New LL.M. in United States Law

In fall 2014 Wayne Law will welcome its first class of students in a new LL.M. in United States Law.

The U.S. Law LL.M. is designed for students with a first law degree from outside the United States. The 24-credit program immerses students in both the fundamentals of the American legal system and allows them to take classes in specialized areas of interest, such as corporate finance, intellectual property and international law. The degree provides the education qualification for graduates to sit for the New York and California bar exams.

The foundation of the program is a cooperative agreement between Wayne Law and the China University of Political Science and Law, ranked as the number two law school in China (out of more than 600 schools). CUPL will send students to the new program each year and Wayne Law faculty will teach and lecture at the CUPL campus in Beijing. Director of Graduate Studies Paul Dubinsky visited six other Chinese law schools in December to promote the new program.

If you are interested in helping promote the new LL.M. through connections to foreign law schools, contact the Program for International Legal Studies Director Greg Fox (gfox@wayne.edu).

We can use everyone’s help to get the word out. You can review the program’s website at law.wayne.edu/llm-us-law

Prestigious book edited by Wayne Law faculty

International Legal Studies Program Director Greg Fox and Wayne Law colleagues Paul Dubinsky and Brad Roth are editing a book on the role of treaties in United States law.

The contributing authors are a who’s-who of foreign relations law scholars, including the program’s External Advisory Committee member David Stewart. The book will make an important contribution to the upcoming debate surrounding the nascent Fourth Restatement of Foreign Relations Law, which the American Law Institute has started drafting. Several of the authors are involved in the Restatement project: David Stewart (Georgetown Law School), Mark Janis (University of Connecticut Law School), Michael Ramsey (University of San Diego Law School) and Ingrid Wuerth (Vanderbilt Law School). The book will be published by Cambridge University Press in early 2015.
Frederick Acomb joins PILS Advisory Committee

We are pleased to welcome the newest member of the program’s External Advisory Committee, Frederick Acomb.

Fred is a partner at Miller Canfield in Detroit and chairman of the firm’s International Dispute Resolution Section. Over the past decade, more than 95 percent of Fred’s caseload has focused on litigation or arbitration on behalf of, or adverse to, corporations headquartered outside the United States.

He has appeared before arbitration tribunals in multiple continents, including Asia, Europe and North America.

He also has served as an arbitrator in a number of sales agency disputes and serves as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Welcome, Fred.

New Program Coordinator – Rachel Hom

In January Rachel Hom, ’13, joined as Program Coordinator. Rachel will divide her time between the international program and the LL.M. program.

As a Wayne Law student Rachel immersed herself in the school’s international offerings. After her first year she was selected for an International Public Interest Law Fellowship and worked on domestic violence issues at the Crisis Centre in Nassau, Bahamas.

After her second year she was chosen as the Freeman Fellow to study at The Hague Academy of International Law. She was a chancellor of last year’s Wayne Law Jessup team, which won the U.S. Midwest regional tournament and finished 18th in the world at the international tournament in Washington, D.C.

Adding Rachel to our team will allow us to put on more programming, reach more Wayne Law alumni practicing international law and take on new and interesting projects.

Welcome, Rachel.

Speaker series stimulates great discussions across campus

The program welcomed a fascinating group of speakers in the fall semester. We are proud of our speaker program, which brings cutting-edge scholars and practitioners to campus to speak on international law issues of current interest.

Each speaker addressed a large group of Wayne Law students and faculty members, as well as many from other departments in the university.

- “The Future of Reform Movements in the Arab World” with Haider Hamoudi (University of Pittsburgh Law School), Tarek Masoud (Kennedy School, Harvard University), Mark Tessler (University of Michigan, Department of Political Science)
- “What is Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction?” with Anthony Colangelo (Southern Methodist University Law School)

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Zelenak scholarship offered to incoming student

Advisory Committee member Edward Zelenak, ’77, has made a generous donation that will create a scholarship for an incoming Wayne Law first-year student interested in studying international law.

The program is grateful to Ed for his extraordinary gift.

Director’s news

It has been a busy time for Program for International Legal Studies Director Greg Fox. In the winter 2013 semester he was a visiting professor in the Department of International Relations at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. In February 2014 he went on a United Kingdom lecture tour, giving talks at the London School of Economics, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at Cambridge University, University of Edinburgh and Nottingham University.

And at the end of 2013, he completed several new works of scholarship that will be published this year:

- “The Case of Eritrea,” in After Kosovo: Legal issues of Autonomy and Secession in the Commonwealth of Independent States (Christian Walter, ed.) (Oxford University Press 2014)
- “Navigating the Unilateral-Multilateral Divide,” in Jus Post Bellum (Carsten Stahn, Jens Iverson & Jennifer Easterday, eds.) (Oxford University Press 2014)

New International Public Interest Law Fellowship partners

Wayne Law’s International Public Interest Law Fellowship fully funds students to work at non-governmental organizations over the summer. In the past we have sent students to work at groups dedicated to issues such as stopping torture by the India border security service, helping to build the rule of law in Lebanon, assisting victims of domestic violence in the Bahamas and working to strengthen the criminal justice system in Mexico. In summer 2014 we have added three new partner organizations who have agreed to take Wayne Law students as summer interns.

They are:

- Competition Authority of Botswana.
- Defense for Children International in Accra, Ghana
- DITSHWANELO, the Botswana Centre for Human Rights

All will provide fascinating experiences for our students.
Professor Julia Qin to teach in Beijing

Professor Julia Qin, an expert in international trade and China’s role in the World Trade Organization, has been invited to teach one semester each year at Tsinghua Law School in Beijing. Tsinghua is widely recognized as one of the top law schools in China. This is an exceptional honor for Julia and for Wayne Law.

Professor Brad Roth’s book earns high praise

Professor Brad Roth’s book, *Sovereign Equality and Moral Disagreement*, published by Oxford University Press in late 2011, has continued to garner extraordinary praise from reviewers.

In the book, Brad provides readers with a working knowledge of the various applications of sovereign equality in international law and defends the principle of sovereign equality as a morally sound response to disagreements in the international realm.

Michael Ignatieff, writing in the *New Republic*, described *Sovereign Equality and Moral Disagreement* as a “splendid new book.” David Caron, former president of the American Society of International Law and dean of the Law School at Kings College, London, described the book as “masterful, provocative, and important.” A reviewer in the *British Yearbook of International Law* wrote, “it is this clear-sighted interpretation of customary international law, combined with its firm theoretical grounding that makes Roth’s work important.”

New international law courses at Wayne Law

In the past few years the Law School has added several new classes to our already robust international law course offerings:

- Associate Professor Paul Dubinsky has added National Security Law.
- Assistant Professor Rachel Settlage soon will add Women’s International Human Rights.
Support international law at Wayne Law

Can you help support and sustain these and other initiatives of the Wayne Law Program for International Legal Studies? Wayne Law students benefit immensely from their exposure to cutting edge international legal issues in the classroom, at conferences and public lectures, and in summer internships abroad. You can ensure that future Wayne students have the same amazing experiences.

We need your support. Visit http://law.wayne.edu/alumni/support.php to make a gift to the Program for International Legal Studies.