup Moot Court World Championship

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