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While in law school, Douglas was the captain of the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court team, twice earning the best oralist awards at the international competition in Vienna, Austria. He also served as the Executive Articles Editor for the Journal of International Law. During his first summer, Douglas was a judicial extern at the U.S. Court of International Trade, and during his second summer, he was a summer associate at Squire Patten Boggs. During his third year, Douglas attended Université Paris-Dauphine as part of CWRU's concurrent degree program and received a Master 2 with honors in European and International Business Law. After graduating, Douglas joined Squire Patton Boggs, where he acts as counsel in both international commercial arbitrations and international investment treaty arbitrations around the world. He is fluent in French and often works in that language.

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“A”

ranking in 13 specialties

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Ranked in the top 15 in the nation for practical training. (*preLaw* magazine)

100+

Ten law clinics and 100+ externships provide every 3L student with a capstone.

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Nationally recognized moot court and mock trial teams

97.4%

of graduates employed or pursuing a graduate degree within 10 months (Class of 2024)

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43rd

for faculty scholarly impact (Sisk/Leiter Study)



International Law

BE READY TO TRAVEL 8,672 MILES FROM CAMPUS



We have placed 105 students in global internships and externships during the past five years, on five continents and in 41 countries. Very few schools can match our numbers. Our International Law Research Lab and three international law clinics complement our work in the field.

World Class

Our international law program holds a proud place — Ranked number 13 in *U.S. News & World Report* and in the A+ tier by *preLaw* magazine. Our globally renowned faculty, trend-setting curriculum, and plentiful opportunities for hands-on experience keep us solidly at the forefront of international legal education.

Save Your Euros

Our \$5 million Frederick K. Cox International Law Center endowment enables us to provide grants to more than 20 students every year for their international travel and living expenses. You're eligible for Cox grants for your first summer and your second summer, and during your third-year capstone. We want every graduate of our international law program to have hands-on experience in the field and do our utmost to make it possible.

Concurrent JD/LLM Degree

Concurrent degree programs with prestigious partner universities in London, Paris, and Madrid can elevate your third year of law school into a joint JD/LLM program—for the same tuition, and time investment, as your CWRU JD degree. An LLM is an invaluable asset in this area of law.

Take a Deep Dive

Our 35 international law professors teach an extensive array of international law courses, from International Trade to International Environmental Law, from International Business Law to Human Rights Law, and from International Arbitration to International Criminal Law. We offer International Law as a 1L elective. We have two international law journals and two international law clinics. And students who focus on international law may graduate with an international law concentration, a distinction that can open doors in this exciting field.

On the cover: Externships will take you (very) far—the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia is just one of many international opportunities available to you.



Hands-On Experience

Our recently endowed Immigration Clinic puts you on the legal team.

On any given day you may:

- > Interview clients seeking protection from persecution in their country of origin
- > Research human rights abuses in a foreign country
- > Write pre-hearing briefs on behalf of your client seeking refugee status
- > Cross-examine immigration experts
- > Deliver closing arguments at an asylum hearing



On Air

CWRU offers the only international law program with a radio voice. Our "Talking Foreign Policy" airs on Cleveland's NPR station, 89.7 FM and is available as a podcast. Recent topics: Is Taiwan at Risk?, Prosecuting Russian Environmental War Crimes in Ukraine, and Assessing Trump's Foreign Policy Changes.

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An invaluable alumni network at your fingertips

Our alumni work in 50 countries and include the former head of the United Nation's Africa Bureau, the first female head of the Judge Advocate General Corps, the Chief of Staff of the International Red Cross, the former Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, and the head of the world's largest immigration law firm.

Winning tradition

Our Jessup International Law Moot Court team is one of just a handful of U.S. teams to have won the world championship and world's best brief award. In 2022 and 2023, CWRU won the world's best speaker award -- the only team to have accomplished that feat two years in a row. And in 2024, the CWRU team won the U.S. regional rounds for the tenth time and went on to win the sixth best speaker award in the international rounds. Our International Criminal Court Moot Court team has won best speaker awards, best brief awards, and in 2021, 2023, and 2025 made it to the Americas' championship round, earning a berth in the international rounds in The Hague, where in 2025 they advanced to the Quarter Finals. And our Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team won the honorary mention award given to the top 20 oralists in Vienna in 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, and 2025.



Global reach

3L Capstone

Extern for a full semester, with full credit, for a human rights organization in Africa, Asia, or the Middle East—gritty work of critical importance. If a semester with legal teams at the United Nations, the International Criminal Court, the World Trade Organization, or INTERPOL may better align with your interests and career plans, we'll help you get that placement.

Far-reaching impact

We placed 105 students in global internships and externships during the last five years. Here are some of our recent placements:

- HONOLULU, HAWAII: Navy JAG
- MEXICO Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates
- EL SALVADOR International Partners in Mission
- COSTA RICA Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- PERU Ministry of Health, Office of Transparency & Defense of Human Rights
- ARGENTINA Center for Human Rights and the Environment
- SIERRA LEONE Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone
- GHANA Ministry of Justice
- UGANDA Refugee Law Project
- TANZANIA Residual Mechanism of International Criminal Tribunals
- SOUTH AFRICA AIDS and Rights Alliance for South Africa
- SOUTH AFRICA South African Legal Resources Council
- ENGLAND International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute
- FRANCE INTERPOL Office of Legal Affairs
- ISRAEL Clinic for Migrant Rights
- REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- GENEVA UN Human Rights Council
- GENEVA International Federation of the Red Cross
- GENEVA World Intellectual Property Organization
- ITALY Spheriens
- LEBANON UN Special Tribunal for Lebanon
- JORDAN Center for Defending Freedom of Journalists
- DUBAI, UAE Squire Patton Boggs
- PAKISTAN Society for the Protection and Rights of the Child
- CHINA International Bridges to Justice
- JAPAN World Health Organization
- INDIA Council for Legal Aid
- INDIA Supreme Court
- THAILAND ECPAT International
- VIETNAM United Nations Development Program
- CAMBODIA Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia
- PHILIPPINES Supreme Court
- SINGAPORE INTERPOL Complex of Global Innovation
- BURMA Médecins Sans Frontières