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Chileans Visit Loyola

For the fifth consecutive year, a student team from the law school of Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Santiago, Chile, visited Chicago for a week in late October. The four Chilean law students were accompanied by Professor Rafael Blanco and Assistant Dean Salomon Serrano from Hurtado. During their week, they sat in on classes, met with faculty and lawyers about their research projects, had a meeting with Judge Virginia Kendall (a 1992 Loyola alum) at the U.S. District Court, and mingled with Loyola law students. In the spring a group of Loyola law students will travel to Santiago for research, as another part of Loyola's cooperative program with Hurtado.

Dr. Aminta Rota Vis Moot Fellowship

Loyola is very pleased to receive support for one of its international programs by the establishment of the Dr. Aminta Rota Vis Moot Fellowship. This endowed gift will support the participation of one law student each year to participate in the International Vis Moot Arbitration Competition, which takes place each spring in two different venues, Hong Kong and Vienna. The Fellowship is established in honor of the late Dr. Rota, a very successful and widely respected Italian lawyer, by his children, Silvia Rota and Attilio Rota. Silvia Rota, an alumna of the law school’s graduate program, received her LLM degree from Loyola in 2006. Loyola is very fortunate that Dr. Rota’s children chose to honor him in a way that will provide an outstanding educational opportunity for Loyola students for years to come.
The International Law Society hosted a luncheon on Oct 14th with international law attorney Michelle Welsh of Drinker Biddle. Ms. Welsh has worked in customs and international trade law, advised clients in litigation at the U.S. Court of International Trade and a various administrative proceedings. For more information regarding the International Law Society please see their website at http://ilschicago.blogspot.com.

Professor Michal Alberstein from Tel-Aviv University in Israel spoke to the faculty on October 14th on the topic Measures of Legal Formalism: Readings in Jurisprudence and in Legal Cases.

Pathways to Employment in International Law

On October 22, the ABA Section of International Law presented "Pathways to Employment in International Law," a panel discussion moderated by Professor Thomas Haney. Panelists included Lindsay A. Philiben from Baker & McKenzie, Elizabeth Wilson from CNA Insurance, and Bernard Cherkasov from Reed Smith. The program was held in the Career Services office on the 13th floor of the Law Center and was followed by a reception.

The first president of the Polish Anti-Monopoly Office from 1990-1995, Anna Fornalczyk, spoke on the topic The Main Dilemmas of Competition Law Enforcement in Poland at the Antitrust Institute fellowship lunch and dinner to students and faculty and Chicago-area competition practitioners on November 10th. Ms. Fornalczyk is currently a partner in COMPER Fornalczyk & Partners in Lodz, Poland.

Ten students have been selected to be on the Vis Moot International Commercial Arbitration teams for 2008-09. These teams will compete in the spring against law school teams from all over the world. The competition centers on a hypothetical dispute involving a breach of contract under the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ("CISG"). This year the Arbitration Rules are those of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce. Six Loyola students will go to Hong Kong, and four will go to Vienna. The teams are as follows:
Hong Kong — Donald Cole, Bethanie Legare, Shouger Merchant, Honorine Richards, Aruna Subramanian, Michael Yuan
Vienna — Amber Curl, Lauren Kraus, Joe Renick, Michael Viglione

Spring 2009 Classes in International and Comparative Law

Advanced Legal Research: Foreign & International Legal Research - Grant
Comparative Company Law Seminar — Dwyer
Comparative Law Seminar: Legal Systems in America (Chile) - Haney & Rhodes
Comparative Law Seminar (South Africa) - Geraghty/Boyer
Comparative Patent & Health Law - Ho
Immigration Law & the Workplace - McCormack
International & Comparative Employment Law - Zimmer
International Commercial Arbitration Practicum - Moses
International Human Rights - Haney
International Public Health Law - Blum
Islamic Law - Zarzour
London Comparative Advocacy Program - Faught
Transnational Dispute Resolution - Waller

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