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## Foundations, Transitions, and the Future at CILE

### A Note from the Academic Director

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In 2022-23 we adjusted back to “normal,” benefiting from lessons learned during the COVID-19 experience. With the world open again, students returned to study abroad and engaged globally in internship and training programs. You may read their stories from their studies at our University of Augsburg and University of Durham partners, studies in Africa, internships with world leaders, including the President of Kosovo, and work training other students across the globe.

At CILE, we have worked consistently to improve our students’ educational opportunities. Not stopping at the walls of the Barco Law Building, we have fostered outreach that carries the strengths of Pitt Law to the world. The past year has seen that process grow and develop in new ways. With the help of law firms, corporations, foundations, and the greater University of Pittsburgh, we have welcomed Rule of Law Scholars from Ukraine and Afghanistan, working to make a small contribution to the futures of countries in crisis. Those scholars and our alumni will positively impact the world going forward.

In the new academic year, we continue this outreach with the wonderful collaboration of Pitt’s Center for Governance and Markets. Global outreach has become an integral part of all that we do at CILE in many ways. Through cooperation with the US Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) Pitt Law faculty, students, and alumni traveled this year to locations including Tbilisi, Georgia; Alexandria, Egypt; Abu Dhabi, UAE; and others to train students from transition countries in international commercial law and arbitration.

We have joined delegations with the US State Department to help negotiate treaties. And through the normal pulse of Pitt Law our faculty and students have engaged in scholarship, lectures, and teaching that have touched countries around the globe. This process continues this fall as Professor Kotuby travels to Kyiv to be a part of a special set of courses at the Kyiv School of Economics. My International Commercial Arbitration

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class at Pitt Law is shared weekly through follow-up discussions with trainers in Tunisia, Iraq, Palestine, the UAE, and other countries so they can benefit from conversations in Pittsburgh.

With Duquesne University down the street, and the University of Cologne across the Atlantic, we are team teaching a course on “Comparative Law: the U.S. and the European Union” for students not only at our three law schools but at the Donetsk National University Law Faculty, now reconvened in Vinnytsia, Ukraine. The DNU connection demonstrates our commitment to shared experience beyond initial contacts, with more than two decades of collaboration built into what is happening now. We do not slide away; we connect; we stay committed.

As we near 30 years of the Center for International Legal Education, we will continue to improve opportunities for our students and through them and others extend those opportunities around the globe.



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## A Message from the Executive Director

I am writing this note on an overnight train between Warsaw and Kyiv. Across a country at war and with missiles and drones in the air above the Ukrainian capital, I have time to reflect on why I undertook this journey and how it connects to our work at CILE. The first reason I decided to visit Kyiv was solidarity. CILE has more alumni from Ukraine than any other country, and 12 months ago, we welcomed our inaugural class of Rule of Law Scholars from Afghanistan and Ukraine, all fully supported for a year of study in Pittsburgh. The second reason I made the trip was to teach. Post-conflict reconstruction is intricately intertwined with legal education, and the highlight of my trip was lecturing students at the Kyiv School of Economics on issues of international law, arbitration, lawfare, and human rights.

Education, however, is most impactful when paired with practical and policy-based work. While in Kyiv, I helped organize reform projects and pro bono claims essential to Ukraine's victory and recovery. Solidarity, education, and the global practice of law are the same themes that underscore the 2022-23 academic year at CILE. It was not just Pitt Law standing in solidarity with our friends from abroad; the local legal community gave us the platform to do so. Our Rule of Law scholars were only here due to the generosity of local firms and corporations. Once here, many of them attained local internships, and the entire class was welcomed to a special joint session of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the Western District of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Pittsburgh did what Pittsburgh has always done—welcome people fleeing conflict abroad. While Pitt Law boasts a world-class faculty, we were fortunately able to draw on expertise and experience outside our walls to provide our students with a truly unique experience.

Ambassador Norm Eisen delivered the 30th Annual McLean Lecture on Anti-Corruption and the Reconstruction of Ukraine. Our LLM colloquium heard lectures and attended informal discussion sessions with a former Deputy Solicitor General of the United States, the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, the secretariats of leading arbitral institutions, and local federal prosecutors. Instruction happens outside the classroom just as much as inside.

Law schools have the potential to ignite the aspirations and passions of their students to work on matters of public concern, and we are working to maximize that potential. This year, supported by generous grants from global foundations, our LLM and SJD students will perform practical research for pro bono claims and assist with judicial and policy reforms on projects worldwide. This is the future of legal education.



**Charles T. Kotuby, Jr.**  
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## The Year in Review

The 2022-23 academic year was focused on countries in crisis—and how lawyers play a vital role in mitigating those geopolitical crises. Our students attended and participated in conferences relating to human rights and corporate ESG obligations, we welcomed U.S. ambassadors to discuss issues of global corruption and the rule of law, and we honored and joined members of the federal and state judiciary to discuss issues of international and transnational law.

### The Inaugural Class of Rule of Law Scholars

The Global Rule of Law Program aims to harness the human capital of young lawyers and law students from countries in crisis. It does this by resettling and matriculating them here at Pitt Law, educating them in the core concepts that are important to advancing the rule of law in fragile states, and then employing them on investigative journalism, advocacy projects with leading NGOs, and pro bono legal work on international legal claims.

These students will be earning a degree, but the innovation of the program is that they will be contributing to the transition of their home countries from afar.

In 2022-23, we welcomed eleven remarkable Rule of Law Scholars from Ukraine and Afghanistan. These students spent the academic year studying and working at local law firms and multinational companies, and they are now exposed to the important realities of countries in conflict.

They have performed pro bono legal research for potential treaty claims, contributed to legal reform projects on judicial independence and anti corruption, attended symposia with US Ambassadors and federal judges, attended events at the United Nations, and helped create digital tools for gathering evidence of damage in war zones.

We could not have done this without the generous help from local sponsors, including PNC Bank, CNX Resources, Duquesne Light, MSA Safety, Matthews International, Jones Day, K&L Gates, Cozen O'Connor, Leech Tishman and Babst Calland. With the help and support of the Open Societies Foundation, we are working to make this an annual program.



### Pitt Law SJD Students Shine at National Roundtable

Four Pitt Law SJD students represented the law school at the SJD National Roundtable, held in-person for the first time in years, at the Georgetown University Law Center on April 21, 2023. Students presented their individual SJD dissertation topics (pictured from left to right):

- **Hazim Alqethami Alotaibi:** *Assessing the Regulation of Medical Artificial Intelligence in Clinical Settings: Considerations for Form, Process, Authority, and Timing*
- **Shakhzoda Tuychieva:** *The Investment Treaty Arbitration System "Crisis": Addressing the Legitimacy of Current Criticisms*
- **Laras Susanti:** *Indonesia Constitutional Court's Role in Interpreting Islamic Family Law*
- **Khalid Alamer:** *Impacts of Unequal Compliance Between Saudi, GCC Citizens, And Non-Saudi Investors in Income Tax*

### Markiyan Kliuchkovskiy (LLM '05) appointed as Executive Director of the International Register of Damage in Ukraine

Kliuchkovskiy has been chosen to lead the effort to establish a reparations mechanism for Ukraine. The Register of Damage was created in May 2023 in The Hague, Netherlands.



Its purpose is to document claims and evidence of damage, loss, or injury resulting from Russian aggression against Ukraine. The Register will provide a legal framework for holding the aggressor state responsible for the harm caused to Ukraine and its people.

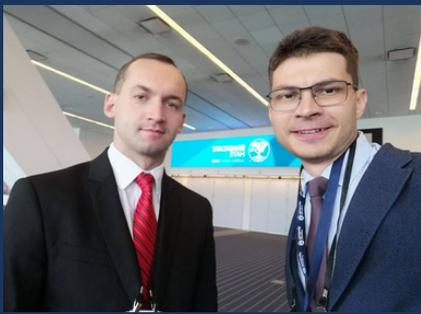
September 2022

### Eradicate Hate Summit

The Eradicate Hate Global Summit is the most comprehensive anti-hate conference globally. Held in Pittsburgh annually, it was formed as a response to the 2018 massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, the largest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history.

The Summit is a vehicle for worldwide action; it seeks to break down silos to bring together the world's leading anti-hate experts from public policy organizations; tech and platform companies; federal, state, and local government and law enforcement; the military and veterans; judges and lawyers; doctors and other mental health professionals; educators and students; academic researchers and data scientists; journalists and filmmakers; and former members of hate groups. They are inspired to collaborate and develop new solutions to prevent hate-motivated violence through the personal experiences of survivors and victims' families whose voices are heard at the conference.

Professor Kotuby spoke at this year's summit on evidentiary issues in global human rights litigation, and our LLM students attended the two-day event as distinguished guests.



### Business of Humanity: Current Events and the ESG Obligations of Multinational Corporations

Environmental, Social, and Governance factors increasingly drive corporate decision-making and foreign investment. This has become especially true this past year, with the onset of geopolitical crises in Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Myanmar. Foreign investment decisions are not only driven by the binary distinction of profit on the one hand or sanctions on the other. Ethical concerns and the reputational risk of investing in specific jurisdictions and industry sectors are readjusting global business priorities. The complexity and interaction of these considerations with other areas of stakeholder engagement are among the main challenges to multinational corporations and their inside and outside counsel.

In coordination with the 2022 Clean Energy Ministerial and the ministerial for Mission Innovation being held in Pittsburgh simultaneously, CILE partnered with the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business to host a conference on the "Business of Humanity" and its relationship to ESG factors. Panel 1 included an interactive discussion between corporate general counsel and outside counsel on how they sometimes navigate competing objectives when implementing a company's ESG agenda and responding to investor and stakeholder priorities. Moderated by Kish Parella (Professor of Law at Washington & Lee University School of Law) and including Wendy Miles KC (Essex Court Chambers), Ben Longlet (Longlet Advisory and Former Senior Counsel for Strategic Issues and Litigation at Chevron Corporation) and Matthew Murray (Adjunct Professor and Senior Researcher, Columbia University School of International and Affairs and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Europe, Middle East and Africa) and Joanne Schwendinger (Founder/CEO of Clear Strategy Co, former Chief Legal and Compliance Office and Corporate Secretary of II-VI Incorporated), the panel shared their experiences and best practices relating to this evolving global consideration affecting foreign investments.

Against this backdrop, our Rule of Law Scholars offered perspectives from their home countries on ESG and foreign investment, and Professor John Camillus of the Katz Business School, author of "The Business of Humanity: Strategic Management in the Era of Globalization, Innovation and Shared Value," offered a keynote address.



November 2022

### Defending the Rule of Law in Myanmar: Law Students in a Military Coup



Sandar Lin visited Barco on Thursday, November 10, 2022, to discuss the crisis in Myanmar. Lin serves as the Director of Legal Training and Development at the Asian Law Students' Association (ALSA). Previously, she was a legal intern at International Bridges to Justice. She completed her bachelor's degree in law at the University of Mandalay in Myanmar in 2017. She serves as a dispatcher for JURIST in Myanmar. Her presentation addressed the circumstances behind

the Myanmar military coup, how she and other Myanmar law students have responded to it, and where the country and its law students are now heading. This presentation was followed by discussions with Maryam Jami (LLM '23) and Anastasiia Rozvadovska (LLM '23) highlighting their own experiences working with JURIST in "challenging" circumstances in their home countries.

February 2023

### 30th Annual McLean Lecture with Ambassador Norm Eisen

On February 7, 2023, CILE was honored to welcome Ambassador (ret.) Norman Eisen to deliver the 30th Annual McLean Lecture on World Law. This year's event was interview style with Professor Kotuby and Ambassador Eisen fielding questions from our LLM and JD Students on Anti-Corruption, and the Rule of Law.

Ambassador Eisen is a senior fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution and a CNN Legal Analyst. At Brookings, he chairs the institution's signature anticorruption program, Leveraging Transparency to Reduce Corruption, and is the founder and lead editor of the Brookings Russia Sanctions Tracker. He represents Brookings as the civil society co-chair of the Financial Transparency and Integrity cohort for the Biden administration's second Summit for Democracy and co-chairs the Transatlantic Democracy Working Group. Eisen is the co-author of the Democracy Playbook, which situates anticorruption in the broader pro-democracy framework.

Eisen frequently publishes on topics relating to Ukraine and its reconstruction. From January 2009 to January 2011, Eisen worked in the White House as special counsel and special assistant to the President for Ethics and Government Reform. He was the White House Counsel Office lead on the Dodd-Frank financial regulatory reform and other aspects of the 2009 economic recovery, including advising on the stimulus and the rescues of the auto and finance industries. He also advised President Barack Obama on lobbying regulation, campaign finance law, and open government issues, helping to ensure the most scandal-free White House in modern history. Eisen served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2011 to 2014. He helped develop innovative anti-corruption and transparency strategies in cooperation with U.S. and Czech law enforcement and other stakeholders. He is the founder of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) and the founder and current executive chair of the States United Democracy Center. Director Wes Anderson credited Eisen as an inspiration for the character of the crusading lawyer Deputy Kovacs in "The Grand Budapest Hotel."

### LLM Spring Colloquium



This course offered a virtual forum to discuss emerging issues in U.S. and international law. This year we welcomed weekly one-hour discussions with Ambassador (ret.) Bruce Heyman (U.S. Ambassador to Canada, 2014-17), Donald B. Ayer (former Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Solicitor General), David Hickton (former U.S. Attorney General for the Western District of Pennsylvania), The Honorable Alan D. Hertzberg (Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas), and Marek Krasula (Director of Arbitration and ADR, International Court of Arbitration)

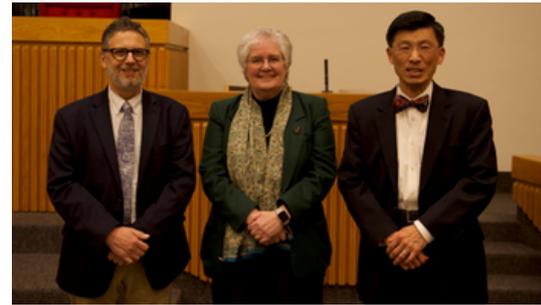


March 2023

### Honoring the Jurisprudence and Legacy of The Honorable Joseph F. Weis

Judge Joseph F. Weis's 40 years of jurisprudence had a wide-ranging impact on American law, and his stewardship of the 1990 Federal Courts Study Committee had a major impact on the institutional structure of the federal judiciary.

This one-day conference featured panels of nationally renowned legal scholars addressing substantive topics where his impact has been most lasting, including Professors Kotuby and Brand, Professor Linda Silberman (NYU School of Law), Professor Donald E. Childress III (Pepperdine Caruso Law School), Dean Wendy Collins Perdue (University of Richmond School of Law), Professor James E. Pfander (Northwestern Pritzker School of Law), Professor Ira Steven Nathenson (St. Thomas University College of Law), Abraham C. Reich (Fox Rothschild LLP), Nathan M. Crystal, Esq. (Crystal & Giannoni-Crystal, LLC), Professor Nancy B. Rapoport (UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law), Professor William M. Janssen (Charleston School of Law), Professor Ilhyung Lee (University of Missouri School of Law) and Arthur H. Stroyd (Del Sole, Cavanaugh & Stroyd).



April 2023

### Democracy and the Rule of Law at the US Federal Courthouse

On April 11, 2023, CILE and the Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania hosted the LLM class at the Joseph F. Weis Jr. Federal Courthouse alongside local Federal and State Judges to explore the importance of the Rule of Law to Democracy through the lens of our Rule of Law Scholars Program. The program, moderated by Professor Kotuby and Laura Ellsworth (Jones Day) was proud to welcome the Hon. Kim Berkeley Clark, Judge (Allegheny Cnty. C.C.P.), Hon. Joy Flowers Conti (W.D. Pa.), Hon. Mark R. Hornak, Chief District Judge (W.D. Pa.), Hon. Thomas M. Hardiman, Circuit Judge (Third Circuit), Hon. J. Nicholas Ranjan, District Judge (W.D. Pa.), Hon. Debra Todd, Chief Justice (Pennsylvania Supreme Court), Hon. William S. Stickman, IV, District Judge (W.D. Pa.), Hon. Devin A. Winklosky, ALJ (U.S.D.A.).



### Let's Talk Africa with Dr. Fatima Waziri-Azi (JD '11)



Dr. Waziri-Azi, Director General of the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) of Nigeria, delivered a lecture entitled, "Human Trafficking and the Nigerian Society."

Waziri-Azi's work in her home country of Nigeria has been dedicated to safeguarding the human rights of the marginalized, especially women and girls, and advocating for disadvantaged urban poor and rural communities.

## Representing Pitt Law: Our JD and LLM Moot Court Teams

### The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Pitt Law's 2023 Vis Moot Team (Gloria Chibueze-Azinge (JD '23), Jacob Clark (JD '23), Patrick Sullivan (JD '23) and Kiley Verbanac (JD '23)) competed in the Vis Moot and advanced to the round of 64 out of 378 teams from 89 countries. They defeated the University of Zurich in the round of 64 but lost to Stetson University in the round of 32. Pitt Law was one of only 2 US teams in the final 64.

The Pitt Consortium teams (Teams we have helped create and train) did even better, with six consortium teams making the round of 64 (Pitt, University of Belgrade (Serbia), University of Zagreb (Croatia), Prince Sultan University (Saudi Arabia), University of Zenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina), and Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko (Ukraine)). Belgrade made it to the final round, losing to the University of Vienna.



### Pitt Law LLM Team in Washington, D.C.



Organized by American University's WCL Center on International Commercial Arbitration, the 10th LLM International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition was held on March 20-22, 2023. This event seeks to foster the study of international arbitration for the resolution of international business disputes and investment disputes. The 2022 Competition focused primarily on oral advocacy before a panel of arbitration experts and concerned a hypothetical commercial arbitration dispute. LLM students Yaroslav Petrenko, Anastasiia Rozvadovska and Nazeer Mayar represented Pitt Law in the competition in the areas of international business disputes and investment disputes.



## Creating Global Lawyers: Pitt Law Students Making Their Marks Across the Globe

Throughout 2022 and 2023, Pitt Law JD and LLM students spent semesters and summers studying and working abroad.

### Space Generation Fusion Forum in Colorado Springs, CO

#### Justin Lindsay (JD '24)

Justin Lindsay (JD, '24) attended the Space Generation Fusion Forum from April 15th-17th, 2023, the premier meeting for the United Nations Space Generation Advisory Council. The Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) comprises members of the space community under age 35 and focuses on developing the technologies and talents needed for humanity's future in space. The Fusion Forum brings together 120 rising stars for discussion, education, networking, and brainstorming.

Justin (attending as a member of The Space Court Foundation, a non-profit space law research firm) participated in the SGAC Policy Discussion on space sustainability. In several sessions, he worked with representatives from the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency, Lockheed Martin, the University of Maryland and more to prepare a proposal for the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space. At the end of the conference, they presented a proposal that expanded the definition of sustainability to include the preservation of celestial bodies, orbital slots, and communications frequencies. They additionally provided concrete suggestions for regulation and enforcement including tax incentives, model contract clauses, and options for international arbitration.

### A Summer in Ghana

#### Jace Peterkin (JD '24)

This summer, I had the privilege of participating in a study abroad program in Accra, Ghana, made possible through the generous support of CILE and its donors. My time in Ghana allowed me to fully immerse myself in a new culture and delve into the country's fascinating history. I was fortunate to engage with passionate professors and fellow students who challenged my thinking and broadened my horizons.

One of the most invaluable aspects of this experience was learning about Ghanaian culture directly from the Ghanaian students in our class. They provided insights into their journey of entering law school and the various challenges and rewards that accompanied it. The memories I created during this trip will forever shape my perspective and contribute to both my personal and professional growth.

This transformative experience expanded my academic knowledge and nurtured personal growth and resilience. It encouraged me to step outside my comfort zone, overcome obstacles, and develop a profound appreciation for the world's interconnectedness.

### 14th Annual Indonesia Focus Conference in Washington D.C.

#### Laras Susanti (SJD '26)



Susanti presented at the 14th Annual Indonesia Focus Conference on October 22, 2022, held by the Asian Society for International Relations and Public Affairs (ASIRPA). This year's conference theme was "Bridging the Gap Across Inequalities." The conference enabled scholars to present research findings on crucial issues related to Indonesia. Specifically, at her panel, Susanti shared her research on the issue of legislating the marriage age as a response to the prevalent child marriages in Indonesia. She brought findings from her previous work with civil society organizations in Indonesia to drafting and advocating the revision of the 1974 Marriage Act.

Pictured above are Laras and her SJD counterparts presenting their findings and research at the program, "As the World Learns: Foreign and International Law Evolving Now," on May 10, 2023.



### The Durham Summer Arbitration Program

**Cariana Jones (JD '24)**

When the last of the snow and slush has finally melted away and the sun peeks through the clouds to reveal a promise of summer in vibrant colors of blooming gardens, longer days, and the beckoning smell of fresh-cut grass wafting through open windows, we all crave one thing. That's right – a nice, refreshing, ice-cold glass of international arbitration. To satisfy this common summertime craving, look no further than the Northeast of England to Durham Law School, where you'll find the annual Summer Course on International Arbitration.

The Course is thoughtfully designed to universally cater to practitioners, scholars, and students, welcoming a wide range of experience levels. The remarkable flexibility exhibited by the instructors enabled everyone to benefit distinctively; there was something for everyone in Durham this summer. While I detail my experience below, I highly recommend that those interested and eligible check it out themselves.

The Course was co-directed by Professor Kotuby along with several other current arbitrators, practitioners and academics with a combined 100 years of experience in international, commercial and investment treaty arbitration with leading global law firms: John Fellas (International Arbitrator and Adjunct Professor at New York University School of Law), Wendy Miles KC (International Arbitrator and Arbitration Counsel), and Christian Leathley (Partner at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, New York). Beyond their wealth of professional achievements, the evident level of thought and effort that went into the Course made clear just how dedicated these four co-directors are to educating and inspiring the next generation of enthusiastic international arbitration professionals. No more than 30 participants were admitted to the program, which ensured an intimate 3:1 teacher-to-student ratio. Further, it was abundantly clear that all the speakers involved in the Course provided a profoundly personal experience, making it a point to get to know each participant and inviting connection and communication beyond the 30 hours of classroom time. Despite their impressive profiles, these trailblazing professionals were remarkably warm and down-to-earth, chatting with the students during coffee breaks and daily luncheons. Indeed, the co-directors and many guest speakers attended extra scheduled activities with the students around Durham like the group tour of Durham Cathedral and the End of Course Dinner at Hatfield College.

The first portion of the Course concentrated on the fundamentals of commercial arbitration, such as why



parties choose it for their international commercial contracts, the legal basis for arbitration, the law and rules that govern international commercial arbitration, and how to draft an arbitration clause. It also covered the enforcement of arbitration agreements and awards and thoroughly detailed the arbitration process. The co-directors were joined by Professor Can Eken, Assistant Professor in Commercial Law at Durham Law School, Professor Lei Chen, Chair in Chinese Law and Co-Director of the Centre for Chinese Law, and Policy Tim Smyth, Senior Associate Centre for Chinese Law, and Tim Smyth, Senior Associate at Arnold & Porter.

For the second portion of the Course, treaty-based arbitration took center stage. Mahnaz Malik, Barrister and Arbitrator at Twenty Essex, and Sylvia Tordova, Partner and Co-Head of Investor-State Dispute Settlement and Public International Law at Pinsent Masons, joined the co-directors to introduce treaty-based arbitration and delve into more nuanced topics such as issues of jurisdiction in treaty-based arbitration as well as expropriation and the fair and equitable treatment standard.

Joined by leading forensic economist Dr. Min Shi, CFA, Partner at Oxera, the third segment dealt with commercial and investment damages. This ambitious session addressed issues of reparation and compensation, strategic considerations of valuation dates and how various breaches and businesses implicate different quantum models.

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The penultimate section of the Course focused on practical arbitration. These sessions featured yet another impressive bunch alongside the co-directors: Professor Sir Bernard Rix (former Lord Justice of Appeal with 20 years of experience in the Commercial Court and the Court of Appeal, International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court and a member of the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal, and Professor of International Commercial Law at The Centre of Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary, University of London), Karyl Nairn, KC (Arbitrator at Arbitration Chambers), and Constantine Partasides, KC (Founding Partner at Three Crowns). I can't overstate how valuable these hands-on skills sessions were, giving participants a flavor for best practices in written and oral advocacy with demonstrations and workshops.

To conclude such a jam-packed, informative experience, Professor Sir Bernard Rix, Karyl Nairn KC, John Fellas, and Christian Leathley all returned as panelists for the final session, which was an open forum Arbitrator Perspectives Q&A discussion moderated by Wendy Miles KC. Here, all Course participants were encouraged to ask the arbitrators questions regarding global arbitral practice, effective advocacy before arbitral tribunals, and how the arbitrators approach decision-making. I feel fortunate to be in this cohort of aspiring international arbitration practitioners. We are uniquely situated in this modern era of rapid growth and evolution of international law and arbitration. While this generation enjoys the benefit of an academic introduction to the practice, many experienced professionals from whom we can receive the opportunity to learn did not. Because of this, the pursuit of education in this area is inherently practical and experiential.

Another benefit of the Course was establishing a network with the other participants. The Course welcomed a bright, diverse group of practitioners, scholars, and students from around the world. I am very grateful to have gotten to know such remarkable people from India, Malaysia, the UK, Brazil, Venezuela, the United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, South Africa, and Vietnam – just to name a few. The Durham Summer Course on International Arbitration proved to be a refreshing summer treat that further assured me of my interest in this field of practice. The area of international arbitration is teeming with opportunities for ambitious professionals – both practitioners and academics – to make their mark. As highlighted in the course's practical skills section, every international arbitration is a potential microcosm of procedural reform. I am only more excited after having had this experience to pursue a career in such a rapidly evolving, multicultural legal field with unlimited potential for innovation.

### Kosovo Presidency Internship Patrick Sullivan (JD '23)



This summer, I had the incredible opportunity to intern in the Office of the President of the Republic of Kosovo. While there, I met many amazing, kind, and interesting people, enjoyed exquisite traditional cuisine, and learned about the intricacies of history and law in the heart of the Western Balkans.

The Office of the President is full of wonderful people who were so kind to shepherd me through the occasionally puzzling circumstances that arise when living in a foreign country. It was no difficulty to feel at home after a short while and people in Kosovo are welcoming and always pleasant.

I am very grateful for the educational opportunities that came as part and parcel of working in the Office of the President. My tasks were interesting, complex, and even novel legal research assignments that entailed thorough research and disciplined drafting. These undertakings occupied my workdays and stayed in my thoughts while I traveled around the beautiful city of Pristina.

Ultimately, my ten-week stay felt like just a few days, and I found myself flying back home before I knew it. Although the time was short, the adventure was unforgettable. I do not know what the future holds for me. Still, I know unquestionably that this opportunity has provided me with practical skills, experience, and a self-assuredness that will greatly impact my career, and invariably for the better.

### A Week at United Nations Headquarters in New York City Cariana Jones (JD '24)

As the CILE often works with various international organizations that develop legal instruments for global commerce and law, it is often also invited to related meetings or sessions to contribute to the facilitation of deliberations of these groups - one such organization being the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). This past spring, the CILE was invited to send a delegation to the sixty-fifth session of Working Group IV (Electronic Commerce) which was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from April 10-14, 2023. The CILE elected to extend this opportunity to Pitt Law students and sent a selected group to represent it at the Session.

Throughout the week, the Working Group considered various topics related to electronic commerce such as default rules for data provision contracts and using artificial intelligence and automation in contracting. Beyond these weighty, enriching topics, as representative delegates we were able to learn and observe the UNCITRAL rules of procedure and methods of work. It was a stimulating experience to see an international organization in action – and better yet, to be a part of it!

On Tuesday, there was even an extra lunchtime presentation organized by UNCITRAL, the International and Comparative Law Research Center (ICLRC), and the Ministry of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic: “Building Regulatory Framework for Digital Transformation in Kyrgyz Republic: Kyrgyz Digital Code,” where the Ministry presented on the development of the draft Digital Code of the Kyrgyz Republic. Additionally, UNCITRAL Secretary Anna Joubin-Bret was even in attendance throughout the week for multiple portions of the Session.

By the end of the Session, the Working Group concluded a report summarizing the week’s deliberations. It recommended for future work that gives the progress made on the discussed topics, the secretariat should prepare a revised set of default rules on data provision contracts and a revised set of principles on automated contracting for consideration at its 66th session. It was further observed that future work should consider the new technologies and advances related to augmented realities, immersive realities, and metaverses.

While I cannot be sure what the future holds for global electronic commerce law, I firmly believe after this experience that data provision contracts and especially the use of artificial intelligence and automation in contracting will only become more relevant as we move from the Information Age into what is being called the Age of Intelligence.



### A Summer in Augsburg, Germany

Melissa Lloyd (JD '25) and  
Caroline Elliott (JD '24)

This summer, I had the unique opportunity to study law in Augsburg, Germany (outside Munich). Not only was I able to further my studies in international intellectual property, I could utilize my weekends and free time to travel around Europe with new friends that I connected with through the Augsburg summer program. I visited Munich, Lindau, Murnau, Neuschwanstein, and Baden in Germany, Croatia, France, and Austria.

In addition to all I learned through my international law classes, I learned even more about different countries and their laws through discussions with my classmates, many of whom traveled to Augsburg from all over the world. I was also exposed to different styles of teaching and learning law through the traveling professors teaching us from universities in California, Germany, Italy, England, and Ukraine. Most importantly to me, I made many new friends and legal connections around the globe that will surely help me in my international career.

### 12th Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot

Alec Smith (JD '23)

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is the largest in the world. The competition attracts more than 300 law schools globally, annually, and spurs numerous international pre-moots. These pre-moots are intended to simulate the competition rounds that will eventually occur at the actual moot in Vienna, Austria (thus the term "pre"-moot), providing student participants an opportunity to test their arguments and sharpen their advocacy skills before stepping up to the metaphorical chopping block. Pre-moots must be attended by arbitrators and experts who possess commensurate skill and knowledge to those employed at the ultimate competition. Over this past year, I twice had the distinct honor of being such an expert for the 12th Tbilisi Vis Pre-Moot.

As its name suggests, the Tbilisi Pre-Moot occurs in Tbilisi, Georgia—a beautiful city with over 1500 years of history. CILE and CLDP flew me out to the area on two separate occasions: first in late September 2022 for the annual "Training of Trainers" event and again later in February 2023 for the pre-moot itself. The Training of Trainers event was a workshop several months before the pre-moot competition that provided writing and training advice to newer coaches before the competition season kicked into full swing. Competition participants from several neighboring countries and topics discussed ranged from the efficient



—such as recruiting and funding your team—to the more esoteric and academic. My contributions tended towards the latter domain, with presentations focusing on approaching a Vis problem and effective coaching styles.

I saw how the attendees employed my advice when I returned to Georgia for the pre-moot proper. The pre-moot consisted of two portions: first, an intimate workshop where I had the opportunity to work directly with individual teams for a few days before the competition began; and second, the two-day pre-moot competition where I served as an arbitrator. Seeing the students grow and improve based on my advice was immensely gratifying, but also working with and arbitrating for them was also fun.



**I would never have had the opportunity to participate in such an event if CILE had not provided me with several international opportunities beforehand, and I cannot understate how grateful I am to all involved in the organization for how they have contributed to my development leading up to this moment.**

**-Alec Smith (JD '23)**

## BUILDING THE FUTURE: LLMs, SJDs AND VISITING SCHOLARS 2023-2024

As a new academic year dawns, Pitt Law's LLM program once again opens its doors to students from around the world, creating a vibrant mosaic of cultures and backgrounds. This year, there are students from Ukraine, Italy, Afghanistan, Austria, Iraq, Germany, Panama, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, and Nigeria all united by a common ambition - the pursuit of legal education. The university's orientation week is a beacon of unity, designed to ease the transition to the academic and social life of the university. This year's incoming law students were in for an exceptional treat, as they embarked on a journey of exploration and bonding at the iconic architectural masterpiece, Fallingwater. Here, the students engaged in conversations and activities that laid the foundation for lasting friendships and a deeper understanding of each other's cultures.



### LLM Class of 2024

**Diyar Hasan Al-Akhras (Iraq)** received her bachelor's degree in law from Iraqi University in 2020, focusing her studies on international commercial arbitration. She has served as a coach of the Iraqi International Commercial Arbitration team and participated in the 2017-2018 Willem C. Vis arbitration moot.

**Hasan Ali (Iraq)** received his bachelor's degree in law from Iraqi University in 2019, focusing his studies on international commercial arbitration. He has served as a coach of the Iraqi International Commercial Arbitration team.

**Stefano Avogaro (Italy)** is a law student at the University of Verona, where he graduated in 2023 with a master's degree thesis on "Contract Interpretation in International Commercial Arbitration." While a student, he has participated in the Willem C. Vis arbitration moot and national and international cross-examination, litigation, negotiation, and mediation moots.

**Alina Bergmann (Germany)** is a law student at the University of Augsburg, completing internships in IT law and criminal law. She joins Pitt Law as part of the long-running Pitt-Augsburg exchange program.

**Onyinyechi Chukwunyerere (Nigeria)** received his MPIA in International Political Economy from Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) in 2016., his BL in Legal Procedure and Practice from the Nigerian Law School in Yenagoa, Nigeria, in 2012, and his LLB (Hons.) in Legal Theory from Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife, Nigeria in 2010. He received the Distinguished Graduate Fellowship from the African Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh. He has worked as a consultant and legal analyst in private practice since 2006 and as a private lawyer since 2012.

**Hannah Grimm (Germany)** is a law student at the University of Augsburg, serving as a student assistant at the chair of Prof. Dr. Martin Maties. She joined Pitt Law as part of the long-running Pitt-Augsburg exchange program.

**Klara Klingsberger (Austria)** received her law degree from the University of Vienna in 2020. Since then, she has been a trainee in various Austrian courts and an associate at Saxinger, Chalupsky & Partner Rechtsanwalte GMBH.

**Yuliia Komisarchuk (Ukraine)** is a 2023-24 Pitt Law & CILE Rule of Law Scholar. She graduated from the Law Faculty of Kyiv National Economic University with post-graduate professional experience at LCA Studio Legale in Milan, Nobles Law Firm, Kasyanenko and Partners and Andriy Kravets and Partners in Kyiv.

**Zahid Omarzai (Afghanistan)** is a 2023-24 Pitt Law & CILE Rule of Law Scholar. He graduated from Dunya University and practiced as a registered attorney with the Afghanistan Independent Bar Association (AIBA). He has represented numerous private entities before dispute resolution forums in Afghanistan including domestic arbitration and provided expert opinions on Afghan Law for dispute resolution proceedings in various jurisdictions. He has also coordinated and implemented international training programs in ADR with international and regional ADR organizations.

**Anastasiia Panchak (Ukraine)** is a 2023-24 Pitt Law & CILE Rule of Law Scholar. She graduated from National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv, National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy," and Kyiv National Economic University. She has worked at E+H Attorneys-at-law in Vienna, Austria, the Antitrust and Competition practice at Arzinger Law Firm in Kyiv and the Commercial Court of the City of Kyiv.

**Mariam Pirveli (Georgia)** is a graduate of Ilia State University, the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs and the Anglo-American University in Prague. She has worked as an attorney for the Bank of Georgia and in private practice at Kordzadze Law Office in Tbilisi. She participated in the 18th Willem C. Vis arbitration moot.

**Amila Pivic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)** is a graduate of the University of Zenica, previous vice president of the European Law Student Association in Zenica and a past participant in the Willem C. Vis arbitration moot.

**Oksana Riabinina (Ukraine)** is a 2023-24 Pitt Law & CILE Rule of Law Scholar. She graduated from National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv and Vadym Hetman Kyiv National Economic University and received a scholarship from Ukraine. She worked in the Cross-Border Dispute Resolution practice at Integrites in Kyiv Petroholding-Invest LLC and the High Commercial Court of Ukraine.

**Meena Sadr (Afghanistan)** is a 2023-24 Pitt Law & CILE Rule of Law Scholar. Meena graduate of American University of Afghanistan and Kabul University. Her experience in the professional world consists of time spent with the American Councils for International Education and the Afghanistan Public Research Organization.

**Mirna Solis Perez (Panama)** is a 2023-24 Fulbright Scholar. She has a law degree from the Universidad de Panama and received many scholarships to study in the US. Early in her career, she practiced as an associate attorney in private law in Panama.

**Michelle Steiger (Germany)** is a law student at the University of Augsburg, having completed internships at Man Energy Solutions SE, Conlata Geisselmaier & Partner MBB and Ernst & Young GMBH. She joined Pitt Law as part of the long-running Pitt-Augsburg exchange program.



## **SJD Students 2023-2024**

**Muhannad Aloqayli (Saudi Arabia)** is preparing his dissertation under the supervision of Professor John Linarelli. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Umm Al-Qura University in Saudi Arabia in 2017 and his LLM from Georgetown University Law Center in 2022. Between 2017 and 2021 he worked in private practice in Saudi Arabia and as a lecturer at the Islamic Center of Madinah.

**Olha Tsyliuryk (Ukraine)** is a 2023-24 Pitt Law & CILE Rule of Law Scholar. She received her master's degree from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and her LLM from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She served in many legal positions in Ukraine and opened her own law office, Olha V. Tsyliury Law Office. She was also a lecturer at the University of Economics and Law and was the legal adviser to the Mayor of Enerhodar City.

## **Continuing SJD Students**

**Khalid Alamer (Saudi Arabia)** is writing his dissertation on the impacts of unequal compliance between Saudi, GCC citizens, and non-Saudi investors in income tax. His dissertation supervisor will be Professor Philip Hackney. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from King Khalid University in Saudi Arabia and his LLM from the University of Southern California in 2021.

**Anas Alhawas (Saudi Arabia)** is preparing his dissertation on the challenges and legal solutions to combating transnational cybercrime and fraud by cybercriminals. His dissertation supervisor is Professor Charles Kotuby. He received his Bachelor of Laws in Shari'a Law and Islamic Studies from Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University and his LLM from the University of Denver in 2020. He has worked as a lecturer at the Institute of Public Administration in Saudi Arabia and as a legal consultant in various law firms in Saudi Arabia.

**Faiz Alhumaidhi (Saudi Arabia)** is writing his dissertation on the prospect of implementing a deferred prosecution agreement (DPA) in the Saudi criminal justice system. His dissertation advisor is Professor Christian Sundquist. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from King Saud University in 2017 and his LLM from Georgetown University in 2022.

**Hazim Alotaibi (Saudi Arabia)** is preparing his dissertation on artificial intelligence in health care. His dissertation supervisor is Interim Dean Mary Crossley. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree in Shari'a Islamic Law from the Jamiat Al-Imam Mohamed Ibn Saud Al-Islamiah University in Saudi Arabia and his LLM degree from Boston University School of Law in 2016. He was a junior faculty member at King Faisal University College of Law in Hofuf, Saudi Arabia.

**Ebrahim Alshaiban (Saudi Arabia)** is writing his dissertation on how the Saudi legal system can diversify energy sources in Saudi Arabia to achieve broader avenues for economic revenues. His dissertation supervisor will be Professor Grant MacIntyre. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from King Saud University in Saudi Arabia and his LLM from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2017. He has most recently worked as a lecturer at King Saud University.

**Wasfi Al-Sharaa (Iraq)** is writing his dissertation on the use of criminal law in energy and environmental regulations. His dissertation advisor is Professor Peter Oh. He received a Bachelor of Laws degree from Shatt-El-Arab University College in 1998 and a master's degree in law from the University of Baghdad in 2001. He is an assistant professor of law and assistant dean of academic affairs at Basra Law School in Iraq.

**Daifallah Alsubhi (Saudi Arabia)** is preparing his dissertation on fintech and financial crimes in Saudi Arabia to develop comprehensive regulatory guidelines to control and prevent crimes in the country. His dissertation advisor is Professor Spearlt. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Umm Al-Qura University in Saudi Arabia and his LLM from Georgetown University in 2022. He worked as a teaching assistant at the Islamic University of Madinah in Saudi Arabia and the Georgetown University Law Center.

**Iva Grgic (Croatia)** is writing her dissertation on the law of contract farming. Her dissertation advisor is Professor Ronald Brand. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zagreb, Croatia, in 2013, and her LL.M. degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 2014. Before returning to Pitt Law, she worked in Zagreb as an associate with Bardek, Lisac, Mušec, Skoko in cooperation with CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz. internship with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, and internships with Law Office Lipovscak and with Wolf Theiss, both in Zagreb. She coached Pitt Law's 2015 and 2019 Jessup Moot team.

**Nadine Hafaiha (Palestine)** is preparing her dissertation on Arbitration related reform in Palestine under the supervision of Professor Ronald Brand. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree from An-Najah University in Palestine in 2017 and her LLM from Pitt Law in 2019. She received the 2018 Palestinian Rule of Law Fellowship for her LLM studies and the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in International Commercial Arbitration. She was a member of Pitt Law's 2019 Vis Moot team. She was an intern and a visiting foreign legal consultant at Wilmer Hale in London.

## Continuing SJD Students

**Vincent Mutai (Kenya)** is writing his dissertation on the law of parallel importation of pharmaceutical products into the East Africa Community Common Market. His dissertation advisor is Professor Ronald Brand. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree from Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, in 2000, his LLM from Pitt Law in 2003 and an MBA from Point Park University in Pittsburgh in 2006. He was the head of the Department of Commercial Law at Moi University School of Law and Acting University/Corporation Secretary for Moi University. He is a Founding Director of the Legal Aid Clinic of Eldoret (LACE) and Director of the National Legal Aid Service of Kenya.

**Shadi Shahoud (Syria)** is writing his dissertation on the harmonization of Arab secured transactions law. His dissertation advisor is Professor Haider Ala Hamoudi. He received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 2004 from Damascus University and his LL.M. from Pitt Law in 2016. He performed two years of bar program practice with the Syrian Bar Association in Homs and at the Hanna Shahoud Law Office. He was a partner with Hanna & Shadi Shahoud Law Firm in Homs.

**Laras Susanti (Indonesia)** is writing her dissertation on the Indonesian legal protections of children's rights and against child marriage. Her dissertation supervisor is Professor Haider Hamoudi. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree from Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia and her LLM degree from the University of Washington in 2014. She has worked as a researcher at the Law, Gender, and Society Research Center at Gadjah Mada University. She was the recipient of a Fullbright fellowship for 2021-22.

**Shakhzoda Tuychieva (Uzbekistan)** is writing her dissertation on the legitimacy of investment treaty arbitration. Her dissertation supervisor will be Professor Ron Brand. She received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the Tashkent State University of Law in Uzbekistan and her LLM from Penn State Law in 2022 where she also served as a research assistant.

On **October 21, 2022**, Prof. Brand participated in and moderated a program on Emerging Trends in Private International Law at the International Law Weekend in New York City, sponsored by the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA). Brand also participated in meetings as a Member of ABILA Board of Directors and Chair of its Nominations Committee.

On **October 26-28, 2022**, Prof. Brand led a training session for Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot students, coaches, and professors from 15 law schools from seven countries in Cairo, Egypt at the Cairo Regional Center for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA). The event was hosted by the Alexandria University-CRCICA Arbitration Initiative.

On **November 19, 2022**, Prof. Brand spoke via Zoom to a meeting of Iraqi Federal Judges in Baghdad on The Judiciary's Role in International Commercial Arbitration. The two-day program was sponsored by the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce to mark the February 2022 effective date of the United Nations Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York Convention) in Iraq and to consider draft legislation for a new Iraqi law on international commercial arbitration.

On **February 13-17, 2023**, Prof. Brand was a member of the U.S. delegation to a Working Group at the Hague Conference on Private International Law in The Hague considering the drafting of a global convention on parallel proceedings. Other members of the U.S. delegation were Ada Bosque and Paul Herrup from the U.S. Department of Justice and Joseph Khawam from the U.S. Department of State.

On **February 20-25, 2023**, Prof. Brand led training for students from 18 law schools from 10 countries in the Middle East and Asia in preparation for the 13th Annual Middle East Vis Pre-Moot. This year's competition was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, and was hosted by the Abu Dhabi Global Markets (ADGM).

## FACULTY ACTIVITIES



**Professor Ronald A. Brand** led a train the trainer's program from **August 30-October 18, 2022** for approximately 40

professors and coaches of Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot teams from schools throughout the Middle East, Asia, and Africa. The program was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program.

On **September 19-23, 2022**, Prof. Brand was a member of the U.S. delegation to a Working Group at the Hague Conference on Private International Law in The Hague considering the drafting of a global convention on parallel proceedings.

On **October 10-12, 2022**, Prof. Brand led virtual sessions for training coaches for Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot teams from more than 15 schools in eight countries in the Middle East, Asia, and North Africa. The program was coordinated by the U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Law Development Program.

## FACULTY ACTIVITIES

On **March 31 - April 6, 2023**, Prof. Brand, Emeritus Professor Harry Flechtner, and Pitt Law Alums Liz Taylor, Robbie Cimmino, and David Zwier coached the Pitt Law team of Gloria Chibueze-Azinge, Jacob Clark, Patrick Sullivan, and Kiley Verbanac at the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. The team again advanced to the Round of 64 (out of 378 teams from 89 countries).

On **May 8, 2023**, Prof. Brand spoke to ministers, judges, professors, and lawyers from Bosnia and Herzegovina (B&H) about the Hague Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters. The program, "A Roundtable: HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention - Prospects for Bosnia and Herzegovina," was arranged by the German Foundation for International Cooperation (GIZ) and organized by Fahira Brodlija, Pitt Law LLM graduate, who leads GIZ programming in B&H.

**Professor Vivian Curran** spoke about "Public-Private Taxonomies in Comparative Law" at the Rethinking Comparative Law Conference, University of Trento, Italy in **October 2022**.



Prof. Curran was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for scholarship by the American Society of Comparative Law.

Prof. Curran was elected to a second four-year term as Vice-President of the International Academy of Comparative Law.

On **April 11, 2023**, Prof. Curran organized a panel for the European Union Studies in its series "European Conversations" on "The Ongoing Struggle to Recover Nazi-Looted Art."

On **April 20, 2023**, Prof. Curran moderated a panel on Modern Legal Education and the Unmaking of American Lawyers at a conference organized at Pitt Law School by Professors Bernie Hibbitts and Richard Weisberg. My panel included a perspective from Germany provided by Bernhard Schlink, former German Judge, law professor and best-selling author of "The Reader" (made into a movie starring Kate Winslet), and Richard Weisberg and Professor of Medicine Lawrence Weisberg.



Prof. Kotuby spoke virtually at an event organized by the University of Sydney on **September 21, 2022**, regarding Repatriating Cultural Heritage: Conflict of Laws, Archaeology, and Indigenous Studies

On **September 21, 2022**, Prof. Kotuby participated in a panel at the 2nd Annual Eradicate Hate Summit in Pittsburgh. He presented on the topic of utilizing virtual evidence lockers for global human rights claims.

On **October 14, 2022** Prof. Kotuby participated in a panel on October 14, 2022, on the role of state-owned entities in international arbitration at JURIS' Sixteenth Annual Investment Treaty Arbitration Event at Crowell & Moring in Washington D.C.

Prof. Kotuby participated in a panel at Bracewell LLP in New York on **November 8, 2022**, on current trends and What's Next for International Arbitration?

On **January 26, 2023**, Prof. Kotuby participated in a panel at the D.C. Bar Taxation Community's 2023 Tax Legislative and Regulatory Update Conference regarding how arbitration practitioners should be leveraging their expertise in resolving sovereign disputes in a new international tax system.

On **December 13, 2022**, Prof. Kotuby spoke virtually at the "Kyiv Accountability Forum." He discussed the legal issues involved in forcing Russia to pay reparations to Ukraine, the prosecution of Russia as a terrorist state, and the reconstruction of Ukraine.

In **February 2023**, Prof. Kotuby spoke virtually at the "Tehran International Arbitration Week," in February 2023, discussing the legal issues involved arbitrating high-technology disputes in the Middle East, Asia and Europe.

Prof. Kotuby participated in a panel on current trends in commercial and treaty-based arbitration at The Practising Law Institute in New York, NY, on **June 5, 2023**, discussing recent decisions from the District Court for the District of Columbia regarding the enforcement of Energy Charter Treaty cases against Spain.

On **March 29, 2023**, **Professor Michael Madison** presented via Zoom on "Biomedicine and the Many Uses of Knowledge Commons," to the Enabling Openness in Australian Stem Cell Research (EOAR) research cluster at the University of Adelaide.



Prof. Madison presented on copyright topics via Zoom to the Wharton Monash Generative AI Symposium, "LLM-based Generative AI: Exploring Potential Research Agendas," on **March 15, 2023**, hosted by the Monash Data Futures Institute (Monash University, Melbourne) and the Wharton Zicklin Center for Governance and Business Ethics, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

On **September 6-9, 2022**, Prof. Madison presented on panels twice via Zoom at the World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR) annual conference, hosted in the UK. One: "Governing Misinformation in Everyday Knowledge Commons." Two: "Governing Smart Cities as Knowledge Commons."

# Faculty International and Comparative Law Publications and Postings

The following pieces on subjects of international and comparative law published and/or posted by Pitt Law faculty to SSRN and Digital Commons in the past year. You may view all Pitt Law SSRN posted papers [here](#) and all Digital Commons posted papers [here](#).

## BOOKS

**Ronald A. Brand**, *Interim Measures in the United States in Aid of Arbitration* (with Lawrence Newmann and Houston Putnam Lowrey, Juris Publishers, 2022).

**Charles Kotuby**, Franco Ferrari and Friedrich Rosenfeld, *THE NEW YORK CONVENTION AS A UNIFORM LAW INSTRUMENT: A CONCISE GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE AND CASE LAW* (Elger, January 2023).

**Charles Kotuby**, contributing author for *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION* (Elgar, 2023).

**Michael J. Madison**, *GOVERNING KNOWLEDGE COMMONS* (Brett M. Frischmann, Michael J. Madison & Madelyn Rose Sanfilippo, eds., 2023).

## ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

**Ronald A. Brand**, *UNCITRAL, Access to Justice, and the Future of Online Dispute Resolution*, 8 *BAHRAIN CHAMBER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION REVIEW*, 87 (2021).

**Ronald A. Brand**, *A Hague Parallel Proceedings Convention: Architecture and Features* (with Paul Herrup), 2 *CHICAGO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ONLINE* 1 (2023).

**Ronald A. Brand**, *Provisional Measures in Aid of Arbitration*, 61 *COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW* 133 (2023).

**Ronald A. Brand**, *Bremen v Zapata* in *LANDMARK CASES IN PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW* (Sarah McKibben and Anthony Kennedy, eds., Hart Publishing) (forthcoming 2022).

**Ronald A. Brand**, *A Hague Convention on Parallel Proceedings*, 63 *HARVARD INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL ONLINE* 10 (with Paul Herrup, 2022),

**Vivian Curran**, Mireille Delmas-Marty: Humaniste Incomparable, 74 *REVUE INTERNATIONALE DE DROIT COMPARÉ* 31 (2022).

**Vivian Curran**, *Nazi Stolen Art: Uses and Misuses of the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act*, 32 *Transnat'l L. & CONTEMP. Probs.* 197 (2023).

**Vivian Curran**, *The International Legal Order and the Rule of Law*, was accepted for publication by the *Southern California Review of Law & Social Justice*.

**Vivian Curran**, *Harmoniser la common law et le droit civil en un jus commune universalisable*, 2022 *REVUE DE SCIENCE CRIMINELLE* 243.

**Charles Kotuby**, *The Misalliance of Permanent Courts and Investor-State Dispute Settlement*, in Brodlija, Beaumont, Ashdown and Terrien, *THE REFORM OF INVESTOR STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT* (Kluwer, forthcoming January 2023).

**Michael J. Madison**, *The Futures of Law, Lawyers, and Law Schools: A Dialogue*, *UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LAW REVIEW* (2023).

Last year, the CILE created a new way to support bright legal minds from these countries: the Rule of Law Fellowship. Sponsored by ten local and international firms, foundations and companies, the fellowship provides tuition and living expenses to deserving Afghan and Ukrainian lawyers pursuing an LLM, or specialized master's degree in law, from Pitt Law.

“Studying law with people from other continents, belonging to different backgrounds, enriches my experience at Pitt and prepares me to better practice law across cultures. Foreign investments are essential to helping Ukrainians rebuild, and I hope our international partnerships will help make our cities more comfortable and inclusive for the people who live there.”

(Andrii Kokhan (LLM '23))

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis from October through May and accepted both through LSAC and GRADCAS.