International News

“Our mission is to educate diverse, talented students to be responsible leaders in a rapidly changing, interdependent world, to prepare graduates who will be ethical advocates for justice and the rule of law....”

(School of Law Mission Statement)

Study Abroad

Beijing, China
May 29 thru June 26

Rome, Italy
June 19 thru July 17

Strasbourg, France
July 19 thru July 30

Annual Wing-Tat Lee Lecture
This year’s Wing-Tat Lee Lecture in International and Comparative Law was delivered on February 4 by Dr. Ingeborg Schwenzer. Her topic was “Global Sales Law - Theory and Practice.” Dr. Schwenzer is a professor of private law at the University of Basel, in Switzerland. She has been a visiting professor and guest lecturer at law schools in the U.S., France and New Zealand. She is the co-author of the leading treatise on the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). In addition to being a prolific scholar, she serves as counsel, expert witness and arbitrator in the areas of international commercial law, comparative law, the law of obligations, and family law.

2010 International Law Review Symposium
The International Law Review hosted its annual symposium on Friday, February 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., in the Power Rogers & Smith Courtroom. This year’s symposium topic was “The International Criminal Court - Its Current and Future Impact on International War Crimes and Gross Violations of Human Rights.” Speakers included David M. Crane, the former chief prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone; David Scheffer, the former U.S. Ambassador at large for war crime issues, who led the U.S. delegation in talks establishing the International Criminal Court; Minna Schrag, a former prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; and Sara Criscitelli, the prosecution coordinator of the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. There was also a screening of the film, The Response, a drama based on actual transcripts of the Guantánamo Bay military tribunals.
Loyola Team Advances in the Jessup Competition

Loyola’s team in the 51st annual Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition in international law recently placed second in the MidWest Super-Regional Round and won the right to advance to the White & Case International Rounds of the competition in Washington, DC in March. Law students from over 500 law schools in some 80 countries compete in the Jessup competition each year. This is the first time since 1991 that a Loyola team has advanced to the international round in Washington.

Visiting Lecturer from Belgium

Professor Paul Nihoul of the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, spoke at the law school on European Union (EU) consumer law on February 8 for the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies. Professor Nihoul, who is a member of the Institute’s International Advisory Board, is an expert on EU competition and consumer law, and he heads the consumer law center at his university.

Visiting Lecturer from Chile

Professor Rafael Blanco of the Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Santiago, Chile, spoke to the Comparative Law Seminar on February 8 on reform of criminal justice systems in Latin America. Professor Blanco was one of the leading academics who helped bring about a thorough reform of Chile’s criminal justice system; he co-authored an article in Loyola’s International Law Review a few years ago on that achievement. Since then, he has been a consultant on criminal justice reform to governments throughout Latin America, including most recently Mexico and the Dominican Republic. Universidad Alberto Hurtado is the Jesuit law school in Chile with which Loyola has a long-standing two-way student exchange program.
Annual London Program

For the 21st year, Dean James J. Faught led a group of Loyola law students in the London Comparative Advocacy Program over the New Year holiday. The 16 students in the 17-day program in London observed trials at the Old Bailey (London's Central Criminal Court), met with barristers and judges, and participated in meetings at the Middle Temple Inn of Court. Working with Dean Faught in London were Dean Jean Gaspardo, Francis Wolfe ('98), Stuart Opdycke, and Judge Kathleen Pantle ('82). Kevin Conway ('76) and his wife Linda joined the group, which included their daughter Kate; Conway presented a lecture on the recently enacted civil justice reforms in England.

International Mediation Tournament at Loyola

Loyola will host the 2010 International Law School Mediation Tournament over the weekend of March 18-20. The competition, sponsored annually by the International Academy of Dispute Resolution, will bring together at least 40 student teams, representing some 20 law schools from the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Germany, India and possibly other countries. Representing Loyola will be Susan Chalmers, Samantha Martin, Anita Morris, Honorine Richards, Sarah Riddell, and Karoline Szadowska.

Alumnus Profile: S.J.D. recipient in Saudi Arabia

One of the recipients of the law school’s S.J.D. degrees is Issa Alissa. Dr. Alissa wrote his doctoral dissertation on “Civil Liability of Physician between Patient Protection and Aggravation.” Dr. Alissa has since returned to his home country, Saudi Arabia, where he is a professor assistant in the law department of the Institute of Public Administration (IPA). He also writes for the law page of Daralhyat newspaper.

Essay Competitions

Here are some additional essay competitions open to law students.


The Fifth Annual Loyola Annual Willem C. Vis Pre-Moot Arbitration Competition

The Loyola Pre-Moot is a practice moot held for teams that participate in the Willem C. Vis International Moot Arbitration Competition in either Vienna or Hong Kong. It is co-sponsored by the Chicago International Dispute Resolution Association ("CIDRA"), whose President is Peter V. Baugher, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, whose Chicago branch is chaired by Lawrence S. Schaner. This year’s Fifth Annual Pre-Moot, held on February 27, 2010, was the largest ever, with 52 students and 44 arbitrators participating. Schools that participated included Aalborg University, from Denmark, Case Western, Depaul, Hamline, John Marshall, Louisville, Michigan State, and Wisconsin, as well as eight students from Loyola.

Loyola will send one team of four students to Vienna, and one team of four students to Hong Kong. The Vienna team is coached by Professor Margaret Moses, and the Hong Kong team is coached by John Calhoun.

Comparative Law and Education

The law school is offering a new dual degree program in conjunction with the Cultural and Educational Policy Studies Program of the university’s Graduate School. The purpose of the program is to produce legal experts who have a grasp of global issues as they relate to education. The new program seeks to take advantage of Loyola’s expertise in international issues of education with its expertise in the legal rights of children. The dual degree program makes it possible to earn both the J.D. and the M.A. degrees simultaneously and in a shorter time than if the two degrees were pursued separately. More information on the program is available at: http://www.luc.edu/education/programs/ceps-jd-ma_main.shtml

Alumna profile

Chrystan Carlton, who graduated from the law school in 2007, is the Managing Director for Teixeira Development Group, S.A. She is the head of the U.S. operation of this small investment firm, which is headquartered in Luanda, Angola. The core goal of the company is job creation in Angola, and Chrystan’s work involves building business opportunities, importing skills and facilitating investment in Angola for that purpose.

Chrystan, who also holds an M.B.A. degree from Loyola in Finance and Economics, participated in the student exchange program with Chile while she was in law school here.

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Pictured, left: Larry Schaner, cohost, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; Mike Boyer, best team oralist (Loyola); Anthony Herndandez, best individual oralist and best team oralist (Loyola); Nate Hall, Loyola; and Lauren Kraus, Loyola. Nate and Lauren organized and ran the competition with Professor Margaret Moses. The competition included 50 students and over 40 arbitrators.

Chrystan Carlton (left) with classmate Brigette DeLay in Santiago, Chile on the student exchange trip in 2006