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How should the international community enforce the newly recognized human right to a healthy environment? Is “ecocide” a viable international crime? Are environmental migrants entitled to refugee status? Can corporations be sued for climate change?

Sponsored by Case Western Reserve University School of Law’s Frederick K. Cox International Law Center and the Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law, this timely conference will address these questions and other salient law and policy issues at the heart of today’s climate crisis.

Speakers include **Jim Chen (LAW ’91)**, former vice president and counsel for Tesla and Rivian Motors; John Knox, the first United Nations special rapporteur on human rights and environmental issues, who served from 2012 until 2018; and Chile Eboe-Osuji, judge and former president of the International Criminal Court.

*Advance registration is required.
Approved for 6 CLE credits.*

Cost: \$25 for those attending Thursday’s dinner.

Friday’s sessions are free and open to the public unless earning CLE credit (\$100 for alumni; \$200 for non-alumni).



Jim Chen (LAW ’91)



John Knox



Chile Eboe-Osuji



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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 \$5.6 million endowment, the Cox Center serves as the hub of the law school's international law program, which includes the Canada-U.S. Law Institute, the Institute for Global Security Law & Policy, the Henry T. King Jr. War Crimes Research Office, the Yemen Accountability Project, the Immigration Law Clinic, the *Journal of International Law* and the *Talking Foreign Policy* radio show.

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Team effort

School of Law students shine in international moot court competitions

Over the past 20 years, Case Western Reserve University School of Law's international moot court competition teams have excelled—outpacing most schools in awards won. This year was no exception. Here's a look at their extraordinary results.

The 2023 Jessup Competition

World's oldest and most prestigious international moot court competition
Sponsored by the International Law Students Association

700
universities

100+
countries

2,000+
competitors

THE TEAM



From left to right: Brianna Schmidt, Elise Manchester, William Baker, Sydney Warinner and Ellen Buerk.

THE TASK

Address the legality of attacks against terrorists, treatment of detained terrorists and shipping hazardous waste abroad.

THE TRIUMPH

In February's regional competition in Chicago...

- Overall Winner
- Best Brief Award
- Best Oralist Award, Sydney Warinner
- 4th Best Oralist Award, Elise Manchester

In April's world championship in Washington, D.C. ...

- Undefeated during preliminary rounds
- Ranked 2nd in the world based on briefs and preliminary round oral scores
- Placed 3rd for best brief
- World's Best Oralist Award, Elise Manchester (only student in history to win the honor two years in a row)
- 13th Best oralist, Sydney Warinner



The 2023 ICC Moot Court Competition

World's largest competition on international criminal law
Sponsored by the International Bar Association

100+
teams

50+
countries

5
teams from the Americas qualify
for international round at The Hague
in The Netherlands

THE TASK

Argue whether “ecocide” could be prosecuted as a crime against humanity.

THE TRIUMPH

*In March’s Americas round in
White Plains, New York ...*

- 3rd Place Memorial and 3rd Place Oralist (Prosecutor), Kelsey Tschanen
- 3rd Place Oralist (Government), Spencer Luckwitz
- Finalist in the Americas Competition, earning a berth in the International Rounds

THE TEAM



Top row, left to right: Denakpon Tchobo, Kelsey Tschanen, Lucas Christiansen and Spencer Luckwitz. Bottom row, left to right: Madeline McDaniel and Rose Lekan.



Paving the way for prosecutions of war crimes in Yemen

The Yemen Accountability Project (YAP) published its fourth white paper, “Yemen’s youngest victims: The Yemen civil war’s toll on children.”

A student-led initiative affiliated with the Global Accountability Network and hosted at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, YAP investigates and analyzes open-source materials covering the Yemen Civil War with a goal of facilitating the eventual prosecution of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Their latest paper examines the various ways in which Yemeni children’s international human rights were violated and humanitarian laws were broken during the civil war. In addition to unlawful targeting and indiscriminate killing of children during armed attacks, the 34-page white paper demonstrates how the war caused a decline in



children’s physical and mental health, interfered with access to childhood education, worsened poverty levels, perpetuated the prevalence of forced

child marriage, displaced children from their families and forced children to serve as soldiers throughout the Yemen conflict.

Read the white paper: bit.ly/YAP-white-paper-4

Online course surpasses 165,000 students

Dean Michael Scharf's Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on international criminal law is now in its 10th year.

Scharf was one of Coursera's first online instructors, and his was the world's first international law MOOC. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, interest in the course has increased, with 300 new enrollees per week. More than 165,000 people from 137 countries have enrolled—and the course has garnered thousands of favorable reviews.

Take the course: bit.ly/MOOC-international-law



Top honors

Recognizing the scholarly and educational impact of Case Western Reserve University School of Law's international law experts, peers in the field ranked the program #10 in the country, according to the latest *U.S. News & World Report* specialty area ranking. And with consistently high marks from *preLaw* magazine, the Cox Center has elevated its reputation as one of the best in the nation.

#10

for international law,
U.S. News & World Report,
2024

A+

rating, *preLaw* magazine,
2023
(sixth year in a row)

\$5.6M

endowment (including a
new \$1 million gift for the
Immigration Law Clinic)

Rising leaders

Meet two international law students learning to change the world

Law students often aspire to make the world a better place once they enter the field. But at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, our students don't wait until graduation. Here are two who are already making an impact.



NAME:
EMILY WORLINE

LEVEL:
Rising third-year
law student

CAREER GOAL:
To open her own
immigration law clinic

**WHAT MAKES A
GOOD LEADER?**
Someone who is
prepared to learn from
others around them and
adjust course when they
learn of ideas better than
their own

Emily Worline was working in refugee camps in Greece in 2016 when her perspective on immigration was upended.

“I was shocked by the ease at which some people migrated, and the inability of others to do so,” she explained. “Some could migrate freely and others could not due to European officials’ perception of their nationality.”

She saw people from Middle Eastern countries—many of whom had fled their homes to escape war and instability—sleeping along freeways and crowded into makeshift tents.

What’s worse, she witnessed the violent measures Greek and Macedonian officials used to prevent migrants from moving into Europe, including shooting tear gas and rubber bullets directly into their encampments.

Driven by this experience, Worline sought to make changes at home. In her first year as an undergraduate at Kalamazoo College, she reached out to a resettlement agency in Michigan to see how she could help. She soon learned they needed apartment furnishings for those resettling to the area.

So she got to work.

After a successful furniture drive, she and her teammates took their next step, creating Refugee Outreach Collective (ROC), a volunteer-run nonprofit that leverages university resources and networks to expand access to educational opportunities for those who have experienced forced displacement.

The organization now has nine student chapters and an accredited college degree program in Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi, which is based on a partnership with Central Michigan University and Mid-Michigan Community College. Last year, Worline brought ROC to CWRU. Here, ROC volunteers partnered with the law school’s Milton and Charlotte Kramer Law Clinic for the Work Permit Initiative, which helped 72 clients secure the ability to work in the United States while they complete their asylum application process. This summer, ROC at Case Western Reserve added the Pro Se Asylum Application project, which assists eligible individuals in applying for asylum in the United States.

Worline still has another year left of law school, but she plans to keep ROC alive by continuing to lead the organization in Michigan, even after she graduates. It’s a way to give back, she said, for what ROC has given her.

“ROC has provided me many unique opportunities to learn from people from all over the world,” Worline said.

When Ikenna Ezealah walked into the General Assembly Hall at the United Nations in Geneva this winter, he could feel the weight of the world.

“A lot of decisions that have affected the globe have occurred in this room,” he recalled thinking at the time.

“Just sitting there, it felt that ... this is where I belong,” he said. “My aspirations to become a diplomat were affirmed.”

That realization occurred during a three-week program last winter that he describes as the “perfect fit:” the United Nations Immersion Programme for Multilateral Diplomacy.

Through webinars and a five-day visit to Geneva for lectures, guided tours, visits to U.N. agencies and more, the program aims to equip participants with diplomacy knowledge and skills, empower them to work more effectively and efficiently in any international environment, and offer access to the U.N.’s institutions and staff to build networks and gain career insights.

With the law school’s support, Ezealah signed up for the session, in which he learned about the history, objectives and structure of the U.N. He was inspired.

“The program confirmed that my qualities and goals reflect the profile of the next generation of U.N. leadership,” Ezealah said. “The international arena of vision setting, governance and creating initiatives that drive global development is my element.”

Then, with funding from the law school’s Cox International Law Center, Ezealah interned this summer in Geneva at the International Trade Center, a multilateral agency that has a joint mandate with the World Trade Organization and the United Nations. In addition, Ezealah participated in the Summer Diplomatic Program of Washington International Diplomatic Academy in Washington, D.C.

It’s all core to his goal of one day working for the U.N.—what he calls “the premier diplomatic organization.”

Ezealah was born in Lagos, Nigeria, and emigrated to the United States with his family as a 10-year-old. “I’m a son of two worlds—the West and Africa,” he said of his upbringing.

Because he belongs to both communities, he explained, he intends to give back by becoming a diplomat who furthers the development of the African people.

“In nature, a tree doesn’t eat its own fruit. It bears fruit for its environment,” said Ezealah. “In the same way, we’re meant to bear fruit through our abilities, to render a service to our community.”



NAME:

IKENNA EZEALAH, PHD

LEVEL:

Rising second-year law student

CAREER GOAL:

To become a nation-building diplomat for the African people

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A LEADER?

The sincere love for the welfare of a people

Pursuing accountability

CWRU helps U.S. develop pathway for prosecuting Russian war crimes

For more than a year, the world has watched with horror as Russian forces continue their invasion of Ukraine. From the start, Russian troops have committed serious violations of international law, including war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity, said international law expert Milena Sterio in a fall broadcast of *Talking Foreign Policy*, Case Western Reserve University School of Law's radio program and podcast.

A few cases may ultimately be tried by the International Criminal Court (ICC), which in March issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin in March, charging him with the war crime of abducting thousands of Ukraine children and transferring them to Russia for adoption. But the ICC does not have jurisdiction to prosecute Russia's crime of aggression.

David Crane, the former chief prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, whose proposal for a tribunal to prosecute the Russian crime of aggression is under consideration by the United Nations, has prepared draft indictments for Russian leaders who have committed these crimes.

"We haven't seen some of these tactics since World War II," Crane said during the fall broadcast. "They're almost barbaric and they're clearly violating many international norms and statutes. They're totally ignoring the rule of law."

One draft indictment targets President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov for aiding and abetting aggression, which "is really the core international offense of the invasion," said Crane.

And while Ukrainians have the authority to prosecute these crimes, explained fellow radio show guest Paul Williams, president of the Public

International Law and Policy Group (PILPG), none of the prosecutors in that country—despite being highly skilled—have ever prosecuted war crimes before. "It's not something people specialize in domestically," he said. Moreover, leaders cannot be prosecuted in ordinary domestic courts due to the general international law principle of "head of state immunity" during leaders' terms of office.

So how does the world hold Russian leaders accountable?

In July 2022, PILPG presented a potential solution.

With a team that included Williams and **Michael Scharf**, dean of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, PILPG drafted model legislation to establish the Ukraine High Court for War Crimes. Created after weeks of research and meetings with Ukrainian and U.S. legal experts, the legislation would create an internationalized domestic court modeled on the existing High Anti-Corruption Court of Ukraine. This proposed court would prosecute high-level cases of war crimes, crimes against humanity and aggression.

In March 2023, U.S. Ambassador for Global Criminal Justice Beth Van Schaack announced that the U.S. would support the creation of an internationalized domestic court in Ukraine to prosecute the Russian crime of aggression. The U.S. proposal hues closely to the model set forth last summer by PILPG.

"Whatever shape an aggression tribunal ultimately takes," Scharf and his colleagues concluded a few days later in the online foreign policy website *Just Security*, "we applaud the new U.S. position, which is likely to generate momentum for the prosecution of Russia's crime of aggression against Ukraine."

Listen to the *Talking Foreign Policy* broadcast on holding Russian leaders accountable: bit.ly/TFP-prosecuting-russia





U.S. Ambassador for Global Criminal Justice Beth Van Schaack delivered a speech at CWRU School of Law in September 2022; months later, she announced the U.S. would support the creation of an internationalized domestic court in Ukraine to prosecute the Russian crime of aggression.

International internships

At Case Western Reserve University School of Law, there is a core tenet to the educational approach: The best way to learn international law is to experience it. That's why the school's Frederick K. Cox International Law Center provides networking opportunities and \$75,000 in annual funding to support summer, semester-long and post-graduate unpaid internships and externships abroad or in the United States. And thanks to the school's Bruce Klatsky Endowment, two law students earn internships at Human Rights Watch, which comes with a stipend of \$4,000 per year.

Over the years, CWRU School of Law students have found practical work experience all over the world. Take a look at where they've left their mark.



Léa Cazaudumec Lucas, summer 2023 legal intern at Notices and Diffusions Task Force, Executive Directorate of Legal Affairs, INTERPOL in Lyon, France

- Chang Tsi & Partners (Beijing)
- Chenxi Law Firm (Weihai, China)
- Documentation Center of Cambodia (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (Bangkok)
- Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (Islamabad)
- International Bridges to Justice (Beijing)



Emily Ghazoul, summer 2023 legal intern at International Bar Association, Office of the Executive Director in London

Africa

- AIDS and Rights Alliance for South Africa (Cape Town, South Africa)
- Constitutional Court of South Africa (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- Equality Now (Nairobi, Kenya)
- Legal Resources Centre (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- International Justice Mission (Nairobi, Kenya)
- International Law Institute (Kampala, Uganda)
- Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms (Port Louis, Mauritius)
- Refugee Law Project - Center For Forced Migrants (Kampala, Uganda)
- Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, Office of the Prosecutor (Freetown, Sierra Leone, and The Hague)
- Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (Kampala, Uganda)

Asia

- Aide Medicale Internationale (Yangon, Myanmar)
- Bar Council of Gujarat (Gujarat, India)
- Allbright Law Firm (Shanghai)
- Cambodian Center for Human Rights (Phnom Penh, Cambodia)

- INTERPOL, Office of Legal Affairs (Singapore)
- Jingtian & Gongcheng (Shanghai)
- Linuo Law Firm (Weihai, China)
- Medecins Sans Frontieres (Rangoon, Burma)
- Senate Legal Counsel (Ngerulmud, Palau)
- Society for the Protection and Rights of the Child (Lahore, Pakistan)
- Supreme Court of India (New Delhi, India)
- Supreme Court of the Philippines (Manila, Philippines)
- United Nations Development Programme (Hanoi, Vietnam)
- United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (Dili, Timor-Leste)
- Solicitor Vinod Mistry and Company (Mumba, India)
- World Health Organization Centre for Health Development (Kobe, Japan)

Central and South America

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



Marleni Chavana, summer 2023 legal and policy intern at Instituto Hemingway, Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport in Bilbao, Spain

Middle East

- Al-Haq, Defense of Human Rights (Ramallah, Palestine)
- Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists (Amman, Jordan)
- Refugee Rights Clinic (Tel Aviv, Israel)
- Shurat HaDin Israel Law Centre (Tel Aviv, Israel)

Europe

- Amnesty International (London)
- Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP (London)
- International Bar Association, Human Rights Institute (London)
- International Bridges to Justice (Geneva)
- International Criminal Court, Office of the Prosecutor, Chambers, Defense (The Hague)

- International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Geneva)
- International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (The Hague)
- International Trade Center (Geneva)
- INTERPOL, Office of Legal Affairs (Lyon, France)
- Office of the Mayor of the City of Paris (Paris)
- Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Office of General Counsel (The Hague)
- Pfizer Pharmaceutical, Office of General Counsel (Budapest)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Geneva)
- United Nations Human Rights Council (Geneva)
- U.S. Embassy (Berlin)
- U.S. Embassy (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

- Naval Support Activity Naples Legal Services Office / U.S. JAG Office (Naples, Italy)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (Geneva)

North America

- Accountability Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
- American Friends Service Committee - Immigrant Services (Miami)
- Amnesty International USA (Washington, D.C.)
- Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco)
- Asian Services in Action: ASIA (Cleveland)
- Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa, Ontario)
- Parliament of Canada (Ottawa, Ontario)
- Department of Justice Canada, War Crimes Program (Ottawa, Ontario)

- Carter Center: Waging Peace. Fighting Disease. Building Hope (Atlanta)
- Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland, Migration & Refugee Services (Cleveland)
- Center for Human Rights and Environment (Florida)
- Center for International Environmental Law (Washington, D.C.)
- Council of Great Lakes Governors (Chicago)
- Federal Trade Commission (Washington, D.C.)
- Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics - FASPE (New York)
- Human Rights Watch - Klatsky Fellowship (Washington, D.C., and New York)
- Immigration Courts (Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit)
- Immigrant Defenders Law Center (Los Angeles)



Annalie Buscarino, summer 2023 intern at International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva



Harper Fox, summer 2023 legal extern at the Office of the Prosecutor at the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, The Hague

- Institute for Justice and Democracy (Marshfield, Massachusetts)
- International Foundation of Art Research (New York)
- International Institute of Akron (Akron, Ohio)
- United States International Trade Commission (Washington, D.C.)
- International Monetary Fund (Washington, D.C.)
- National Organization for Women, (Washington, D.C.)



Ikenna Q. Ezeleah, summer 2023 legal intern in Market Development at Research and Strategies for Export, International Trade Center, United Nations, in Geneva

- National Security Law Institute to “National Security Law Center (Charlottesville, Virginia)
- Oasis Legal Services - Immigration (Berkeley, California)
- Organization of American States (Washington, D.C.)
- Permanent Mission of Thailand to the U.N. (New York)
- Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the U.N. (New York)
- American Gateways - Political Asylum Project of Austin (Austin, Texas)

- Public International Law and Policy Group (Washington, D.C.)
- Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting (Washington, D.C.)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Washington, D.C.)
- United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (New York)
- U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps (various locations)
- U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps (various locations)
- U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps (various locations)
- U.S. Coast Guard - Legal Assistance (Cleveland and Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Court of International Trade (New York)
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Chief Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Joint Terrorism Unit (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration Review, Organized Crime & Gang Section (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Foreign Litigation - Civil Division (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of International Affairs – Criminal Division (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance & Training (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the Chief Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Department of State, Office of the Legal Advisor (Washington, D.C.)

- U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Office of Military Commissions (Washington, D.C.)
- U.S. Trade and Development Agency (Arlington, Virginia)
- World Bank (Washington, D.C.)



Jessica Chapman, summer 2023 legal extern at the Office of the Prosecutor at the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, The Hague (pictured at Peace Palace)

Distinguished speakers

Experts in international law visit the School of Law to share their insights

The Frederick K. Cox International Law Center regularly hosts in-person and virtual events that allow students, alumni and professionals to expand their legal expertise in urgent and emerging topics in international law. Here are just a few events that took place over the last year.

Reflections on international justice



Fatou Bensouda

In her last few weeks as chief prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in 2021, Fatou Bensouda visited Darfur refugee camps with her delegation.

As she walked among the refugees, “One could see the enthusiasm ... their hunger for justice, their hope for a change in their circumstances through

justice was loud,” she recalled. “It was undeniable.” And it was a stark reminder of the gravity of her work prosecuting war criminals.

Besouda shared this story from her nine-year tenure at the ICC for the Cox Center’s Bruce J. Klatsky Endowed Distinguished Lecture in Human Rights, which took place last summer.

The international commitment to prosecuting war crimes and atrocities has deepened since the ICC was established in 1998 with the Rome Statute, the founding treaty of the ICC.

“The underlying principle [of the Rome Statute] is clear,” Bensouda explained during her talk. “Impunity is no longer an option, and everyone, regardless of their position or rank, may be held individually accountable for their criminal acts.”

Besouda noted an important paradigm shift she observed during her tenure: a broadening acceptance that the protection of one person’s human rights benefits all. “We, as peoples and nations of the world,” she said, “embrace the notion that no longer should the perpetrators of the world’s most heinous crimes be allowed to escape justice,” she said. “It’s such a powerful idea.”

Watch Besouda’s remarks: bit.ly/cwru-besouda

Retooling Trade in a Fractured Global Economy

In 2022, trade professionals faced multiple challenges: supply chain issues, including bans on forced labor imports; continuing transformation in the automotive sector; and threats to the reliability and viability of global sourcing. And the intensity of conflict over trade policy dialed up even more following midterm elections that further fractured government. Last fall, the Cox Center hosted the Seventh Trade Law Fall Update. This conference, funded by a generous grant from Grunfeld Desiderio Lebowitz Silverman & Klestadt LLP, included panels on the electric vehicle revolution and North American auto trade, “unglobalizing” trade, emerging issues on customs and trade law, and the trade agenda for Congress in 2022-23. Speakers included judge Leo M. Gordon, U.S. Court of International Trade Judge; Kristin Dziczek of the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago; and a dozen leading trade attorneys and experts from across the nation.

Stronger together

On the heels of the first Biden-Tradeau Summit, the 47th annual Canada-U.S. Law Institute Conference in April focused on the challenges the two countries face related to economic security, military readiness, and global peacekeeping. Speakers included the Hon. David L. Cohen, United States ambassador to Canada; Peter MacKay, former attorney general and minister of defense of Canada; Robert Schoenberger, editor in chief, *IndustryWeek*; and other government officials, industry leaders, and distinguished academics from both sides of the border.

See the upcoming event schedule and watch past events: bit.ly/cox-international-law-center

Ukraine crisis

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has been top of mind for international law experts around the world, and the Cox Center has been at the forefront of discussions about the impact of the crisis on international law.



Sean Murphy

Last fall, the law school hosted “International Law and the New Cold War,” a conference that was an intensive look into how the Russian invasion of Ukraine has transformed international law and institutions.

In his morning keynote speech, Sean Murphy, a member of the United Nations International Law Commission and Manatt/Ahn Professor of International Law at George Washington University Law School, answered the question of whether the United States is facing a “new Cold War” with Russia or China—or both countries simultaneously.

Beth van Schaack

“If there is some kind of new Cold War, it is not of the type we experienced prior to 1990,” Murphy explained during his speech at the Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom. “The Cold War of today is best understood as a conflict between states that favor liberal democracy and states that favor authoritarianism.”

The conference’s experts addressed three areas of international law that will be most impacted by the rise of authoritarian regimes: the maintenance of peace and security, human rights and economics.

United States Ambassador-at-Large for Global Criminal Justice Beth van Schaack delivered the second keynote address over lunch, during which she discussed the attempt to ensure accountability for atrocities committed in Ukraine and across the world.

Watch the conference:
bit.ly/cwru-new-cold-war



Oona Hathaway presented to an audience of students and faculty at the School of Law in February.

The following semester, the focus on the Ukraine war continued with the Order of the Coif Distinguished Lecture, featuring Oona Hathaway.

Hathaway, the Gerard C. and Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law at Yale Law School, delivered her lecture, “A Year that Changed the World: The War in Ukraine, and How it Shaped the International Legal Order.”

The response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, Hathaway said, “proved a lot more robust than Putin was expecting,” and “the most grave threat to the international order might actually prove to strengthen and resuscitate it.”

She traced the response of the international community—through law—to Russia’s aggression: condemning, outcasting, arming and prosecuting. Collectively, she said, these efforts are the key to end Russia’s war on Ukraine and hold Russia accountable for its crimes.

“Russia clearly put the international legal order at risk when it invaded Ukraine, but what’s going to determine the future is how we respond to it,” explained Hathaway. “But that response has to be sustained.”

It’s that very response, she argued, that strengthened the international order.

“The war in Ukraine began as the greatest threat to the international legal order,” she concluded, “but it may turn out to be its salvation.”

Watch the lecture:
bit.ly/cwru-hathaway-lecture



Seeking asylum

CWRU's Immigration Law Clinic students
earn their stripes by fighting for their clients

by Lauren Marchaza

After being repeatedly threatened and detained by the Belarusian government for her political activism, a woman and her family, including two young children, fled to the U.S. in July 2022 in hopes of securing asylum.

Shortly after her arrival, she found the Immigration Law Clinic at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where students—under the instruction of Director **Aleksandar Cuic**—work cases like immigration attorneys.

Once the clinic agreed to take on her case, **Joe Javorksy**, a third-year law student, began collecting evidence that would demonstrate the threat the client and her family faced in Belarus and, ultimately, support her claim for asylum.



Alex Cuic

“Letters from the government summoning them to court, testimony from family members or neighbors are critical,” Javorksy explained. “We needed to prove that either the Belarusian government itself—or an organization that the government is unwilling or unable to control—was persecuting the individual.”

Evidence in hand, Javorksy and other law students filed her claim with United States Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the spring and prepared, researched and filed her application in just nine weeks—an incredibly short period of time by immigration law standards.

As the client now waits for her application to be processed, Cuic called the speed with which it was submitted a shining example of success—for both the client and the students, who stand to benefit from their newfound skills. “This real-world experience will only put them ahead when they graduate,” said Cuic, who is also a partner at Brown Immigration Law in Cleveland.

A home for learning immigration law

Since 2017, students enrolled in the Immigration Law Clinic’s semester-long seminar have been representing non-U.S. citizens before various governmental agencies, including Department of Justice immigration courts, USCIS and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). They work on applications for relief from removal or deportation, asylum, withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture.

They also assist clients with applications for naturalization and permanent residency, which includes everything from conducting legal and country condition research to filing briefs and conducting questioning at hearings.

In addition to the clinic’s well-rounded education, its location in Cleveland is a bonus, Cuic said.

“It’s the ideal place for an immigration clinic,” he explained, “because we have one of the nation’s regional immigration courts and a continuing flow of new immigrants from all over the world.”

The hands-on experience often leads students to post-graduation success, with students going on to careers as immigration court clerks, trial and appellate attorneys, and immigration attorneys at nonprofit organizations and law firms (see sidebar).

High stakes—and expectations

Alexa Stovsky (LAW ’23) came to law school with the goal of becoming an immigration attorney. So when she started her final year of law school, she enrolled in the clinic’s seminar, in which she was assigned a number of asylum cases.

One of her clients, a woman from Jordan, was rejected and endangered

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—Alexa Stovsky (LAW ’23)



by her conservative Muslim family for her sexuality. She came to the U.S. in 2016, hoping for a path to citizenship, but it wasn’t until last summer that she approached the Immigration Law Clinic for help.

Stovsky, who was assigned to her case, understood the stakes. “It’s actually life or death for them,” she said.

After many months of hard work, Stovsky’s client was granted asylum, and now—seven years since she arrived in the U.S.—clinic students

have begun working to secure her green card, which will give her permanent residency.

Immigration law can seem contradictory in nature—simultaneously fast-paced with proceedings that can drag on for years. Asylum cases are notoriously difficult, often taking months or years to resolve, and not always with affirmative results. Learning to set expectations—their own and those of their clients—was a key takeaway for clinic students last year.

“I am constantly surprised with how inadequate our system is in the U.S.” said Stovsky, “and how many barriers there are for migrants to obtain legal status here.”

One case in particular demonstrates the long, winding path some clients take to become citizens. A woman who came to the U.S. illegally from Belize in 1994 applied for asylum in a San Diego immigration court many years ago. Instead of being granted asylum, however, her case was closed in 2016, with deportation proceedings pending.

In 2022, she was living in Cleveland and, still wanting to become a lawful permanent resident, found her way to CWRU’s Immigration Law Clinic. She asked that her case, which had been inactive for nearly 10 years, be reopened. This would put her on a legal path to citizenship based on “Parole in Place,” a program that would allow her to stay in the country because of a family member’s U.S. military service.

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Alexa Stovsky

Gifts for growth

Since 2017, the Immigration Law Clinic has relied on funding from a state grant and general funds, allowing for moderate but limited growth.

Until this year, when Case Western Reserve University School of Law received two gifts to ensure its future.

Austin Fragomen (LAW '68) has a long and storied history at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. As a law student, he founded *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*, now in its 55th year of publication. He also was known for providing many hours of pro bono services, for which he received the Jacob Hecht Award upon graduation.



Austin Fragomen

“The clinic’s work in providing legal services to the migrant community will advance our lifelong commitment and passion of developing excellent lawyers to support this community.”

—Austin Fragomen

Fragomen went on to lead the world’s largest immigration law firm. He also authored a treatise and books on business immigration law; served as an adjunct professor of law at New York University School of Law; and was the chairman of the City Bar Justice Center in New York.

But he never forgot his alma mater. Last spring, the accomplished alumni leader sealed his legacy at the school with a \$1 million gift from him and his wife, Gwendolyn Robosson Fragomen. Their commitment established the Austin Fragomen Distinguished Practitioner in the school’s Immigration Law Clinic—a position that aims to greatly enhance the capacity and reach of one of the law school’s most impactful clinics.

Margaret W. Wong, a Cleveland-area immigration attorney, has similar goals. For nearly 50 years at her successful immigration law firm, she has assisted thousands of people—whether they’re asylum seekers



Margaret Wong

“As a proud mother of two immigration attorneys, Allison Chan and Steven Chan (LAW '10), I know firsthand that an education is an investment, and endowment support is one of the most meaningful ways to help the students and the law school achieve success.”

—Margaret Wong

wishing to become permanent U.S. citizens or students pursuing careers in immigration law.

To demonstrate her commitment to educating the next generation of immigration attorneys, Wong recently made a \$100,000 gift to the CWRU School of Law to establish the Margaret W. Wong Immigration Endowed Scholarship, which will provide funds for students working at the Immigration Law Clinic.

Cuic said both investments will enable the clinic to continue growing, benefiting both students and clients.

“The local immigrant community is greatly in need of legal representation, and this will allow us to expand our reach on who we can help,” Cuic said. “The students will now be given opportunities that could not have been done without their generosity.”



That fall, clinic students filed a Freedom of Information Act request with a federal immigration office for her records. But by the end of the semester, the case was still ongoing. So, a new team of students, including **Sydney Warinner (LAW '23)**, picked up the case in the spring.

Warinner helped prepare a request to the ICE office for both sides to file a joint motion with the Immigration Court to terminate the client's case. By ending her deportation proceedings, they explained in the request, their client could become eligible for Parole in Place.

"Warinner and the team really prepared a persuasive request to the ICE prosecutor's office," said Cuic. "So persuasive that ICE agreed to join in our motion on their last day of the spring semester, actually."

He added: "It was a nice send-off for the students' law school careers."

Striking a balance

While the work of immigration law can be fairly technical, many of the cases are emotionally charged with stories of tragedy and trauma. Take, for example, the circumstances of a young man from the conflict-plagued Tigray region of Ethiopia who arrived in the U.S. last year to pursue a college degree. Shortly after arriving, he received a call from home: His father—a member of a coalition that fights for the rights of ethnic minorities—was believed to have been murdered by members of the government. Making a devastating situation worse, his mother and sibling had been

CWRU School of Law's Immigration Law Clinic:

7
years and running

120
clients

50
students

10
**individuals
granted asylum**

kidnapped, and no one knew their whereabouts.

Essentially orphaned, with no contact with his family, the young man was connected by a friend with the Immigration Law Clinic, where Warinner helped file his application for asylum.

"Working on asylum cases is challenging," Warinner explained, noting that they are the most intense aspects of immigration law because they require extensive research, writing and interviews.

The grievous nature of these circumstances only magnify their intensity, she said. "They are both intellectually and emotionally challenging."

But talking through the matter as a team, and with Cuic's guidance, helped Warinner balance the work with her emotions—and the client's expectations.

"To be honest, it is emotionally draining," agreed Stovksy, who said she makes it a point to build mental health breaks into her schedule to allow her time for doing the things she loves.

"I have found that it is important to maintain some emotional separation between my immigration work and the rest of my life so that it is not all-consuming," Stovksy added.

Javorsky, who graduates in December, emphasized the importance of importance of setting personal boundaries when such empathy is required. "Our clients have unfortunately suffered terrible circumstances," he said, "[but] our job as attorneys requires us to keep a clear perspective of how to gather necessary information from

the client while supporting them through the legal process.”

Applying practice... to practice

Gaining real-world experience is what Case Western Reserve’s 10 law clinics are all about. Each clinic gives students the chance to work with real clients and consequences in a court setting—and prepares them for law careers, whether in immigration law or another specialty.

Stovsky, who began her new role as an associate attorney at Cleveland’s Brown Immigration Law this summer, said the clinic helped her feel ready for what came next. She added that working with clients from all over the world allowed her to develop a rich cultural competence that she uses on the job, even today.

For Warinner, who started as an attorney at the Central Office of the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D.C., this summer, the benefit of the clinic was the real-world application. “We could apply what we have learned in law school to real cases,” she explained. “The experience with client interaction and managing a heavy caseload greatly improved my confidence as a new attorney entering the profession.”

Cuic said the clinic essentially has two goals: “to provide clients with skilled representation and give students the tools they’ll need to be successful attorneys.

“Going forward,” he added, “that is what we will continue to strive to do.”

From clinic to career

Since its establishment in 2017, graduates of the Immigration Law Clinic have gone on to careers in immigration law. Here is where some of them landed.

Seth Garfinkel (LAW ’17), attorney advisor, U.S. Executive Office Immigration Review in Denver

Rachel Hehr (LAW ’17), immigration attorney, The Law Offices of George P. Mann & Associates P.C. in Farmington Hills, Michigan

Rohmah Javed (LAW ’17), supervising immigration attorney, Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York in Buffalo

Maya Lugasy (LAW ’18), associate at Brown Immigration Law in Cleveland

Katelyn Masetta-Alvarez (LAW ’18), immigration law appeals attorney, Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Katerina Voronova (LAW ’18), attorney, YWCA Immigrant and Refugee Services of Greater Harrisburg in Pennsylvania

Shelby Wade (LAW ’18), attorney advisor, U.S. Department of Justice in Arlington, Virginia

Lindsay Cook (LAW ’18), asylum officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Newark, New Jersey

Amelia Wester (LAW ’19), attorney, Blake Immigration Law in Alexandria, Virginia

James Nichols (LAW ’19), immigration attorney, Catholic Charities in Cleveland

Mariya Howykowycz (LAW ’19), attorney, Howykowycz Immigration Law in Cleveland

Giancarlo Lisciani (LAW ’20), business immigration attorney, Colombo and Hurd in Miami

Meghan Lunders (LAW ’20), judicial law clerk, Tacoma Immigration Court in Washington

Karla Gil (LAW ’20), immigration attorney, Berry, Appleman and Leiden in Dallas

Courtney Koski (LAW ’21), immigration attorney, Costas Network Law Center in Cleveland

Kristen Connors (LAW ’21), immigration attorney, Montroll, Ottinger and Barquist in Burlington, Vermont

Charlee Thomas (LAW ’21), immigration attorney, Lepore, Taylor and Fox in Paramus, New Jersey

Asako Ejima (LAW ’21), immigration attorney, Law Office of Amie D. Miller in San Francisco

Tommy Messner (LAW ’21), attorney, Brown Immigration Law in Cleveland

Amy Rubenstein (LAW ’22), immigration attorney, Novo Legal Group in Denver

Adrian Corona (LAW ’23), immigration attorney, Sus Abogados Latinos in Painesville, Ohio

Alexa Stovsky (LAW ’23), associate attorney, Brown Immigration Law in Cleveland

Our international law faculty

More than three dozen faculty teach courses related to international law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. These experts—many of whom published articles or won awards in the past year—help prepare aspiring lawyers through instruction and specialized courses that give them an edge over their graduating peers.



Michael Scharf
Co-Dean, Case Western Reserve University School of Law;
Joseph C. Hostetler-Baker Hostetler Professor of Law

Formerly attorney

adviser for United Nations Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, 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 among the most-cited international law professors in the United States, according to a recent Sisk study. Scharf was selected for life membership in the Council on Foreign Relations in 2019, to the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law in 2021 and as president of the American Branch of the International Law Association in 2022.

Scharf teaches Fundamentals of International Law, leads the *Case Western Reserve University Journal of International Law* seminar and coaches the Jessup Moot Court team. Over the last year, Scharf received two awards: Denver University's Cox Price International Human Rights Award, which honors extraordinary contributions in the field of human rights, and the Association Internationale De Droit Pénal 2022 Book of the Year Award for *The Syrian Conflict's Impact on International Law* (Cambridge University Press). He also co-published "Power Shift: The Return of the Uniting for Peace Resolution" in *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* and "Bridging the Divide Between the ICC and UN Security Council" in *Georgetown Journal of International Law*.



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

Petras practiced

international business transactions as a partner in the Business Practice Group of BakerHostetler LLP, where he led the International Industry Team from 1998 to 2012, and retired in 2018. He has served as president of the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group, chair of the International Section of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, chair of the Board of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, vice chair of the World Affairs Councils of America and president of the Cleveland World Trade Association. Today, he teaches International Business Transactions, is vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of the Great Lakes Region and is a director of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. He also serves as a director of several private companies.



Juscelino Filgueiras Colares
Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Business Law and Professor of Political Science; Co-Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center

Before joining the CWRU faculty, Colares clerked for Jean-Louis Debré, chief justice of France's Constitutional Court, and practiced at Dewey Ballantine LLP in Washington, D.C., where he litigated trade cases before federal agencies, federal courts and NAFTA panels. Colares has served as chair of the University Faculty Senate and associate dean for Global Legal Studies. A native of Brazil and naturalized citizen of the United

States, Colares has been serving in the U.S. Roster of North American Free Trade Agreement (Chapter Nineteen) Panelists since 2013 and the U.S. Roster of United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement Panelists since 2021.

Colares teaches Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Federal Courts, Trade Law and International Business Transactions. For the last eight years, he has organized a series of Trade Law Fall Updates, practitioner-oriented gatherings of leading trade lawyers, federal judges and trade agency officials. The winner of CWRU School of Law's 2018 Faculty Research Award, Colares is the author of more than 35 articles and book chapters, as well as a book, *Restructuring Trade Agreements* (Wolters Kluwer, 2021).



Stephen Anway
Adjunct Professor of Law

Anway is a partner and global co-chair of the Squire Patton Boggs's world-ranked International Dispute

Resolution Practice Group, which *Law360* recently named International Arbitration Group of the Year. In that role, he leads a team of more than 150 lawyers across 25 offices in North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific. Anway acts as lead counsel and as an arbitrator in international arbitrations. He has represented the winning party in many of the largest international arbitrations in the world over the past 20 years. In 2022, *Law360* ranked him as one of the top five MVPs in international arbitration in the world. He has worked in more than 40 countries and represented clients in some 125 international commercial and investment treaty arbitrations. At the School of Law, Anway teaches International Arbitration.



Anat Alon-Beck
Associate Professor of Law

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

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



Michael Benza
(WRC '86, LAW '92)
Professor of Practice, Associate Director of the Institute for Financial Integrity

An expert in criminal law who has argued

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



David Carney
(LAW '05)
Adjunct Professor

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

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Eric C. Chaffee
Professor of Law; Peter M. Gerhart Distinguished Research Scholar; Associate Director, Center for Business Law

Formerly an attorney

at Jones Day, Chaffee now writes about comparative and transnational securities regulation and will be publishing a casebook on the topic next year. He has taught at University of Silesia in Poland and University of Szeged in Hungary. He speaks regularly about comparative and international law issues and has lectured at institutions throughout Europe, China and Canada. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He has chaired the Section on Scholarship as well as the Section on Securities Regulation of the American Association of Law Schools.



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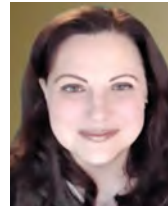
as senior counsel in Human Rights First's U.S. Law and Security Program and now teaches International Law and International Human Rights Law at Case Western Reserve University. Recently, Cover oversaw students' filing of special procedures complaints with the United Nations' Human Rights Council concerning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



Aleksandar Cuic
Adjunct Professor of Law and Director of the Immigration Law Clinic

Cuic is a partner at Robert Brown LLC, where he oversees the firm's litigation practice

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Shannon E. French, PhD
Inamori Professor of Ethics, Professor of Philosophy and Law, and Director of the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence

French taught in the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, before joining CWRU's faculty 2008. Here, she teaches War and Morality, based upon her primary expertise in military ethics. This year, French was appointed senior research fellow at the Simon Center for Ethical Leadership and Interagency Cooperation and was re-appointed as the General Hugh Shelton Distinguished Chair in Ethics for the Command and General Staff College Foundation. She also published "War and Technology: Should Data Decide Who Lives, Who Dies?" in *Ethics in the AI, Technology, and Information Age* and the third edition of *The Code of the Warrior: Exploring Warrior Values, Past and Present*, which features a foreword by the late Sen. John McCain.



Jonathan Gordon
Professor of Law and
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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 teaches Professional Responsibility, the first-year and advanced SJD seminars, and several courses in the joint program with Southwest University of Political Science and Law. He has served as co-chair of the Legal Writing Institute's Global Legal Writing Skills Committee and on various other committees concerned with international legal education. Gordon has presented at numerous national and international conferences, was recently admitted into the School of Law's Society of Benchers and was recognized as the Law Alumni Association's 2021 Distinguished Teacher.



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Gran's research concentrates on human rights, specifically those of children,

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James C. Johnson
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Johnson has been the chief prosecutor of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone since 2019. Prior to that, he served as chief of prosecutions for the Special Court for Sierra Leone, supervising multiple trial teams, including the team that prosecuted former Liberian president Charles Taylor. At the School of Law, Johnson teaches International Law Research Lab, Human Rights, National Security Law and International Criminal Law. Students under his supervision prepare research memoranda for international criminal tribunals and organizations. Johnson also serves as the advisor for the Yemen Accountability Project and organizes the annual International Humanitarian Law Roundtable in Chautauqua, New York, which is co-hosted by the Cox Center.



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

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Liston returned to CWRU after serving as assistant general counsel at INTERPOL

Washington, D.C., in the U.S. Department of Justice, where she worked to bring the world's most-wanted fugitives to justice. She was also a litigation associate at Frantz Ward, a law firm in Cleveland. Liston is a member of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Young Professionals Advisory Committee and teaches U.S. Legal Writing and Foreign Graduate Seminar to LLM students.



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Lesser Mansfield teaches Holocaust and the Law, is a frequent lecturer on the Holocaust and is a

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Stacy Cozart Martin
Adjunct Professor of Law

Cozart Martin teaches Immigration Law and Immigration Law II: Business Immigration Law. She is a partner at

MJB Immigration in Independence, Ohio, where she has focused her practice on business and family-based immigration since 2000. Ohio Super Lawyers magazine named her a Rising Star annually from 2006 to 2013 and she has a “Superb 10.0” rating from Avvo. Cozart Martin served as president of the Ohio Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association from 2015 to 2017 and as an Ohio Supreme Court Mentor since 2009. She was selected by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2016–2023 in the field of immigration law.



Kathryn Mercer, PhD
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Professor of Law

Mercer is a frequent lecturer at international conferences and has

taught in China at CWRU’s various partner schools. She teaches Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation Representation and Vis International Arbitration Practicum. Mercer coaches the law school’s award-winning Vis International Arbitration Moot Court team and teaches in the joint LLM Program in China. Her recent lectures have focused on immigration and child welfare.



James Moroney
Adjunct Professor of Law

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

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



Dale A. Nance
Albert J. Weatherhead III and Richard W. Weatherhead Professor of Law

Nance teaches Conflict of Laws and Law of Archeological Artifacts

at the School of Law. Much of his scholarship focuses on evidence law. In the wake of the publication of his book, *The Burdens of Proof: Discriminatory Power, Weight of Evidence, and Tenacity of Belief*, Nance applied his theory to unsolved problems in private international law. He explored these themes further in “Choice of Law for Burdens of Proof” in *North Carolina Journal of International Law* in 2021, as well as in “Burdens of Proof and Choice of Law” in *Evidential Legal Reasoning: Crossing Civil Law and Common Law Traditions* in 2023.



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Sarah Okuh (LAW '10)
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Okuh is the managing attorney for the removal department at MJB Immigration. Her practice includes

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both the Immigration Law Clinic and the Asylum and Refugee Law courses at Case Western Reserve.



**Steven Paille
(LAW '13)**
*Program Director,
Canada-United States
Law Institute*

Paille works at Charles Schwab, leading compliance

risk assessments that encompass all business lines and inclusive of the firm's international entities. He previously worked in people advisory services and assurance services at Ernst & Young. Paille is a member of the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group, Council of the Great Lakes Region, and World Affairs Council of Hilton Head (South Carolina). He is a contributor to the Wilson Center's Canada Institute and a mentor for Hire Heroes USA. Paille teaches *Canada-United States Law Journal* and Independent Study at Case Western Reserve.



**Douglas Pilawa
(LAW '19)**
*Adjunct Professor
of Law*

After several years working in global supply chain and

marketing and sales at a Fortune 500 company, 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 a coach for CWRU's Vis International Arbitration Moot Court team and teaches International Arbitration.



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*Adjunct Professor of
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Institute*

Parran is an assistant

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



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

Prior to joining the

CWRU faculty in 2007, Burke Robertson clerked for the Texas Supreme Court and served as assistant solicitor general in the Office of the Texas Attorney General. She now teaches Transnational Litigation for the School of Law. Her scholarship on citizenship, due process and transnational litigation has appeared in numerous journals, including *Columbia Law Review*, *NYU Law Review* and *Vanderbilt Law Review*. This year, she published "Adopting Nationality" in *Washington Law Review* and "Integral Citizenship" in *Texas Law Review*. She also published "The United States

Experience," a chapter in *Research Handbook on Extraterritoriality in International Law*. Burke Robertson recently was reappointed as one of Ohio's representatives to the Uniform Law Commission and was appointed vice chair of its study committee on the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (also known as the Singapore Convention).



Rumu Sarkar, PhD
*Adjunct Professor
of Law*

Sarkar teaches International Development Law and is a consultant on the topic. She was formerly

the general counsel and chief risk officer of the Global Innovation Fund, a social impact investment NGO headquartered in London. She was also the general counsel to Millennium Partners, an international development consulting group. She has served as the general counsel for the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission; general counsel for the Overseas Basing Commission; assistant general counsel for administrative affairs for the Overseas Private Investment Corp.; and staff attorney with the Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Agency for International Development. She has widely published legal texts and law reviews, and will lead an international development law lab next summer.



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

Simek is a clinical law professor and oversees the Human Trafficking Clinic,

which is 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

Stransky joined CWRU School of Law in 2018 and teaches Foreign Affairs and National Security Law. He is a partner and vice chair of the Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice Group at Thompson Hine LLP. Stransky previously served for more than 10 years in the federal government, including at the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In addition, Stransky served on the President’s National Security Council, where he provided legal and policy advice to White House officials on developing and coordinating policies and programs with respect to homeland security, counterterrorism and cybersecurity.



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

Turner teaches Contract Law and Scholarly Legal Writing to LLM students, as well as 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 law professionals.



Rachel Wolbers (LAW '12)
Adjunct Professor and Advisor to the Journal of Law, Technology & the Internet

Wolbers is head of global engagement at Meta’s Oversight Board. Prior to that, Wolbers worked at the Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration as the subject matter expert on international internet policy. She has also worked as the policy director at Engine Advocacy and as counsel for a congressman on the House Judiciary Committee. As a student



Dean Michael Scharf (right) received the Association Internationale De Droit Pénal 2022 Book of the Year Award last year.

at CWRU School of Law, 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*. This year, she was awarded the Fulbright New Zealand Ian Axford Fellowship in Public Policy researching the “Next Steps to the Christchurch Call to Action: Creating Multi Stakeholder Institutions for Regulating Social Media.”



Jessica Wolfendale, PhD
Professor of Philosophy and Law

Originally from Australia, Wolfendale joined the philosophy department at Case Western Reserve University in 2022 with a secondary appointment at the School of Law, where she teaches courses on torture, terrorism and the laws of war. This year, Wolfendale co-published “Drone Warfare, Civilian Deaths, and the Narrative of Honest Mistakes” in *Honest Error? – Combat Decision Autonomy 75 Years after the Hostage Case*.



Andrew A. Zashin (LAW '93)
Adjunct Professor of Law

Zashin is co-managing partner of Zashin & Rich, where he practices family and international family law. He has published several academic articles in law journals, lectures widely and has earned numerous awards. Zashin is ranked among the top family law attorneys in Cleveland, has been rated as a Super Lawyer and consistently makes the list of Top 100 Lawyers in Ohio. Worth Magazine has named Zashin one of the Top 100 Lawyers in America. He has practiced at every level of court in Ohio as well as in federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court where, in 2022, he won a case concerning the Hague Convention on Child Abduction. In the past year, he has served as an expert witness regarding children traveling internationally, a topic about which he has also been quoted in *The New York Times*. For nearly two decades, Zashin has taught every family law offering at the School of Law, including Advanced and International Family Law.

Where in the world?

Alumni take their places on the global stage of international law

Throughout the world, alumni from Case Western Reserve University School of Law employ their expertise at government and nongovernmental agencies, international organizations, corporations and law firms, and serve as mentors for students in the field. Several of our alumni (indicated by an asterisk) obtained their positions after studying abroad at our partner schools in Paris, Madrid and London in their third year while obtaining an LLM at the same time as they earned their CWRU JD. Read on to see where our students have landed.

Government and international organizations

- **Stephen Petras (LAW '79)**, chairman, Board of Directors of the Council of the Great Lakes Region and director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Cleveland)
- **Anne Simon (LAW '83)**, senior advisor, Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State (Falls Church, Virginia)
- **Mohamed Chambas (LAW '84)**, high representative, Silencing the Guns, African Union, (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)
- **Capricia Marshall (LAW '90)**, ambassador-in-residence, Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, (Washington, D.C.)
- **Francois-Philippe Champagne (LAW '94)**, minister of innovation, Science and Industry (Ottawa, Ontario)
- **Ahran Kang McCloskey (LAW '05)**, attorney advisor, Office of the Legal Advisor, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.)
- **Chelan Bliss (LAW '07)**, senior foreign service officer, U.S. Department of State (Washington, D.C.)



Ahran Kang at the Harry S. Truman Federal Building, Washington, D.C.

- **Reid Swayze (LAW '07)**, chief, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service (Washington, D.C.)
- **Kelly Schmidt (LAW '08)**, legal officer, United Nations Business Transformation and Accountability Unit (New York)
- **Robert Kayinamura (LAW '11)**, deputy permanent representative, Republic of Rwanda to the United Nations (New York)
- **Caitlin Warner (LAW '13)**, chief counsel, U.S. Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (Washington, D.C.)

Human rights law

- **Swithin Munyantwali (LAW '92)**, executive director and co-founder, International Law Institute - Africa Center for Legal Excellence (Pretoria, South Africa)
- **Chris Rassi (LAW '03)**, chief of staff and director, Office of Secretary General, International Federation of the Red Cross (Geneva)
- **Andres Perez (LAW '04)**, legal advisor, Rule of Law and Democracy Section for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva)



Andres Perez in Libya

- **Zach Lampell (LAW '08)**, senior legal advisor, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (Washington, D.C.)
- **Margaux Day (LAW '09)**, policy director, Accountability Counsel (Washington, D.C.)
- **Niki Dasarathy (LAW '09)**, program director and deputy director, East-West Management Institute (Washington, D.C.)
- **Kimberly Brown (LAW '12)**, foreign service officer, Crisis, Stabilization and Governance, USAID (Washington, D.C.)



Rachel Wolbers (right), Fulbright Scholar and head of global engagement at Oversight Board Administration for Meta, with former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ahern (left)

- **Rachel Wolbers (LAW '12)**, public policy manager, Meta Oversight Board (Washington, D.C.)
- **Eva Saulnier (LAW '20)***, international family law associate, Zashin & Rich (Cleveland)
- **Kristina Aiad-Toss (LAW '21)**, associate attorney, Human Trafficking, Babin Law (Columbus, Ohio)
- **Mackenzie Kern (LAW '22)***, junior consultant, Ardea International (London)

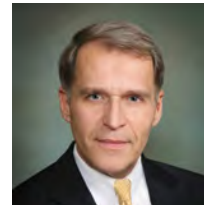
Immigration law

- **Austin Fragomen (LAW '68)**, founder, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernstein & Lowry LLP (New York)
- **Lisa Scott (LAW '86)**, founder, Scott Global Migration Law Group (Chicago)
- **Diego Archer (LAW '02)**, client services manager, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernstein & Lowry LLP (Dallas)
- **Joseph Edlow (LAW '07)**, founder, The Edlow Group (Washington, D.C.)
- **Rachel Berman-Vaporis (LAW '14)**, trial attorney, Office of Immigration Litigation - Appellate Section, Civil Division, Department of Justice (Washington, D.C.)
- **Seth Garfinkel (LAW '17)**, attorney advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Denver Immigration Court (Denver)
- **Rachel Lehr (LAW '17)**, immigration attorney, George Mann & Associates (Michigan)
- **Malea Hetrick (LAW '17)**, attorney advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Cleveland Immigration Court (Cleveland)
- **Rohmah Javed (LAW '17)**, managing attorney, Prisoners' Legal Services of New York (Albany, New York)
- **Aliza Corinne Lopes-Baker (LAW '17)**, attorney advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Cleveland Immigration Court (Cleveland)
- **Lindsay Cook (LAW '18)**, asylum officer, USCIS Newark Asylum Office (New Jersey)
- **Maya Lugasy (LAW '18)**, associate, Brown Immigration Law (Cleveland)
- **Kate Masetta-Alvarez (LAW '18)**, appeals attorney, Department of Justice Immigration Law (Washington, D.C.)
- **Katerina Voronova (LAW '18)**, attorney, YWCA Immigrant and Refugee Services of Greater Harrisburg (Pennsylvania)
- **Shelvy Wade (LAW '18)**, attorney advisor, Arlington Immigration Court (Virginia)
- **Mariya Howykowycz (LAW '19)**, attorney, Howykowycz Immigration Law (New York)
- **James Nichols (LAW '19)**, immigration attorney, Catholic Charities (Cleveland)
- **Amelia Wester (LAW '19)**, associate immigration attorney, Blake Immigration Law PLLC (Alexandria, Virginia)
- **Karla Gil (LAW '20)**, immigration attorney, Berry, Appleman & Leiden (Dallas)
- **Giancarlo Lisciani (LAW '20)**, business immigration attorney, Colombo & Hurd (Miami)
- **Meghan Lunders (LAW '20)**, judicial law clerk, Tacoma Immigration Court (Washington)
- **Kristen Connors (LAW '21)**, immigration attorney, Montroll Ottinger & Barquist (Burlington, Vermont)
- **Asako Ejima (LAW '21)**, immigration attorney, Law Office of Amie D. Miller (San Francisco)
- **Courtney Koski (LAW '21)**, immigration attorney, Costas Network Law Center (Cleveland)
- **Tommy Messner (LAW '21)**, attorney, Brown Immigration Law (Cleveland)
- **Charlee Thomas (LAW '21)**, immigration attorney, Lepore, Taylor & Fox (Paramus, New Jersey)
- **Amy Rubenstein (LAW '22)**, immigration attorney, Novo Legal Group (Denver)
- **Adrian Corona (LAW '23)**, immigration attorney, Sus Abogados Latinos (Painesville, Ohio)
- **Alexa Stovsky (LAW '23)**, immigration attorney, Costas Network Law Center (Cleveland)

National security law

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

- **Kevin Nealer (LAW '78)**, principal, The Scowcroft Group (Washington, D.C.)



Kevin Nealer

- **Janet Donovan (LAW '83)**, former admiral and head of Navy Reserve JAG Corps (Washington, D.C.)
- **Robert Altneu (LAW '91)**, director, U.S. Customs Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)
- **Ted Fowles (LAW '00)**, chief trial judge, U.S. Coast Guard (Washington, D.C.)
- **Rick Batson (LAW '02)**, rear admiral and chief of staff, Coast Guard Mid-Atlantic Region (Norfolk, Virginia)
- **Keith Petty (LAW '02)**, executive officer and chief, Tort Claims Division, U.S. Army Claims Service, U.S. Army JAG Corps (Fort Meade, Maryland)
- **Katharine Quaglieri (LAW '11)**, counsel, U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics; former Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (Washington, D.C.)
- **Ted Parran (LAW '13)**, assistant chief counsel, Department of Homeland Security (Cleveland)
- **Hyder Syed (LAW '13)**, assistant general counsel, INTERPOL (Lyon, France)
- **Jazmine Edwards (LAW '21)**, attorney advisor, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)
- **Amanda Makhoul (LAW '21)**, Attorney-Advisor, DHS U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)
- **Laura Graham (LAW '21)**, Assistant General Counsel, FBI National Security and Cyber Law Branch (Washington, D.C.)
- **David Krawiec (LAW '21)**, attorney advisor, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)

Where in the world? continued

- **Kathryn Meyer (LAW '22)**, attorney advisor, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Rules and Regulations (Washington, D.C.)

International business and trade law

- **Ritchie Thomas (LAW '64)**, international trade counsel, Squire Patton Boggs (Washington, D.C.)
- **Rick Newcomb (LAW '73)**, partner and chair, DLA Piper International Practice Section (Washington, D.C.)
- **Laura Quatela (LAW '82)**, senior vice president and chief legal officer, Lenovo Group (Morrisville, North Carolina)
- **Michelle (Ya-Ling) Gon (LAW '85)**, partner and international business law specialist, Han Kun Law Offices (Shanghai)
- **William Hayes (LAW '88)**, general counsel, The News Movement (London)
- **Nicole Nason (LAW '95)**, vice president, Federal Affairs at Boeing Co., former assistant secretary of state, Administration (Washington, D.C.)
- **Michele Connell (LAW '03)**, global managing partner, Squire Patton Boggs (Cleveland)
- **Ashley Lee (LAW '11)**, international trade counsel, Coca-Cola Co. (Atlanta)
- **Heather N. Ludwig (LAW '11)**, director of International Trade Compliance Counsel, Nidec Motor Corp.; former attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce (St. Louis)
- **Luke Tillman (LAW '11)**, customs and international trade lawyer, Steptoe and Johnson; former counsel, U.S. Trade Commission (Washington, D.C.)
- **Thomas Au (LAW '13)**, assistant general counsel, Office of U.S. Trade Representative (Washington, D.C.)

- **Zack Walker (LAW '13)**, partner and international trade lawyer, Picard Kentz & Rowe LLP (Washington, D.C.)
- **Tyler Kimberly (LAW '15)**, associate, Blank Rome LLP; former associate, McDermott Will & Emery LLP in the international trade practice group (Washington, D.C.)
- **Gabrielle Feuer (LAW '16)**, assistant general counsel, TransDigm Group Inc. (Cleveland)
- **Brendan Saslow (LAW '16)**, associate at Blank Rome LLP; former litigation attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Commerce (Washington, D.C.);
- **Alison Epperson (LAW '18)**, managing associate, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (New York)
- **Teresa Azzam (LAW '20)***, litigation associate, Miles & Stockbridge P.C.; former international arbitration associate, Squire Patton Boggs (Dubai)
- **Alex Lilly (LAW '19)**, international arbitration associate, Orrick (New York)
- **Douglas Pilawa (LAW '19)***, international dispute resolution associate, Squire Patton Boggs (Cleveland)
- **Garo Yaghsejian (LAW '19)***, U.S. associate, Clifford Chance; former associate, Kramer, Levin, Naftalis & Frankel (Paris)
- **Katherine Dobscha (LAW '20)**, associate - customs, Grunfeld Desiderio Lebowitz Silverman & Klestadt LLP (New York)
- **Lauryn B. Durham (LAW '21)**, international dispute resolution associate, Squire Patton Boggs (Cleveland)
- **Christina Luo (LAW '21)**, international dispute resolution associate, Squire Patton Boggs (Cleveland)

International law judges

- **Phil Hadji (LAW '12)**, judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims. (Washington, D.C.)
- **Jennifer Peyton (LAW '98)**, assistant chief immigration court judge (Chicago)



Philip Hadji, United States Capitol Building

- **Jennifer Riedthaler Williams (LAW '01)**, immigration court judge (Cleveland)
- **Duncan Gaswaga (LAW '13)**, judge, Uganda High Court International Crimes Chamber (Lira, Uganda)

International law professors (full time)

- **Ken Davis (LAW '74)**, University of Wisconsin Law School (Madison, Wisconsin)
- **Katy Mercer (LAW '83)**, Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Cleveland)
- **Amos Guiora (LAW '85)**, University of Utah College of Law (Salt Lake City)
- **Charles Norchi (LAW '86)**, University of Maine School of Law (Orono, Maine)
- **Mary-Beth Moylan (LAW '94)**, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law (Sacramento, California)
- **Chip Carter (LAW '98)**, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (Pittsburgh)
- **Hallie Ludsin (LAW '98)**, Emory Law School (Atlanta)
- **Bryan Mercurio (LAW '00)**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
- **Jack Turner (LAW '02)**, Case Western Reserve University School of Law (Cleveland)
- **Rafael Dean Brown (LAW '02)**, Qatar University College of Law (Doha, Qatar)
- **Greg McNeal (LAW '06)**, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (Pepperdine, California)

Graduated, with honor

Sydney Warinner recognized as *National Jurist's* Law Student of the Year

Sydney Warinner (LAW '23) was “very surprised” to learn she had been selected as a Law Student of the Year by *National Jurist*, a leading news platform for legal education.

“At both Case Western Reserve University and other law schools,” Warinner said, “countless students have made a profound, positive impact on the law school and surrounding community.”

But to everyone who knows her, it was obvious she was more than qualified.

“In the history of our law school, very few students have ever accomplished as much or made such a significant impact as Sydney Warinner,” wrote **Jessica Berg** and **Michael Scharf**, deans of the School of Law, when they nominated her for the award.

Indeed, her academic record is dense with impressive accomplishments.



Sydney Warinner

Fellow for the Disability Rights Division of Human Rights Watch in New York City.

Desiring to continue her work in public interest law, Warinner recently accepted a permanent position in Washington, D.C., through the Department of Justice’s Attorney General’s Honors Program to be an attorney in the Central Office of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, where she worked last summer.

“For me, it is a dream job and the culmination of an extraordinary legal education,” she said. “I may have the opportunity to be involved in the implementation piece of the human rights work to which I have dedicated much of my time and study.”

Her advice to incoming law students?

“Seize any opportunity that interests you, but make sure to prioritize your health and wellbeing in the process,” Warinner said. Although the School of Law is flush with opportunities to help law students grow their skills, she noted, “there is something very valuable about the ability to recognize when you have met your capacity. Reserve some time and energy to take care of yourself.”

“Seize any opportunity that interests you, but make sure to prioritize your health and wellbeing in the process. [...] There is something very valuable about the ability to recognize when you have met your capacity.”

—Sydney Warinner

Throughout her time at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Warinner has served as an editor for the school’s law review; executive director of the law school’s Yemen Accountability Project (see p. 6); captain of the Jessup Moot Court team (see p. 4); intern for the ACLU Immigrants Rights Project; a federal judicial extern at the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio; and a Klatsky

Fighting for human rights

Alum shares insights and wisdom from his international law career

While many of his law school peers were pursuing careers in corporate law, **Andres Perez (LAW '04)** felt called to a different path: international criminal law and human rights.

This is what led him to enroll at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he availed himself of every opportunity he could find, including including work in the War Crimes Research Lab, connections with mentors and finding grants that facilitated several internships. Collectively, these would form the springboard for Perez's successful career in international law.

Today, he is a legal adviser at the Rule of Law and Democracy Section for the United Nations (U.N.) Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva, where he is on the vanguard of the U.N.'s fight for the protection of human rights throughout the world.

In an interview with *Case Global*, Perez discussed his career journey, his most impactful contributions and advice for law students interested in a career like his own.

Tell us about a highlight of your career so far.

I spent more than five years as a legal adviser at the Judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Tanzania, serving on 13 cases. To find myself working on legal teams dealing with real cases in the courtroom was beyond my wildest dreams as a young lawyer.

My favorite memory is leading a team of six lawyers and 20 interns in drafting the 400-page judgment and sentence in *The Prosecutor v. Karemera, et al.*, a complex, multi-accused case against the highest-ranking civilian architects of the Rwandan genocide. It was the first judgment in the history of international criminal law to deliver a conviction for rape as a crime against humanity under extended liability for joint criminal enterprise.

What do you consider one of the most impactful contributions you have made to human rights?

Serving as a legal adviser for the United



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

Nations International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia—which investigated allegations of violations and abuses of international human rights, humanitarian and international refugee law in Ethiopia—was very challenging, but impactful. I led a team of investigators, open-source analysts and interpreters to develop the factual crime base from which legal conclusions could be drawn. I developed legal conclusions for the commissioners to consider, and I ended up drafting most of the report. In the end, our first report was largely credited with leveraging the Ethiopian government into a peace process.

Do you have any advice for our students who are interested in careers in public international law?

Choose what you love and go for it with everything you have. International law requires a lot of commitment to swim upstream and past many of your peers who are headed in the other direction. Flexibility is key because you are likely to receive the opportunity of a lifetime when you least expect it, with very little time to decide. It won't always be easy, so I have learned to never give up. Don't be afraid to take risks and try new things. It pays off to be a bit of a maverick.



Andres Perez (left) and Judge Dennis Byron, president of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (right) in 2008



Graduates honored for going above and beyond

In May, Case Western Reserve University School of Law students graduated with their degrees—and a small group earned extra recognition for their contributions to the international law program at a special ceremony at the law school.

Following remarks by 2003 alumna **Michele Connell** (pictured above, standing, center) the global managing partner of Squire Patton Boggs, the international law faculty presented eight outstanding student leaders with the 2023 Case Global Service Awards. Among the winners were the captains of the law school's three international law moot court teams, the editors of *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law*, *the War Crimes Prosecution Watch* newsletter and *Canada-U.S. Law Journal*; the executive director of the Yemen Accountability Project; and the president of the International Law Society.

Congratulations to this year's remarkable recipients:

Maryam Asser

Brooke Behrmann

Lucus Christensen

Gabriel Kaufman

Sergei Korotkov

Matthew Koutsky

Zach Tomi

Sydney Warinner



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WHAT MAKES US STAND OUT?

\$5.6 million: Size of our international law program endowment

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

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

#23: Most-cited international law journal (*Washington & Lee Law Journal Rankings*)

1: Jessup Moot Court World Championship

1: Nobel Peace Prize nomination of our program

