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Chicago-Kent Hosts 2009 Midwest Regional Round of Jessup Moot Court Competition



Professor Edward Harris and Judges
Congratulate Northwestern's Team

Chicago-Kent College of Law hosted the 2009 Midwest U.S. Super Regional Rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition February 19-22, 2009. Jonathan Clark Green, Senior Counsel, Federal Civil Rights Litigation Division, City of Chicago Department of Law and former Executive Director of the International Law Students Association welcomed the 24 competing teams on Thursday evening with an opening address delivered in the College of Law's Ogilvie Auditorium. After two days of rigorous oral argument competition Professor Bart Brown introduced Amb. David Scheffer, First United States Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, whose address to the advancing teams announcement Saturday afternoon. Amb. Scheffer's address to the Jessup competitors, *Elevate Your Vision*, urged the Obama Administration to resurrect American commitment to the rule of law in its foreign policy. *Elevate Your Vision* has since been published in the April 2009 issue of the *ILSA Quarterly*.

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Congratulations Class of 2009 LL.M. Graduates!

On Sunday, May 17th more than 90 students of the LL.M. class of 2009 will participate in the Chicago-Kent College of Law commencement ceremony at the Arie Crown Theater, McCormick Place. The keynote speaker will be William E. Kovacic, Chairman of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. This year's graduates hail from over 20 countries around the globe. After the ceremony, a reception will be held in the lobby of the Arie Crown Theater in celebration of everyone's success and hard work. Congratulations, graduates!

Chicago-Kent Partners with the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand

Chicago-Kent College of Law and the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand recently signed an agreement to establishing a special graduate study program for Thai judges. The agreement was initialed February 19 in Chicago by Viruch Limbichai, president of the Supreme Court of Thailand, and Dean Harold J. Krent of Chicago-Kent.



Dean Harold J. Krent with Viruch Limbichai, President of the Supreme Court of Thailand (middle), and Phinij Susaoraj, Secretary General of the Office of the Judiciary (right).

The signing was witnessed by a delegation of prominent Thai officials that included Sirichai Jira-boonsri, presiding justice of the Supreme Court; Phinij Susaoraj, secretary-general of the Office of the Judiciary; Vichai Ariyanuntaka, secretary-general of the Office of the President of the Supreme Court; Sarawut Benjakul, deputy secretary-general of the Office of the Judiciary; and Nuttagrit Sukon, director of the Office of Finance.

Chicago-Kent was also represented by Professor Susan J. Adams and Lydia Lazar, assistant dean for international law and policy development. Under the terms of the agreement with the Office of the Judiciary, Chicago-Kent faculty will go to Thailand to teach a four-course, graduate-level program for judges. Upon successful completion of the program, judges will be eligible to earn a master of laws (LL.M.) in international and comparative law degree from Chicago-Kent by completing an additional semester of course work in the United States. Twenty-seven judges have enrolled in the inaugural program. .

The judges will complete their first semester of work in Bangkok, where they will take four courses: Introduction to Legal Research and Writing, Introduction to the American Legal System, Business Contracts, and International Commercial Arbitration. Each course will be taught in English by Chicago-Kent faculty members over a two-week period, with three to four hours of intensive study per day.

Upon successful completion of the course work, judges will have earned credits toward the 24 needed to earn the LL.M. degree from Chicago-Kent. After approval by a faculty admissions committee, judges will begin their second semester in the United States at Chicago-Kent.

2009-2010 Leadership for International Student Organizations

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Recap of Spring 2009 Chicago-Kent Overseas Legal Training Programs

During the Spring 2009 semester, several Chicago-Kent professors taught courses in Asia as part of Chicago-Kent's overseas legal training programs. These programs are offered in conjunction with professional and educational institutions in Thailand and China. Courses taught by Chicago-Kent faculty included Legal Writing, Introduction to the American Legal System, Comparative Law, Business Law, and a broad range of International Law topics. Students who successfully completed their first semester of overseas studies were eligible to continue studies towards an LL.M. degree at Chicago-Kent.

Chinese University of Law & Politics — Beijing



The Chinese University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in Beijing is another Chicago-Kent partner offering overseas legal training. The institution is one of the premier centers for legal education in China. Chicago-Kent sent four professors to teach at CUPL: Professor Tracie Porter taught Introduction to Legal Research & Writing, Professor Gary Chodorow taught Introduction to the American Legal System, Professor Richard Warner taught Business Contracts, and Professor Jon Decatorsmtih taught Business Organizations.

Shanghai Bar Association—China



The Shanghai Bar Association (SBA) is a professional organization on the forefront of standardizing and modernizing the Chinese legal system. Chicago-Kent has partnered with SBA to further enhance this mission. Five Chicago-Kent professors taught at the SBA this year. Professors Edward Harris and Mary Rose Strubbe taught Introduction to Legal Research & Writing, Professor Carson Block taught Introduction to the American Legal System, Professor Felice Batlan taught Business Organizations, and Professor Bernadette Atuahene taught International Business Transactions.

Beijing Lawyers Association—China



A growing cadre of Chinese attorneys can trace their education back to Chicago-Kent. For Beijing attorneys, Chicago-Kent's partnership with the Beijing Lawyers Association (BLA) and Peking University allows attorneys to begin their studies close to home. This year, four Chicago-Kent professors traveled to BLA to teach graduate law courses. Professor Ed Harris taught Introduction to Legal Research & Writings, Professor Gary Chodorow taught Introduction to the American Legal System, Professor Richard Warner taught Business Contracts, and Professor Bartram Brown taught Comparative Law.

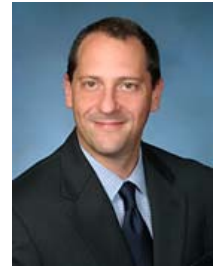
Bangkok, Thailand



Chicago-Kent's long-standing presence in Thailand continues to grow through a partnership with the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand. Four Chicago-Kent professors taught in Bangkok this year. Professor Susan Adams taught Introduction to Legal Research & Writing, Professor Julie Burger taught Introduction to the American Legal System, Professor Edward Harris taught Business Contracts, and Professor Phil Hablutzel taught Commercial Arbitration.

PROFESSOR HARRIS REPORTS FROM THAILAND

For two weeks in March 2009, Professor Ed Harris taught graduate law students in Bangkok, Thailand as part of the law schools' new program with the Office of the Judiciary (See article on page 2). Professor Harris taught a business contracts course at the Judicial Training Institute (JTI) in Bangkok, Thailand. The students consisted almost entirely of sitting judges of the Thai judiciary, some from the Thai National Appellate Courts and even one Justice of the Thai Supreme Court.



Professor Harris noted, "Not surprisingly, this was a multifaceted, intellectually curious, dedicated, and very sharp group of students. The students' interest in the subject matter and overall dedication to learning really made all of my hard work at preparing and teaching the course very worthwhile." In addition to teaching the course, Professor Harris also delivered two talks to two different groups: a talk on litigation in US courts to senior court administrators and a talk on intellectual property rights and enforcement to a large group of judicial trainees. Overall, he found the entire experience of teaching and lecturing at the JTI to be intellectually stimulating, challenging, and highly rewarding. When asked to comment on the political situation in Thailand, Professor Harris noted that "Both before and after I visited Thailand, the on-going political situation had flared up between the "red shirts" (supporters of the ousted prime minister) and the "yellow shirts" (supporters of the monarchy). Although I could perceive some tension in public places around Bangkok, especially between the military, the police, and normal citizens, I also perceived a distinct level-headedness and a very independent spirit among members of the Thai judiciary." Professor Harris explains "My students and hosts were extremely gracious, and it was a great honor for me to teach there." Although his time in Bangkok was mostly spent working and teaching at the JTI, he did manage to find some time to see some important cultural sites such as the royal palace, several important temples, and the large open-air weekend market.

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CASCLSE Spring Semester Update by Gareth Gollrad

The Chinese and American Society for Cultural and Legal Exchange (CASCLE) hosted a variety of events this Spring Semester. We teamed up with APALSA on March 26 for "Asian Culture Night," an evening that featured calligraphy lessons, kung fu and tai chi demonstrations, a traditional Mongolian dance performance, and a lot of great food. Two days later, CASCLE Secretary Kurt Iselt led a group of our student members on a tour of the federal courthouse downtown. On April 1 we held another panel, co-sponsored with the Intellectual Property Law Society, on "Developing Business as an IP Attorney," featuring Chicago IP attorneys Brett August of Pattishall McAuliffe, Richard Beem of Beem Patent Law, and sole practitioner Richard Balough. The following week ushered in our second panel discussion, "Practicing Law in China vs. Practicing in the U.S.," with C-K Alumni Annie Wu of Kirkland & Ellis, Tom Stiebel and Amber Liu of Quarles & Brady, and Xiaoyi Guo of Mayer Brown (Watch online at: <http://www.alumni.kentlaw.edu>). Our panelists broke down many key aspects of Sino-American legal practice and the best way to prepare for a career bridging the two countries. We followed this up on April 14 with a presentation from Liang Zhang, a Chicago-Kent LLM and Junior Partner with HFG Law Office in Shanghai. Zhang, who gave a brilliant presentation on "Competition Law in China." It has been a busy and exciting semester for us all. We also elected and welcomed our new Board members for the 2009-2010 year: Brian Seyfried will take over as President, Angelena Bertera will be acting Treasurer, Andy Lau will be our new Secretary, and we will elect our Vice Presidents in the Fall. We will wrap up the year with a little rest and relaxation in the form of a barbeque-picnic in the park at Montrose Harbor this Saturday, May 9. The festivities will kick off around 4:00 pm.

Spring 2009 Visitors at the Law School



Fritz Horsch — Mr. Horsch arrived in Chicago in April, 2009 from Germany where he works as a doctoral research assistant with Professor Fezer at the University of Konstanz in Germany. He currently is writing his doctoral dissertation on the issue of trademark use including a comparative assessment on the law in Europe and the U.S. Having completed the Second State Exam (German bar exam) in Hamburg and an LL.M. in IP Law at Queen Mary, University of London, Mr. Horsch will be spending the summer working on his dissertation at Chicago-Kent.

Maud Righetti — Ms. Righetti will join us in June 2009 from Nancy, France where she is pursuing doctoral studies at Nancy University. Maud was awarded funding through the French Ministry of Education to conduct research at Chicago-Kent for the summer. Her dissertation topic is “French Copyright: A Major Obstacle to the Valorization of Social Science Research.”

Jonas Schroeder— Mr. Schroeder joined us after completing an exchange semester at the Universidad CEU San Pablo in Madrid, Spain through the European Union’s ERASMUS program. Mr. Schroeder earned a Masters equivalent in Business and Law at the University of Augsburg and studied Engineering at the University of Stuttgart. He will research U.S. and European Antitrust Law focusing on merger controls.

Massimiliano Vatiere — Dr. Vatiere arrived in Chicago in February, 2009 from Italy. He recently completed his post-doctorate in Economics from the University of Siena. He also holds a Ph.D. in Law and Economics from the University of Siena. Dr. Vatiere will spend the spring and summer conducting research on his paper titled: “An Ordo-Institutional Investigation Around the Notion of Power”.

Walter Virga — Dr. Virga will arrive in Chicago during the summer to complete research on conflicting interests between investors and financial intermediaries. He is currently a contract professor of Copyright with the University of Palermo’s Faculty of Law. He will conduct research on a paper titled “Conflict of Interests in Investment Services and the Market for Financial Instruments: from the Civil Code to the Special Legislation.”

"In practice, a global approach is needed when dealing with the problems of the space-ship earth which affect all of mankind. But local solutions, inevitably conditioned by local interests, are required for the problems peculiar to each human settlement."

-Rene Jules Dubos

Chicago-Kent Hosts Jessup Moot Court Competition (Continued from page 1)

During the Quarterfinal Rounds, the University of Detroit Mercy defeated Case Western Reserve University, Loyola University–Chicago defeated Wayne State University, Northwestern University defeated The Thomas Cooley Law School, and The John Marshall Law School prevailed against DePaul University. After the conclusion of the Quarterfinal Rounds, judges and competitors convened for the Awards Reception where the Super Regional Keynote Address was delivered by U.N. War Crimes Expert Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni. At the close of the reception, Jonathan Clark Green presented the Best Oralist Award to Margaux Day of Case Western Reserve University and the Best Memorial Award to Case Western Reserve University.



Loyola University's Team Awaits Quarterfinal Decision

Sunday morning, Northwestern University defeated Loyola University–Chicago, and the University of Detroit Mercy prevailed against The John Marshall Law School in the Semifinal Rounds at the Dirksen Federal Courthouse. Northwestern University and the University of Detroit Mercy competed for the Championship title before a distinguished Final Round Bench that included Barry Sullivan, a partner in Jenner & Block's litigation department; Professor Stephen Sawyer, Senior Counsel, Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern University School of Law; and Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni, Distinguished Research Professor of Law and President Emeritus of the International Human Rights Law Institute at DePaul University College of Law. The judges honored Christy Cross of Northwestern University with the award for Best Oralist in the Final Round, and declared Northwestern University the Championship team. Professor Ed Harris represented Chicago-Kent at the Final Round and delivered awards to the two finalist teams, which went on to compete on behalf of the United States against teams from more than 80 countries around the world at the Shearman & Sterling International Rounds of the Competi-

Professor Harris Reports from Thailand (Cont. from Page 4)

Professor Harris tells The Kent Globetrotter: "I also took every possible opportunity to sample the wonderful local cuisine. As a first-time visitor to Thailand, my assessment is that it is a country very rich with natural beauty, culture, and history, and with a more open, friendly, and gracious population than any I have ever experienced."

Spring 2009 Events



May 1: 28th annual Federal Tax Institute

June 5: 28th Annual Conference on Not-For-Profit Organizations

May 17: Commencement Ceremonies at the Arie Crown Theatre

March 18: First Day of Summer Classes Begin

June 4: Dean's Program for Admitted J.D. Students

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"

~Robin Williams

