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LAW SCHOOL NEWS

DUKE BLUE DEVILS WIN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Duke Men's Basketball Team beat Butler 61-59 and won its fourth national championship on April 5, 2010 and has now claimed titles in three straight decades with wins in the finals in 1991, 1992, 2001, and 2010. All four national championships have come under head coach **Mike Krzyzewski**. The University hosted a homecoming celebration at the Cameron Indoor Stadium the following day to welcome the champions with thousands of Blue Devils fans.

NEW INTERNATIONAL AD HOC COURSE

This year for the first time, Duke Law students designed an ad hoc course that included an international component. Led by **Professor Larry Helfer**, they studied land title and reform issues raised by the Quilombos, traditional communities descended from Afro-Brazilian slaves. After weeks of classroom study, they traveled to Rio de Janeiro during spring break for presentations by academics and international organizations at Fundação Getulio Vargas Direito Rio (FGV, a leading law school in Rio de Janeiro), followed by meetings in the Alto da Serra community in Lidice in Rio de Janeiro province. They concluded their trip by presenting their findings at a seminar at FGV. Every Duke Law alumnus in Rio – **Marco Alencar** (LLM 04), **Andrea Lima-Alencar** (LLM 04), **Thomas Franca** (LLM 04) **Luciana de Ocariz** (LLM 04) and **Daniel Lima** (LLM 09) – came to a reception for Professor Helfer and the students in Rio.



LLMs join thousands of Duke students to watch the national championship game in Cameron Stadium.

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FACULTY AND SCHOLARSHIP

Three Law School faculty members have been on leave this year while they fill posts in Washington, D.C. **Professor Christopher Schroeder** recently was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as assistant attorney general for the Justice Department Office of Legal Policy. He served as acting attorney general in the Legal Counsel Office of the Department of Justice in the Clinton administration. He intends to return to Duke after his tenure at the Department of Justice. **Professor Arti Rai**, who is an expert in patent law, law and the pharmaceutical industry, and health care regulation, is serving as Administrator for External Affairs at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. **Professor Stuart Benjamin** has been appointed Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the Federal Communications Commission. At Duke, he teaches telecommunications law, and he and Professor Rai will return to teach at Duke during the next academic year.

Professor Barak Richman was selected by Law School students to receive the Distinguished Teacher Award. He was especially commended on his excellent teaching for his first year students' contracts class. After many years at Duke, **Professor Jefferson Powell** has resigned to accept a position at George Washington University Law School after visiting there for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Sad news: **Professor Robinson Everett**, who began teaching at Duke when he was only 22 years old and taught for 51 years, died on June 12, 2009. A very moving and extremely well-attended memorial service was held at the Law School on September 24. Among many other notables, three judges from the U.S. Court of Military Court of Appeals, where Everett was a chief judge for several years, attended the service.

LAW SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

The 7th Annual Herbert L. Bernstein Memorial Lecture in Comparative Law was held on April 7, 2009. **Professor Ralf Michaels** introduced the speaker, Professor William Twining. Professor Twining has taught and written on jurisprudence, evidence, globalization and law, and law in Africa. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His presentation addressed the topic of Normative and Legal Pluralism – A Global Perspective. The lecture honors the many contributions to Duke Law School made by Professor Bernstein, who taught at Duke from 1984 until his death in 2001. Several of our German alumni help provide the funding for the annual lecture.

WILLEM C. VIS MOOT COMPETITION

Duke Law School achieved remarkable success in only its second year competing at the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Competition in Vienna. Out of more than 250 law school teams, Duke, coached by Professor Charles Holton and Assistant Dean Jennifer Maher, made it to the “Sweet Sixteen” round before a narrow loss to Kings College London, the eventual winners of the tournament. Only one other of the fifty U.S. law schools at the

tournament went as far. Overall, Duke was ranked seventh in the competition. Team member **James Pearce** (JD/LLM 11) received an honorable mention and **Greg Dixon** (JD 10) was voted runner-up best oralist, and the team as a whole was a finalist in the best team orals competition.

While in Vienna, the team enjoyed dinner in a private room at a traditional restaurant, arranged by Viennese alumni in their honor. They were joined by students admitted to the LLM class of 2011, several of whom were in Vienna for the competition. Enjoying the celebration were Austrian alumni **Daisy Birtalan** (LLM 02), **Bernhard Brehm** (LLM 01), **Roland Herbst** (LLM 04), **Alexander Kemetter** (LLM 09), **Manfred Ketzer** (LLM 99) and **Max Wellner** (LLM 05); in addition, **Dragan Gajin** (LLM 08) traveled from Budapest to join the dinner.

WTO MOOT COURT WIN

Duke Law students have also experienced recent success by winning the North American rounds of the 2010 ELSA World Trade Organization Moot Court Competition. The team, all 1L students, are participating in the international round of that competition in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, May 24-30.



The Duke Vis Moot Team (from left to right): Greg Dixon, Sheena Paul, Tim Reibold, and James Pearce.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OFFICE HONOR

Suzanne Brown received Duke University’s highest staff honor. The presentation was made by Duke University **President Richard Brodhead** at a luncheon held at the Washington Duke Inn on April 22, 2010. Only five of the thousands of Duke employees receive the honor each year. In nominating her, Judy Horowitz wrote that “the admissions process for new international students requires excellent communication skills, attention to details, and sensitivity to applicants from a wide range of cultures and levels of English facility. Suzanne has many more attributes, and they all add up to making her just the right person to nominate for the Presidential Award.” She is pursuing a master’s degree in counseling and may use her award to buy a new laptop computer, necessary although not the most exciting use of the award.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

LLM PROGRAM

The LLM program had its largest number of students ever: 83 students from 37 countries. The enrollment for the first time included students from Azerbaijan, Uganda, Tanzania, and Uzbekistan and for the first time in many years from Iceland, Poland, and Vietnam. Our Ugandan, **Fernando Papakonyang**, was with a law firm in Kampala before he was asked to join Micro Enterprise, a microfinance subsidiary of World Vision International. He served as a legal officer and executive assistant to the company’s CEO. At Duke, he delivered an excellent presentation of microfinance enterprises to a very appreciative audience of JD and LLM students. **Hassan Atamirzaev** from Uzbekistan practiced law in Namangan and helped found an NGO, the Legal Clinic on Civil Rights. **Seljan Verdiyeva** from Azerbaijan worked at a center where she defended and advocated the rights of women suffering



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (CONTINUED)

from gender-based violence. She speaks six languages including Spanish and German. **Lucia Minde** received her law degree from Cape Town University, where she received several achievement awards and was engaged in many service activities. She has lived in several countries in Africa but plans to return to Tanzania. Other class members were a Korean judge and a prosecutor; a Japanese executive with several years' experience at a Japanese investment firm in Indonesia; a lawyer from Luxembourg who had studied in Spain, Russia, and China and was also a champion cross-county runner; a legal expert with the Capital Markets Board of Turkey; a New Zealand lawyer who worked for a British firm in Moscow; a senior manager of the Central Bank of Nigeria; several very talented recent law graduates; and many others with significant backgrounds as law practitioners. Three LLM students, from Chile, Peru and Austria participated in the new Environmental Law Certificate Program. Almost 40 percent of the LLM students attended a summer institute in Geneva, Hong Kong, or at Duke. Several LLM graduates plan to take the NY or CA bar exam, and several have very good positions at law firms back home and in the U.S.

SJD PROGRAM

Two students were admitted to the SJD program. **Julia Carbone** from Canada received the Duke LLM degree with high honors in 2006. She will work primarily with **Professor Arti Rai** in the area of biotechnology and intellectual property. **Pedro de Paranagua Moniz**, a faculty member at FGV School of Law in Rio de Janeiro, has a special interest in IP policy making and will be supervised by **Professor Jerome Riechman** and other IP faculty members. Both SJD candidates arrived with several publications and other honors. For a list of Duke graduates of the SJD or LLM program who are fulltime faculty members, please visit www.law.duke.edu/internat/teachingalumni.

JD PROGRAM

The 2009-2010 JD program has a total enrollment of 37 non-U.S. students. The number includes 5 students from South Korea and from Canada, 4 from China, and 3 from Spain, the UK, and Brazil. Others come from Ghana, Mexico, Belize, India, Italy, France, the Dominican Republic, and Israel. The majority of them hold U.S. first degrees.

LLM NEWS

LLM PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL SOUTHERN JUSTICE SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

Two LLM students and one exchange student joined the JD Students for the annual Southern Justice Spring Break Trip. The annual mission trip takes students throughout the south, including New Orleans, where students work on public interest and pro bono relief projects such as filing FEMA claims, gutting and rebuilding houses, providing legal research to local legal aid organizations, and assisting with community projects.

Rebecca Lau, an exchange student from Hong Kong, volunteered at the Homelessness Division in the Southern Louisiana Legal Services Center and regarded it as an eye-opening experience to the diverse and comprehensive areas of legal aid services provided to the local indigent population. Lau found client interviewing the most rewarding of all tasks undertaken, legal or non-legal. "It was by talking to them face to face, learning of their predicaments, understanding their concerns, that I realized many of these homeless individuals are good natured, able members of the community who just happen to lack a home, and for some, the means to make a stable living," says Lau. **Carolyn Gillespie**, an LLM from the U.S. who received her first law degree from England, participated in the N.C. Wills Drafting Project and spent a week calling clients, needy residents of Richmond, Virginia, and then two days at the venue drafting wills, powers of attorney, living wills, and health care powers of attorney. "It really was an amazing experience – we got to meet people and help them achieve something they never could have done without projects

like this," says Gillespie, "wealth management is critical for families with fewer resources. Being able to show clients that they might have an interest in property they thought they had lost, or being able to finish documents that they had been putting off for years – even decades – was actually very moving and emotional."

LLM LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AWARD

Tania Khosla was selected to receive the award by her classmates. She won high praise from classmates for her leadership in bringing together LLM and JD students in many activities. She participated in several community service projects; organized a number of group outings, including picnics and



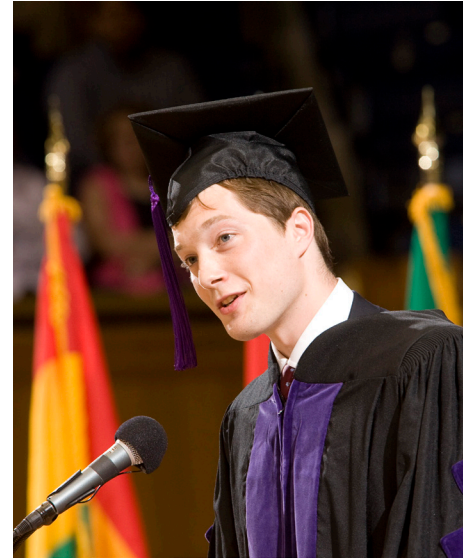
(From left to right) Nato Tskhakaya and Tania Khosla

LLM NEWS (CONTINUED)

bowling events; set up study groups; and was active in LEAD week. Some comments made by her classmates: "Without her, our LLM life must be different." Tania "always ensured that no one was left out." She received her BA and LLB degrees from Symbiosis Law School in Pune, India, in 2009. Before coming to Duke, Tania held a three-month position with the Paul, Weiss law firm in New York as well as several other internships in India, Johannesburg, and London. Tania began her Duke studies and became acquainted with several of her classmates in Geneva while she studied at the 2009 Duke/Geneva Institute in Transnational Law.

LLM GRADUATION SPEAKER

The LLM Class of 2010 chose **Constantin von Schoening** to be the LLM graduation speaker. In addition to being one of the LLM representatives to the Duke Bar Association, he taught the German for Legal Studies class. He was an exchange student for a year in Iowa and at Moscow State Law Academy for another year. Constantin says that one of his proudest achievements was climbing and reaching the summit of Mount Elbrus, the highest mountain in Europe. Before coming to Duke, Constantin studied in Munster and earlier in Bonn and Berlin. After taking the New York state bar exam, he will return to Germany to finish his stage and then plans to join a law firm and practice corporate law.



Constantin von Schoening

VISITING SCHOLARS

The Law School this year had many visiting scholars, including judges, lawyers, prosecutors, professors, and doctoral students. As in past years, many visitors came from Korea as well as from China, Japan, Brazil, Taiwan, Italy, and Switzerland. Duke graduate **Andrew Lin** (SJD 97), who teaches securities law at National Taiwan University, brought along his daughter and spent half a year at Duke.

Professor Akio Shimizu from Waseda University taught a class at Duke on Dispute Resolution in the WTO during the spring semester. He previously taught similar classes at Duke and at the Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law. Another visiting professor was **Professor Samantha Besson** from Fribourg University, who offered classes on EU Law and Human Rights Theory during the fall semester. Comparative Law was taught during the spring semester by **Professor Cally Jordan** of the University of Melbourne. She will teach a comparative business course in fall 2010. **Professor Ehud Guttel** from Hebrew University taught for the second year and will remain until the end of the spring semester 2011.

SUMMER INSTITUTES

DUKE-GENEVA INSTITUTE IN TRANSNATIONAL LAW

The 2009 Duke/Geneva Institute in Transnational Law enrolled 54 students from 18 countries, including the first-ever students from Nepal and Paraguay. Other countries represented were Australia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Georgia, India, Japan, Mexico, Panama, Poland, Romania, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Enjoying comparative cultural learning in and outside of class were seven students who then came to the Duke LLM.

Faculty from Duke who taught at the Institute were **Richard Schmalbeck**, who also served as the faculty co-director, **George Christie**, **Zephyr Teachout**, **Michael Tigar**, and **Ernest Young**. **Jennifer Maher** was the on-site administrator. Former Duke faculty members **Sarah Ludington** and **Joost Pauwelyn** also taught, along with faculty from the Universities of Bremen, Brig, Neuchâtel, and Geneva. The 2009 courses were Comparative Federalism; International Criminal Law: Human Rights & Terrorism; International Law on Trade & Environment; International Taxation; Introduction to American Law; and Law & Corruption.

Students also enjoyed a number of extra-curricular visits and presentations. They visited the WTO to learn about its dispute resolution process and WIPO to learn about changes in copyright protection, attended a panel presentation on the future of international environmental governance, and heard from the founder of a human rights NGO and from lawyers in private practice in Geneva, including **Jerôme Jotterand** (LLM 04).

Social events were also numerous and included the annual boat cruise on Lac Léman, to which all alumni in the area are invited. In 2009, students and faculty were joined by **Marian Duven** (LLM 07), **Adrian Steinbeisser** (LLM 86), **Etienne Patrocle** (LLM 97), **Marion Panizzon** (LLM 01), and former exchange students **David Bonifacio** (2008) and **George Fokiades** (2007). Please join us this year if you are available – the boat cruise will be Friday, July 2, 2010. Watch the alumni events website or contact Jennifer Maher for more details. Another alumni get-together was held when **Chun Chin** (LLM 00) visited and had dinner with classmates, **Pierre-Yves Mauron** and **Georg Zehetner**, as well as Jennifer Maher. Please visit us this year if you will be in Geneva between June 26 and July 27.

SUMMER INSTITUTES (CONTINUED)

Thanks go out to alumni **Guy Vermeil** (LLM 89) and **Vladimir Markin** (LLM 97) who provided students with internships before the Institute. These internships are most appreciated by students who go to Geneva. Their commitment to study during the summer limits the time they might work, so the opportunity to experience legal practice in an international setting is invaluable.

Finally, the 2009 Institute included a site inspection by a representative of the American Bar Association. The Institute was re-accredited with many positive comments for its excellent program.

ASIA-AMERICA INSTITUTE IN TRANSNATIONAL LAW

Sixty students from 14 countries participated in the 2009 summer institute. The largest number of students had a connection to Duke, 25 of them from the JD/LLM program, 2 from the JD program, and 5 incoming LLM students. Other U.S. universities represented were Baylor, Bryant, Michigan State, and the University of Baltimore. The largest groups of students were from the U.S. and China, but other countries sending students were Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mongolia, and Taiwan. Law students from the University of Hong Kong served as special interns who introduced students to a variety of sites in Hong Kong, Kowloon, and Lantau Island and also escorted students to sessions of the High Court. Before the start of the institute, 20 Duke JD students served as summer interns at law firms in Tokyo, Osaka, Seoul, Beijing, Shanghai, and Bangkok. One student worked at an NGO in Cambodia.

The institute courses and faculty members also represented a variety of legal cultures. International Environmental Law and Climate Control Policy was taught by **Jolene Lin** from Hong Kong University (previously from Singapore) and by **Yeh**

Jiun-rong of National Taiwan University. **Michael Taylor**, advisor to the Governor of the Central Bank of Bahrain, and **Angela Itzikowitz**, from Witwatersrand University, taught The Global Financial Crisis: Law and Policy class. Media and Entertainment Law was taught by **Doreen Weisenhaus** of Hong Kong University and **Neil Vidmar** from Duke. **Andrew Halkyard** from Hong Kong University and **Tetsuya Watanabe** from Kyushu University taught a course on Tax Law and Policy in East Asia. Rights and Remedies in the Criminal Process: China and India was taught by **Fu Hualing** from Hong Kong University and **Mrinal Satis** from the National Judicial Academy. **Carolyn McAllaster** and **Bruce Elvin**, both from Duke, introduced non-U.S. students to American law.

Duke alumna **Rita Pang** (JD 99) very graciously hosted a lovely several-course dinner at the Peking Garden restaurant for alumni and faculty members from Duke. Alumnus **Jean-Paul Hupez** (LLM 89) delivered an afternoon lecture on the IFC, where he is the Team Leader for East Asia and the Pacific. Another afternoon seminar, on commercial arbitration in China, was by former Duke visiting scholar **Mingchao Fan**. Several alumni arranged the positions before the summer institutes for Duke students at their law firms, and we are grateful to them. The Horowitzs were very glad to be able to spend a little time in Hong Kong with Duke graduates **Wang Ling** (LLM 02) and **Li Xiaoming** (JD 90), each of whom came from Beijing to share a meal with them. In addition, both of their firms provided positions to our JD students, and both of them visited the Law School in April 2010.

For more information on the summer institutes, please look at our Web site at www.law.duke.edu/internat/institutes/. If you happen to be in Geneva or Hong Kong during the month of July, be sure to stop by for a visit.

ALUMNI NEWS

INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI AND STUDENTS DINNER

The inaugural International Alumni and Students Dinner was held in New York on January 28, 2010 at the 52nd Street Fig & Olive Restaurant. Over 80 guests attended the dinner. Credit for the success of the dinner goes to members of the New York-based International Alumni Group and in particular to **Lin Chua** (LLM 00), **James Bergin** (LLM 93), **Paul Hespel** (LLM 95) and **Jaclyn Rabin** (LLM 08) who were very actively involved in arrangements for the dinner. The highlight of the dinner was the address by **Ambassador Jaime Aleman** (JD 78) on "Networking and Globalization – Showing the Value of Connections." **Dean David Levi**, **Jeff Coates**, and **David Thompson** (JD/LLM 07) from the Law School's Alumni and Development Office as well as **Jennifer Maher**, **Chun Hu**, and **Judy Horowitz** from the International Studies Office attended the dinner. Plans for the next dinner will begin at the next meeting in New York of the International Alumni Group. The purpose of the

dinners is to encourage interaction among our alumni, to introduce them to current LLM students who are attending the NYU Job Fair, and to raise funds to enhance the LLM Scholarship Fund.



OTHER ALUMNI EVENTS

Jennifer Maher met with alumni in Geneva while she administered the summer institute located there and also with alumni in Vienna during the week of the Vis Moot Competition. During a vacation in Rome, she had dinner with **Francesca Grifi** (LLM 06) and **Lucas Martin Romero** (LLM 06). **Judy and Don Horowitz** met with alumni in Hong Kong during the summer institute and also in Israel during their visit in December 2009. Several faculty members were able to spend time with international alumni, including **Professor Curtis Bradley** in Tel Aviv, **Professor Jonathan Weiner** in Beijing, and **Professor Steven Schwarcz** in Seoul.

LLM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We hope that when you make a contribution to the Law School, you will designate it for the LLM Scholarship Fund. It is becoming increasingly harder to recruit students to the LLM program due to competition from other law schools that are able to provide significantly more scholarship assistance to applicants, often as much as full tuition assistance. Compared to other law schools, Duke has far less funding available for LLM

scholarships. For the coming year, we have been able to award only 10 scholarships. The majority of them are in the \$10,000-\$12,000 range, and only two are half-tuition scholarships. Any help that you can provide to assure that the quality of the LLM program is maintained will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks!

CAREER DEVELOPMENT NEWS

ALUMNI PANELS AND MOCK INTERVIEWS

LLM alumni continue to support the career and professional development of Duke LLM students. Three LLM alumni came back to Duke and shared their perspectives and insights on career opportunities for foreign lawyers in the U.S. legal market in October 2009. In addition to veteran panelists **John Curry** (LLM 05) and **Jean-Gabriel Peuchaud** (LLM 07), **Aboli Amarapurkar** (LLM 02) joined the panel from RTI International. Aboli joined RTI International as a Procurement Manager after practicing law with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice and provided an insightful perspective for alternative careers.

CLASS NOTES

Class of 1983

Marianne Philip was appointed as new member of the Danish Committee on Corporate Governance and elected as Vice Chair.

Class of 1986

Bharat Dube has left RicheMont, a Swiss luxury goods company and set up an IP advisory firm in Geneva as well as a boutique firm in Delhi called IP Gurus.

Class of 1987

David Bjorgvinsson, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, visited the University of Tokyo Law Faculty to deliver a lecture and met with his LLM colleague Kichimoto Asaka.

Class of 1990

Jean-Francois Ducrest, partner of Borel & Barbey has concluded his term as Chairman of the Board of the Geneva Bar Association. He was elected a member of the Board in 2004 and Chairman in 2008. **Mandisa Maya** has been appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal in the Republic of South Africa.

Class of 1991

Takaaki Fujimoto was appointed director of International Bankers Association in Tokyo on February 1, 2010. **Juan Francisco Aleman** (JD) has been appointed as Managing Director of Citigroup as of 2010. **Juraj Strasser** has left EBRD and moved to Dubai to serve as general counsel – projects of ACWA Power International which builds and operates independent power and water desalination plants. **Xianping Wang** (JD) has published an article entitled “Airport City

Developments in China” in the PCM magazine and his daughter graduated from Duke University this May.

Class of 1992

Albert Bloomsbury has left Deloitte Touche and started his own international tax practice in New York.

Class of 1995

Barbara Corinna Leier has become the head of division of Law on Equal Treatment Matters and Law of Obligations, General Part in the German Federal Ministry of Justice in Berlin. **Askar Moukhitdinov** has been named to head up the new Curtis, Mallet-Prevost (Kazakhstan) TOO office in Almaty. Askar’s office will concentrate on international transactions and arbitration relating to Kazakhstan and the region in general. **Hitomi Yoshida** visited Duke on March 18, 2010. She is busy teaching at Kanto-Gakuin University College of Law and recently traveled to Harbin, China for a conference on the Constitutional Review System.

Class of 1996

Naoki Watanabe has started teaching advanced commercial law/corporate law class at Keio University Law School as a lecturer. Naoki remains in private practice at Clifford Chance Law Office as a partner.

Class of 1998

Guy Rotkopf was appointed to the post of Director General of the Ministry of Justice of Israel in October 2009. **Professor Dr. Alex Bruns** was inaugurated as Dean of the Law Faculty at Albert Ludwigit Universitat Freiburg on May 6, 2010. **Satoshi**

CLASS NOTES (CONTINUED)

Aratani and his wife, Mariko, visited Hawaii and have now completed visits to all 50 U.S. states.

Class of 1999

Santiago Cornu Labat is partner of the law firm Chiesa, Cornu Labat & Ries Centeno in Buenos Aires, Argentina. **Luis Sprovieri** has left Baker & McKenzie and opened his law practice with another lawyer from Baker & McKenzie. In addition to offering general advice for local medium-sized businesses, the firm devotes its practice to defendant product liability and consumer protection law. **Noriaki Abe** is in charge of North Korean issues and bilateral relations with South Korea for the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also served as the Prime Minister's interpreter at his meetings with President Obama.

Class of 2000

Patrick Voigt moved back to Vienna, Austria and joined another United Nations agency, the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) as Legal Specialist, Human Resource Branch. **William Kahn** (JD) joined Seyfarth Shaw LLP as partner in 2009. **Sang-Soo Jun**, Consul at the Korean Consulate in Los Angeles received the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Award for outstanding diplomatic activities. **Nicholas Konstantinides** focuses his practice on M&A and restructurings in the health care and energy sectors at PotamitisVekris in Athens. **Luis Palacios** is working at Rodrigo, Elias & Medrano Abogados in Lima, Peru. After several years with leading law firms in their respective New York and Frankfurt offices, **Till Hafner** added an MBA from Kellogg/WHU to his legal education. Till is now working for Wellensiek Rechtsanwälte in Germany and focuses his practice on cross border transactions with a particular focus on bankruptcy/insolvency law. **Yasuto Hashinaga** is counsel for Citigroup Japan Holdings Corp in Tokyo. **Stephan Strnad** has joined the Austrian Highway Operator ASFINAG and is responsible for the development and operation of gas stations, restaurants and rest areas along the Austrian highway network. **Julie Darrot** is General Counsel for Europe Middle East Africa of Diebold. **Yasmin Alpay** is now Executive Director of Armenian General Benevolent Union for the Southern California District. She is responsible for managing the operations and activities of all Southern California chapters and overseeing the development, implementation and promotion of education, cultural and youth programs and services. **Anne Conestabile** is an anti-corruption analyst in the Anti-corruption Division of the OECD.

Class of 2001

David Vallarino was admitted as a public broker in Mexico. **Pirouzan Parvine** was named partner of Salans in January 2010.

Class of 2002

Dalia Oestreicher continues to work with Hon. Dvorah Berliner, who was recently appointed President of the Tel Aviv District Court. Dalia has started the process of application and evaluation for a judge position. **Gitanjali Workman** is now an associate of Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison New York office.

MARRIAGES

Olivier Catusse (LLM 99) to Ekaterina Fendel in August 2008 in Paris. The couple now live in Frankfurt, Germany.

Francesca Grifi (LLM 06) to **Lucas Martin Romero** (LLM 06) in June 2009 in Rome. Grifi is swimming competitively and recently set an Italian record at the Master's level in freestyle.

Lisa Vatch (LLM 04) to Jonathan Wilner on August 16, 2009. **Charlotte Hu** (LLM

02, JD 05) to Kevin Kao on October 2, 2009 in Taiwan.

Vaishali Gopal (LLM 08) to Sapan Jain on February 7, 2010.

Manfred Ketzer (LLM 99) to Daniela on May 14, 2010.



Charlotte and Kevin

Class of 2003

Stephan Bauer left the Duesseldorf office of Noerr Stiefenhofer Lutz in November 2009 and started his own firm with his father, Dr. Axel Bauer, who was a partner with White & Case until February 2009. The new firm is called Lexpert Dr. Bauer & Partner and is located in Dresden, Germany. They continue to represent clients in M&A, general corporate law, restructuring and technology transactions. **Oshrat Benmoshe-Doriocourt** works for the Office of Corporate Research Collaboration at Duke University. **Ruth Brenner** is working for the Ministry of Agriculture in the Agriculture Research Organization (ARO) Volcani Center. **Christina Tritz** is working in Brussels for a new program run by state government. She attends meetings in the Council and European Parliament and writes reports for the Department of Justice and the German Bundersrat.

Class of 2004

Lisa Vatch is practicing commercial and intellectual property law with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP in Montreal, Quebec. **Nicholas Diebold** has completed his PhD at the Berne law faculty and received distinction on his doctoral thesis. Nicholas has joined Froriep Renggli Zurich as an associate. **Carlos Eduardo Lima** has been appointed partner of Linklaters since 2007. He focuses his work on infrastructure and energy projects in Brazil. **Sebastian Kielmanovich** (LLM 01, JD 04) has joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Class of 2005

Jeff Zhang (JD) relocated to the Hong Kong office of Linklaters in January 2010 after working at the New York office for five years. **Wenjie Niu** was selected as co-chair of the Committee of Emerging Markets at the diplomatic conference of the UNIDROIT Convention, also known as the Geneva Securities Convention in

CLASS NOTES (CONTINUED)

October 2009. **Pietro Pouche** was named partner of Carnelutti Law Firm in Milan.

Class of 2006

Paul Pasquali has joined RZB Group in Brussels to be the EU-policy Advisor. **Eriko Taoka** is teaching at Kokushikan University and says the teaching methods she learned at Duke have helped her a great deal in instructing classrooms.

BIRTHS

Daniel L Ribeiro (LLM 09) welcomes the birth of his first child, Luca, born on August 1, 2009. **Pietro Pouche** (LLM 05) and Alice, had a daughter, Irene. **Takashi Miyazaki** (LLM 09), had a son, Ray on October 3, 2009. **Yair Zorea** (LLM 03), had a daughter, Yanay, on October 13, 2009. **Ralf Weisser** (LLM 91) and Christine, had a daughter, Helene Luise on October 24, 2009. **Dalia Oestreicher** (LLM 02), a son, Ben, born in April 2009. **Margaret Wilkenhuysen** (LLM 96) and Jean Marc, a daughter, Flore, born in November 2009. **Sebastian Kielmanovich** (JD 04) and **Susannah Cox** (JD 05), a daughter, Juliana Eve, born on December 2, 2009. **Victoria Shtorm** (LLM 96), a daughter, Veronika, born on January 16, 2009. **Marco Alencar** (LLM 04) and **Andrea Alencar** (LLM 04), a daughter, Catarina, born on March 22, 2010. **Pietro Pouche** (LLM 05) and Alice, a daughter, Irene. **Nicholas Diebold** (LLM 04), a daughter, Leandra Elin, born on May 1, 2010.



Victoria and daughter, Veronika

Class of 2007

Gaby Jijon is now legal counsel for Phillip Morris in Ecuador. **Yi Wang** (JD) has been relocated to the Tokyo office of Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett. **Ignacio Vicentelli** received a JD degree from the University of Miami School of Law and joined a labor and employment firm Kiesewetter Wise Kaplan Prather, PLC in Memphis, Tennessee. **Dinara Falk** (JD) is now counsel to Discovery Networks Latin America/US Hispanic in Miami. **Hikaru Tokuda** has left Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu and officially joined Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP in Columbus Ohio as an associate attorney.

Class of 2008

Halim Gebeili is pursuing his MS in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at Columbia University. **Yuri Hirota** has moved back to Bingham MuCutchen Murase, Sakai Mimura Tokyo office after spending six months each in the firm's London and New York offices. **Satoshi Hirota** has left his lawyer job and joined a private equity fund as an investment staff. **Dragan Gajin** has completed all the exams and started his thesis for his PhD degree at Central European University. **Vaishali Gopal** now works for Pramata, a start-up IT company in Bangalore, India.

Class of 2009

Aida Ferrabone has been appointed Vice-Consul in the Panamanian Consulate in New York. **Francisco Parra** has joined Baker & McKenzie in Caracas, Venezuela. **Rodrigo Ferrario** is the Contracts and Projects Controller of Cargo Airline based in Miami, Florida. **Rafael Marquinez** has joined Aleman, Cordero, Galindo & Lee in Panama. **Myungjin Koo** has joined Daiwa Capital Market Securities Compliance Division in South Korea. **Wadhane Xivivadh** is now working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand as a diplomatic officer. **Sara Perera** has joined Pirola Pennuto Zei in the Media and Entertainment Department.

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