



# International Alumni Newsletter

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## LAW SCHOOL NEWS

### NEW DEAN SELECTED

Judge **David F. Levi**, Chief U.S. District Judge of the Eastern District of California, will succeed **Katharine T. Bartlett** on July 1, 2007 as Dean of Duke Law School. Levi was selected following an eight-month national search from among more than 200 candidates.

Duke Provost **Peter Lange** described Levi as “a leader with broad intellectual interests and a thoughtful, academic temperament.” Lange said Levi was praised for his judgment, administrative experience and connections within the legal community.



Levi cited “It is a privilege to join a law school with a sense of optimism and purpose, within a university that places an emphasis on knowledge in the service of the society.”

Levi, a Harvard undergraduate alumnus, graduated from Stanford Law School in 1980, where he was president of the *Stanford Law Review*. Levi clerked for Judge Ben C. Duniway of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and then for U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Lewis Powell. He joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of California as a prosecutor in 1983 and was appointed U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District in 1986. He managed an office of more than 50 attorneys and supervised one of the largest public corruption investigations in California history. In 1990, President George W. Bush appointed Levi as U.S. district judge. Levi became chief judge in May 2003.

After she steps down, **Dean Bartlett** plans to spend time in Maine and in New York City at NYU Law School. She looks forward to returning to her own research and teaching again when she is back at Duke in fall 2008. We are all indebted to Dean Bartlett for her more than seven years of leadership at the Law School.

## FACULTY NEWS

The international and comparative law curriculum was greatly enriched this year by visiting faculty members from Japan, Korea, Israel and Italy. Professor **Takao Suami** from Waseda University taught a course on “Legal Developments in Japan.” During 2008, we expect also to have at Duke Professor **Akio Shimizu** from Waseda University to teach an international trade class. For the past several years, the Law School has had guest professors from Seoul National University (SNU). During the spring semester, Professor **Chongko Choi** from SNU offered a seminar entitled “Comparative Jurisprudence: East and West.” Professor **Benjamin Shmueli**, lecturer at Sha’arei Mishpat College in Tel Aviv, taught “Legal Intervention in Parent/Child Relationships: A Comparative View.” He will return in early fall 2007 to provide another similar short course. Professor **Giacinto della Cananea** from the University of Naples taught the European Union law course. All the visiting professors in addition to their classes presented lunchtime talks to faculty and visiting scholars.

The Center for International and Comparative Law was established in 2006. It coordinates and supports Duke Law School’s programs, resources, and events relating to international and comparative law. The Law School currently has ten full-time faculty members who specialize in international and comparative law, and numerous other faculty who teach international and comparative law subjects at least part of the time. These faculty members have expertise in a wide range of international and comparative law subjects, and they have very diverse backgrounds and intellectual perspectives. In addition, the Law School regularly brings in visiting faculty from other countries to further enhance its offerings in this area. Consistent with Duke’s interdisciplinary approach to legal studies, even faculty who teach only in domestic law areas frequently integrate international and comparative materials into their courses. During the 2006-07 academic year, the Center was directed by Professor **Curtis Bradley**. Next year Professor **Ralf Michaels** will be the director.

Prof. **Joost Pauwelyn** is leaving Duke this fall to become professor of international economic law at the Graduate Institute of International Studies (HEI) in Geneva. The Institute was founded in 1927 at the time of the League of Nations and is one of the world’s first and most-renowned

institutions for the study of international affairs with departments of international law, international economics, international history and political science. Professor Pauwelyn will be given the opportunity to establish a new center on world trade and economic integration. He will direct our Summer Institute in Geneva this summer and will help Duke continue its strong presence in the international community in Geneva.

## BUILDING PROJECT

From 2000 to 2005, the Law School undertook a series of construction projects and transformed the outward appearance of the building. Now the Law School has an impressive entry tower on Science Drive. New projects will be started this fall to create new spaces for the Duke law community to gather.

A new commons, to be located at the corner of Towerview Rd. and Science Dr., will become the new focal point of our community life. It will be over 4,200 square feet within a three-story glass enclosure. With balconies, adjacent café and outdoor patio, it will provide comfortable seating for over 150 people to read, study, eat or work together. It will also be able to host large lectures for over 350 people or dinner for more than 200 people.



New projects also include renovation of the Law Library. This includes an exterior renovation to the façade to add all-new large windows in the reading room and mezzanine and replace the old brick with the new “Duke brick” to keep the architectural style consistent with the new addition. The seating will be rearranged to take advantage of the new two-story glass window walls and permit the reading room to become a light-filled center of our community’s intellectual life. During 2007-2008, the library will be relocated in the Gross Chemistry Building across from the Law School. A large part of the collection will be in storage, but books can be ordered from other law schools and the Library of Congress.

Two special outdoor venues will be created to provide areas for the community to enjoy the natural beauty of the Duke campus. Already established is a very pleasant sculpture garden behind the Law School.

For more details and the latest news on the new projects, please visit the following web site <http://www.law.duke.edu/about/building/index>.

## RELOCATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OFFICE

The entire International Studies staff has again moved due to renovation of the library. Judy is now in room 4006 and Jennifer in room 4012. Suzanne, Chun and Tonya moved to the former classroom 4000. We will stay in the new temporary offices for about a year before moving back to the International Studies wing.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The 2007 **LLM program** had a total of 75 students from 27 countries. LLM degrees were awarded on May 13. The largest representation of 2007 LLM students came from Japan (12), Korea (10), and Germany (5). There were 4 or more students from Chile, China, France, Ireland, and Taiwan. Lithuania sent its first LLM student to Duke Law School. LLM students arrived at Duke with excellent and varied law firm experience; backgrounds as judges, prosecutors, corporate legal officers and academics; and a lot of energy. They participated in many sports including golf, tennis, basketball and rugby. They even organized a bowling league. They held positions in the International Law Society, the Duke Bar Association, and other organizations; served on the staff of the *Duke Journal of Comparative & International Law*; played an extremely important role in the School’s International Week; taught four of the legal language classes; attended many social events with JD students and among themselves; participated in a record number of Pro Bono projects; organized special lunchtime programs on the practice of law in their home countries; attended the Leadership Retreat arranged by the Student Affairs Office; and joined and hosted many other activities. Three LLM students spent spring break helping Katrina hurricane victims in numerous projects.



The **SJD program** this year had 2 new candidates from Italy and Sweden. Their research interests focus on intellectual property law and European contracts law. Their primary Law School supervisors are Professors **Michaels** and **Reichman**. We are working to provide even more structure to the SJD program, particularly with 5 confirmed incoming candidates for the upcoming academic year. This will bring the total active enrollment of the program to 12. The program now includes research grants, funds to attend conferences, and lunchtime presentations as the SJD students make progress in their studies. Structured events will also be held to keep SJD candidates and supervisors in contact as a group and with the International Studies staff and greater Law School community.

The **JD Program** in 2006-2007 had 37 non-U.S. students from 18 countries. Before the JD program, the majority of the students previously studied as undergraduates at U.S. universities. A few came directly from their home countries. The largest number of JD international students comes from China and Canada.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### LLM Employment

Due to a stronger legal market and the superior quality of Duke students, LLM and JD/LLM students continue to succeed in securing international positions. As of mid-May, 45 LLM 07 students have secured offers directly after graduation. Nineteen have secured positions in the U.S. Six LLM graduates will pursue further legal education. Three of them have been admitted to the SJD program at Duke Law School.

Twenty-seven first-year JD students were offered overseas internships before attending a Duke Law summer institute, mostly with Duke Law alumni. If you would consider providing a 5-6 week internship for a Duke law student in May and June, please let us know. Thanks to all who are providing this great experience for our students.

### LLM Field Trips

Due to the enthusiastic feedback on last year's field trip, this year the Office of International Studies organized two field trips for LLMs and Visiting Scholars. In addition to visiting the Legal Department of GlaxoSmithKline in April, students and scholars also visited North Carolina state legislature and observed the House of Representatives in session.



## Alumni Panel and Mock Interview

LLM alumni continue to support the career and professional development of Duke LLM students. Three LLM alumni came back to Duke last September and participated in a lively panel discussion with the LLM class of 2007 on career opportunities in the U.S. legal market. The alumni, **Vandana Shah** (LLM 96), **Mark Schwartz** (LLM 95) and **John Curry** (LLM 05) offered perspectives from different legal services sectors (non-profit organization, governmental agency and firm) and gave advice to the LLM students on job search endeavors. Mr. Curry also came to Duke for last year's panel.



**William Kahn** (LLM 98, JD 00), **John Curry**, **Tomer Schwartz** (LLM 06) and **Suzanne O'Hanlon** (JD 92) came to Duke Law School last January to provide practice interviews and networking advice to the LLM class.

### New York Reception

On January 25, 2007, Duke Law School hosted a reception in New York with the sponsorship of Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, in honor of the International Student Interview Program (a.k.a. LLM Job Fair). This was the fourth time that Duke Law School organized such a reception. This year's reception was especially successful. In addition to close to 40 LLM students, approximately 60 legal professionals from 32 firms and from many countries attended the reception. Approximately 30 alumni also attended, including 12 alumni of the LLM Class of 2006 who stayed in the New York area for work after graduation. Also at the reception were **Masaki Kanehyo** (LLM 99) from Japan, **Ralf Weiss** (LLM 91) from Germany and **Gyorgy Bacsá** (LLM 05) from Hungary. The reception is a great opportunity for the LLM students to meet with the participating employers (attending the Job Fair) before the actual interviews and to connect with alumni in the New York area. On January 26, 2007, more than 25 Duke LLM students participated in the LLM Job Fair.

### Alumni Videoconference

To meet Duke law students' rising interest in international practice and working overseas, the International Studies Office and the Career Center organized two video-conferences with JD/LLM alumni who worked overseas. **Jonathan Kellner** (JD/LLM 03) shared his experience of working as an American lawyer in Shearman & Sterling, Sao Paulo, Brazil. **Jason Ullner** (JD/LLM 99) spoke of working as Vice Consul at the US Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel.

## LLM News

### Richard Chang Presents Paper in Israel

**Richard Chang** (LLM 07), from Taiwan, was invited to present his paper “*The Debate of the Taiwan Biobank Project: A Deliberative Solution*” at the UNESCO International Conference on Bioethics in Eilat, Israel in February 2007.



Many renowned scholars from all over the world presented their papers. Richard Chang was the youngest presenter and one of the very few graduate students at the conference. Visiting the beautiful country for the first time, Richard received a lot of help from Duke Israeli alumni in planning his trip. In Tel Aviv, he had dinner with alumni **Eran Sarig** (LLM 03) and **Yair Zorea** (LLM 03).

### Vikrant Negi Speaks as Country Specialist at Cultural Training

**Vikrant Negi** (LLM 07), from India, was invited by Aperian Global, a global consulting and training firm to speak as country specialist at the “Working with India” seminar in Charlotte, NC in December 2006. This seminar was given to the executives of John Deere, a leading American manufacturer, for the purpose of facilitating their business executives’ dealing with Indian market. Vikrant spoke about the history, politics, sociology and culture of India, as well as how to conduct business with Indians.

### Felipe Benavides Conquers New York Marathon

**Felipe Benavides** (LLM 07), from Chile, ran the New York City Marathon on November 5, 2006. In order to prepare himself for this race, Felipe trained every day at the Santiago Runners Club in Chile before he started his LLM at Duke Law School. Felipe joined the 80 plus Chilean runners in this 26.2-mile race. Despite the severe pain in his right leg from previous training, Felipe conquered the race in 3 hours and 49 minutes. Over 40,000 people ran this race with Felipe.

### Hartmut Kahl Tours with Duke Chapel Choir

**Hartmut Kahl** (LLM 07), from Germany, joined the Duke Chapel Choir after an audition and toured in Spain with the Chapel Choir during winter break. It is the first time in 10 years that the Choir traveled internationally. For 12 days in December and January, the choir toured and sang in some of Spain's most historic and beautiful churches in Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, and Andalucia. The Chapel Choir is one of the nation’s largest and most active university choirs. Its 150 members include students, faculty, staff and other singers from Duke and Durham communities.

## LLM Leadership & Community Participation Award

For the second year, LLM students were selected by their fellow LLM students for special recognition. **Roy Guy-Green** and **Alejandro Sanchez-Mujica Almada** received the 2007 LLM award for Leadership and Community Participation. As the LLM representative to the Duke Law Pro Bono Board, Guy-Green encouraged LLMs and exchange students to participate in a record number of pro bono and public interest activities. Prior to his arrival at Duke, Guy-Green practiced law in Jerusalem, Israel. Sanchez-Mujica Almada created the LLM blog of Class 2007 at Duke last fall, connecting classmates from around the world and capturing almost every moment of the Duke Law experience with his excellent photography skills. Prior to his study at Duke, Sanchez-Mujica Almada practiced law in Monterrey, Mexico.

## LLM Graduation Speaker

**Federico De Achaval** was selected by his classmates to represent the LLM class of 2007 and spoke at the Law School hooding ceremony in Cameron Stadium on May 12, 2007.

De Achaval has just become a Partner at the Buenos Aires law firm Durrieu, where he specializes in criminal law and economic crimes. A graduate of Argentine Catholic University, De Achaval is active in non-profit organization dedicated to helping children with neurological disorders. He is a member of the Buenos Aires Rugby Union.

## VISITING SCHOLARS

The Visiting Scholar Program was very active during the 2006-2007 academic year. **Kresimir Pirsil** (LLM 91, SJD 93), returned to Duke as a visiting scholar and is researching and publishing on comparative corporate law. Judge **Kiyong Kim** (LLM 01) was among several judges, lawyers, and prosecutors from Korea. They took advantage of the opportunity to visit courts, audit classes and join the weekly language lunch tables. Other visiting scholars were from Australia, China, Croatia, France, Taiwan, and Denmark. Every year the Law School welcomes approximately 12-15 visitors for periods of time ranging from a few days to over a year. The coming academic year will see a significant reduction in visiting scholars, however, as the library undergoes major reconstruction and the Star Commons is added to the Law School’s northeast corner.

Dr. **Hiroshi Miyashita**, a 2005 visiting scholar, has been appointed to Chief of the Office of Personal Information Protection, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan by the Chief Cabinet Minister.

## SUMMER INSTITUTES

### Duke-Geneva Institute in Transnational law

The 2006 Duke-Geneva Institute welcomed three alumni as faculty members: **Kichimoto Asaka** (LLM 87), **Patrick Fazzino** (JD 81), and **Iaonnis Tassopolous** (LLM 87, SJD 89). Coming to teach from Duke Law were **George Christie**, **Carolyn McAllaster**, and **Madeline Morris**. **Jennifer Maher** continued to be the institute administrator. The courses offered included Comparative Constitutional Law and, for the first time, International Sports Law. Fifty-three students participated, representing 19 countries; first-time countries represented were Egypt and India. Some students received scholarship support from the Duke Law Alumni Club of Scandinavia and the Open Society Institutes. Eleven students were members of the LLM class of 2007, and they arrived at Duke in August with good friends among the Duke JD/LLMs and JDs who attended the Institute.

The Institute students and faculty cruised on Lake Geneva on a beautiful evening, joined by **Maude Alhanko** (LLM 05), **Nicolas Diebold** (LLM 04), **Pascal Duclos** (LLM 99), **Rebecca Everly** (JD/LLM 98), **Florian Willi** (LLM 04) and **Tristan Zimmerman** (LLM 05). Two alumni, **David Ledermann** (LLM 99) and **Nicolas Killen** (LLM 90), joined a panel of practitioners who spoke to students about international legal practice.

Among the many afternoon seminars and extra-curricular activities arranged for the 2006 Institute were a visit to the UN to observe a hearing of the Human Rights Committee. The United States' human rights record was being examined on the day of the visit. Students also visited the World Trade Organization for a presentation about its appellate panels, and the World Intellectual Property Organization, where they learned about domain name arbitration and enjoyed a reception with a spectacular view on the top floor of WIPO's beautiful building. A new destination, to be re-visited in 2007, was the Bodmer Foundation, a library and museum that holds a world-renowned collection of original manuscripts and first-edition books. Students from all over the world exclaimed over ancient texts representing the great works of their countries and religions. After the Bodmer visit, the University of Geneva hosted a reception on the terrace of a lovely restaurant in celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Duke/Geneva Institute.

A number of Duke JD/LLM and JD students who attended the 2006 Institute worked abroad before the starting date, including students who interned with **Bharat Dube** (JD 86) at Richemont International, Geneva, **Kris Van Hove** (LLM 92) at Van Bael Bellis, Brussels, and **Guy Vermeil** (LLM 89) at Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva.

The 2007 Duke/Geneva Institute will run from July 1 – August 1. If you are in or near Geneva this summer, come visit us, especially for the annual boat cruise on Lake Geneva on July 6. Contact Jennifer Maher for more details.

### Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law

The Institute celebrated its eleventh year in Hong Kong. New HK University faculty directors, **Simon Young** and **Doug Arner**, were excellent participants in all aspects of the program. They recruited stimulating afternoon speakers such as the very colorful legislative councilor **Leung Kwok Hung**, also known as “Longhair,” to discuss “Using the Courts for Social Activism” and **Greg So**, from the Democratic Alliance for Betterment and Progress for Hong Kong to discuss “Political Parties in Hong Kong.” HKU Dean **Johannes Chan** lectured on “Constitutional Review in Hong Kong,” and others spoke about the role of the media, current political issues, and “Hong Kong Since the Handover.”

For the first time in many years, the program included a course in international environmental law. The first term was taught by Professor **Jim Salzman** from Duke, and the second term was taught by our first Malaysian faculty member, Professor **Azmi Sharom** from the University of Malaya. Another new course was Constitutional Review in Asia: Hong Kong and India. Hong Kong University's Professor **Benny Tai** taught the Hong Kong portion, and Professor **Upendra Baxi**, a well known social activist in India and most recently a professor at Warwick University, taught his term from the Indian perspective. Other courses included international trade with a focus on China and Japan, international arbitration, and banking regulation and payment systems. Faculty members came from Duke, Hong Kong University, Warwick University, City University of Hong Kong, Linz University, Osgood Hall Law School, University of London/Queen Mary, and Waseda University. The introduction to U.S. law course was well represented by Duke faculty members **Melanie Dunshee** and **Jim Coleman**. **Judy and Don Horowitz** were in residence directing the summer institute.

Sixty-one students from 15 countries were enrolled in the program. The largest groups of students were from the U.S. and China. Other countries represented were Australia, Canada, India, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Mexico, Mongolia, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Venezuela. Ten of the students were Duke JD/LLM students and 9 students were incoming Duke LLM students. The Mongolian and Kazak students, who added a great deal to the enrichment of the program, received scholarships from the Open Society Institute of the Soros Foundation as well as from Duke. Hong Kong University students served as interns and introduced institute participants to the Legislature and the High Court and to sites such as Lantau Island, Stanley Beach, and a very large number of restaurants on Hong Kong Island and Kowloon. Several students used the weekends to make excursions to Beijing and other parts of China.

Before the start of the summer institute, many Duke JD students worked at law firms located in Tokyo, Osaka, Seoul, Beijing, Bangkok, and Shanghai. Most of the arrangements were made through the generous help of our LLM alumni. Students reported that having had the opportunity to work in

Asia was extremely helpful to them in their job interviews back at Duke in the fall. During the summer institute, students were also able to visit a number of law firms, including White & Case, Allen & Overy, Orrick, Clifford Chance, Morrison & Foerster, and Latham & Watkins. The law firm visits included introductions to associates at different levels at the firm, receptions, dinners, and a trip around Hong Kong Harbor.

Special thanks to graduate **Rita Pang** (JD 99). Rita hosted a very lovely several course Chinese dinner for Duke alumni. The occasion provided an excellent opportunity for Duke graduates to catch up and to meet one another.

The 2007 summer institute will take place during the entire month of July. For more information, see the web at [www.law.duke.edu/internet/asia](http://www.law.duke.edu/internet/asia). Better yet, if you are in Asia, come and visit the summer institute.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Board Meeting/International Alumni Reunion in Germany

The Law School's Board of Visitors is hoping to have its annual meeting in Munich, Germany in June 2008. The event will also be an international alumni reunion. Please check the Law School web site for details of the meeting.

### Overseas Travel

**Judy Horowitz** spent a week in October 2006 in England in order to visit alumni in London and Oxford and also attend President Richard Brodhead's reception and address for a large audience of Duke University alumni. Duke alumni, who are heads of their country's alumni associations, participated in a special training workshop, including **Margaretha Wilkenhuysen** (LLM 96) from Brussels and **Sibylle Gierschmann** (LLM 99) from Munich. They are both chairs of the Duke University alumni associations in their home countries.

In London, Judy was also able to spend time with several other alumni, starting with **Manuel Sager** (LLM 85) and his wife, Chris. She additionally was fortunate to visit with **Ainagul Alimanova Wilkinson** (LLM 98) and her infant son, **Elya Duisseimaliyeva** (LLM 99), **Oleg Bilousenko** (LLM 96), **Shaimerden Chikanayev** (LLM 06), **Nicolas Silva** (LLM 01), **Mila Tressa** (LLM 03), **Pierre-Emmanuel Noel** (LLM 95), and **Daniel Weiner** (LLM 05). In Oxford, Judy was taken on a wonderful tour of the University by **Shinjiro Takeda** (LLM 06), who was studying in the MBA program at Oxford University. By the time she returned to Durham, several Japanese alumni already knew about the visit and the lunch with beer in a local pub.

### Alumni in Academia

**James Bergin** (LLM 93) now teaches International M&A as adjunct faculty member at NYU School of Continuing and

Professional Studies and Legal Environment for the Business Manager at the Rutgers Business School of Rutgers University. **Christoph Ann** (LLM 88) has won the Best Teaching Award of 2006 of Munich Technical University.



**Fatima Hassan** (LLM 02) was invited to give a lecture at the Duke Sanford Institute of Public Policy on April 16, 2007 entitled "The Price of Life: The Legal Struggle for Affordable AIDS Medicines in South Africa." **Kyoungjin Choi** (LLM 06) joined Kyungwon University as tenured professor. **Taku Matsumoto** (LLM 05) has been appointed to a part-time position to teach Japanese Civil Law at the University of Tokyo since April 2007. **Pei Kan Yang** (JD 06) is now Assistant Professor at the Graduate Institute of Financial and Economic Law, Feng Chia University in Taiwan. **Bryce Tingle** (LLM 94) is teaching Corporations at the University of Alberta and University of Calgary. **Thomas Telfer** (LLM 92) attended a meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, in Portland, Oregon as a Canadian delegate representing the Uniform Law Conference of Canada. For more details of international alumni in academia, please go to the following web site [www.law.duke.edu/internet/teachingalumni](http://www.law.duke.edu/internet/teachingalumni).

### Engagements

**Bastiaan Ryckaert** (LLM 05) announced his engagement with Elisabeth Zouboff in Brussels in February 2007. **David Ledermann** (LLM 99) is engaged to **Sharon Cummings** (JD/LLM 02).

### Marriages

**Guillermo Plate** (LLM 03) to Florencia Samaniego in Buenos Aires on September 23, 2006. **Mila Trezza** (LLM 03) to Alessio in Sydney in 2006. **Francisco Prat** (Exchange 03) to Urna in Santiago in 2006. **Carsten Herresthal** (LLM 99) to Katrin Friedrich in Germany on May 22, 2006. **Shaimerden Chikanayev** (LLM 06) to Aigul in London on July 8, 2006. **Zhanat Alimanov** (LLM 00) to Diana Ibragimova at the beginning of 2006. **Yuri Matsui** (LLM 04) in Tokyo on May 31, 2006.



### Births

**Noriaki Abe** (LLM 99) and his wife, Mayuko announced the birth of their daughter, Harue, born on June 3, 2006. **Arfridea Saraswati** (LLM 03), her first baby in April, 2007 in Jakarta, Indonesia.. **Urs Maurer** (LLM 92) and wife **Myrto Labrou**

**Mauere** (LLM 91) a daughter, Anna Alexia on October 7, 2006. **Andreas Fabjan** (LLM 99), a daughter, Iris, on November 14, 2006. **John Curry** (LLM 05) and wife, Pamela, a daughter, Hannah, on June 2, 2007. **Dominique Maes** (LLM 99), a son, Victor on April 4, 2007. **Yoav Oestreicher** (LLM 01, SJD 04) and wife, Gal, a son, Ohad on April 29, 2007. **Maria Luisa Fabrega Zentner** (LLM 02) and **Raul Borrell** (LLM 02), a son, Sebastian on June 10, 2006. **Edgardo Partaro van Oordt** (LLM 01), a daughter, Camilla on November 28, 2006. **Ting-Ting Shi** (JD 98) and husband Jan Li, a son, Bryan on March 16, 2007. **Masatsura Kadota** (LLM 03), a son, on November 15, 2006. **Bin Xue Sang** (LLM 89), a daughter, Vicky on September 30, 2006. **Pedro Perez** (LLM 02), a daughter, Alina, on February 2, 2007. **George Hacket** (LLM 00) and wife Stephanie, a daughter, Mabel on October 23, 2006. **Ori Demb** (LLM 01), a son, Adam on November 19, 2006. **Sattam Alnomay** (LLM 06), a daughter, Sahar, on October 7, 2006; **Santiago Labat** (LLM 99), a son, Bautista, on August 10, 2006. **Szilvia Horvath-Cook** (LLM 99), her second son, Jamie, in January 2007. **Lois Lin** (LLM 01), a son, Samuel in September, 2006.



## Class Notes (Mostly LLMs)

### Class of 1985

**Suk-Ho Bang** (LLM 85, JD 87) has been recommended by the Korean National Congress as one of 11 directors of the Korean Broadcasting System Board to represent academia. He is also President of the Duke Korean Alumni Association.

### Class of 1989

**Margaret Wachenfeld** (JD) has joined UNICEF as a senior policy advisor in the Brussels office. For the previous four years, Margaret was principal external human rights advisor to IFC, in addition to advising the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Investment Bank.

### Class of 1990

**Felix Mello** founded his own firm Guido & Mello – Abogados in Buenos Aires four years ago.

### Class of 1991

**Barbara Matthews** (JD/LLM) is now the U.S. Department of Treasury Financial Attaché to the European Union. She also holds the U.S. Senate-confirmed title of Minister-Counselor for Financial Affairs at the U.S. Mission to European Union. **Henning Krauss** has started a new firm, Arqis Rechtsanwälte, which has the largest German office in Japan. **Hiroyuki Hosoi** has moved to Dubai as General Manager of NTT Communications Dubai Representative Office.

### Class of 1993

**Eduardo Hauser** has been appointed to the U.S. National Public Radio Board of Directors. **Julio Pereira** has been named one of the top Chilean tax lawyers by the International Tax Review.

### Class of 1994

**Andy Chen** has been appointed as a commissioner at the Fair Trade Commission of Taiwan.

### Class of 1995

**Paul Hespel** has joined Goodwin Procter New York office as Partner in the Business Law Department and a member of the Leveraged Finance Practice. **Alejandro Posadas** (LLM 95, SJD 03) will take leave of absence from CIDE Law School and take a position at the Mexican Embassy in Washington as Representative for International Environmental Relations with the U.S. and Canada and will also teach an international law course at the Law School in fall 2007.

### Class of 1996

**Margaretha Wikenhuysen** has been appointed Partner at Nauta Dutilh and will move to Luxembourg from Brussels. **Takeru Tanojiri** has been assigned to the Supreme Public Prosecutors Office in Japan.

### Class of 1997

**Daniel Almaguer** has been promoted to the head of the Legal Department of Occidental Petroleum Middle East region and relocated to Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates.

### Class of 1998

**Alexander Bruns** has been designated Dean of the law faculty of Juristisches Seminar der Georg-August-Universität for the term of 2007-2009. **Aslaug Magnusdottir** has joined Marvin Traub Associates as Vice President and relocated to New York City from the U.K., aiming at helping American brands and international retailers to expand in the fashion world.

### Class of 1999

**Noriaki Abe** has been assigned to the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty Division, North American Affairs Bureau, of Japan's Foreign Ministry. He was previously with the Policy Coordination Division, Foreign Policy Bureau. **Holger Haenecke** has left McKinsey and joined Business and Strategy Development at Microsoft in Berlin. **Andreas Fabjan** is now General Secretary of the Geneva Real Estate Manager Association and Geneva Promoter and Builder Association. **Varun Sahay** has joined Arcelor Mittal Eastern Europe in Poland as Head of Integration and Executive Assistant to the CEO. **Hideki Akiyama** (JD) is now Partner at Schiff Hardin New York. **Noparat Kaewsringarm** has joined Phatra Securities Public Company Ltd as Vice President. **David Ledermann** was named Partner of Lenz & Staehelin in Geneva in January.

### Class of 2000

**Patrick Voigt** now works as a lawyer in the Division of Human Resources of UNICEF in New York. **Stephan Strnad** is now in Sarajevo running the Bosnian branch of the

organization Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e.V., a worldwide operational NGO with its headquarters in Germany. **George Hackett** has been elected Counsel to Davis Polk & Wardwell as of December 1, 2006. **Ignacio Pallares** opened Latham & Watkins's Madrid office in January 2007. **Kevin Marr** (JD) has moved to China to teach American Law and Business Regulations at Zhejiang University School of Law. **Yi Lin Chua** has joined GE Commercial Finance as General Counsel, Working Capital Solutions-The Americas.

#### *Class of 2001*

**Ramon Lafee** joined Vengas and is now the Director of Legal Affairs. Vengas is a company owned by Ashmore Energy, a UK equity fund. **Carmen Backsmann** has moved from Chile to Dusseldorf, Germany and is now working for her own consulting firm, Interconsultora Limitda. **Marija Karanikic** spent 2006-2007 at Trinity College in Oxford University as a Chevening Scholar.

#### *Class of 2002*

**Victoria Portatius** has been made junior partner at BMA Brandstatter Rechtsanwälte GmbH. **Felipe Muzquiz** has moved from Mexico to Brussels for a 3 year assignment in his company's headquarters. He is now managing the legal affairs of Johnson Controls, Inc. for the Iberian, Mediterranean and Benelux regions. **Mary Beth Steele** (JD/LLM) has moved to DC from New York and joined Chadbourne & Parke. **Rolando Zambrana** reports that he is now Partner of Núñez Rizo Zambrana & Argüello. **Hui Mei** has left King & Wood and joined the newly established China Financial Futures Exchange. **Gitanjali Workman** has joined Paul Weiss New York office.

#### *Class of 2003*

**Daniel Zimmer** is now working for Freshfields as a Referendar in the Antitrust Department in Brussels, after passing his second State Exam. **Tobias Leder** has joined Latham & Watkins Munich office. **Goncalo Godinho** has joined Servulo Correia & Associados in Lisbon.

#### *Class of 2004*

**Andres Onetto** is now correspondent in Argentina for the Butterworths Journal of International Banking and Financial Law (UK). **Svetlana Fowler** (JD) joins Blank Rome LLC from Greenberg Traurig and brings an international perspective to the business group. **Michal Kushnir** was promoted to fifth year associate (bypassing the fourth year) by Katten Muchin Rosenman New York office. **Nicolas Diebold** has been admitted to the Swiss Bar and is taking an internship with the European Commission in Brussels on trade and WTO related issues. **Ashwin Sapra** is now Senior Manager of Legal Affairs of Ascend Therapeutics, Inc. in Virginia. **Mark Unger** has joined Mallesons Stephen Jacques in the M&A Department as a solicitor.

#### *Class of 2005*

**Laney Zhang** is now working as the only Chinese Law Specialist at the Law Library of Congress in D.C. **Suzana Albano** has

published an article in Brazilian Journal of Family Law, Feb/Mar 2006 "Assisted Reproduction: The Rights of the Frozen Embryos and of Those Who Conceive Them." **Ahu Yalgin** has obtained her Equivalency Diploma and will become a member of the Istanbul Bar after one year. **Wenjie Niu** has moved to Beijing to work in the Legal Affairs Division of China Securities Depository and Clearing Co., Ltd. **Ryota Sekine** has joined O'Melveny & Myers Tokyo office.

#### *Class of 2006*

**Ben Paungmalit** is now in the PhD program in the National University of Singapore. **Lei Yu** has joined AstraZeneca China as Senior Counsel in Shanghai after finishing her internship at United Technology Corporation in Connecticut. **Javier Robalino** returned to Ecuador to join Perez Bustamante & Ponce, after his stay at King & Spalding, Houston office. He was invited to speak at the ASIL Annual Meeting on March 31 on the panel on investment law. **Arturo Le Blanc** has returned to Chile and joined Barros & Errazuriz after his internship with Shearman & Sterling New York office.

### FROM THE ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Wherever you are in the world, you are a member of the Duke Law family. Our job as the Alumni Relations staff is to help you stay connected to that family. In addition to providing you information on Law School happenings, we also want to encourage you to benefit from the networking opportunities and camaraderie made possible by the high caliber people who have called Duke Law home throughout the years.

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Finally, if you have ideas, suggestions or comments on how we can better serve our international alumni, please tell us. E-mail us at [alumni\\_office@law.duke.edu](mailto:alumni_office@law.duke.edu).

Sincerely,

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\*Special Note: Former International Program Coordinator Carrie Tran and her husband Jonathan welcomed their second child, David, in Texas on March 8, 2007.

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