

# CONNECTIONS



## A Newsletter for LL.M. & Exchange Student Alumni

*~Helping our international community stay connected~*

### *Office of Graduate and International Programs*

### *Suffolk University Law School*

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#### *Welcome Address*

It is with pleasure that we send to you the first issue of our “**CONNECTIONS**” Newsletter from the Office of Graduate and International Programs. We have completed our sixth year and our aim is to keep our growing community of LL.M. and Exchange Students informed of program developments, new initiatives, and to share the valuable experiences and accomplishments of our students; past and present.

We hope that you, too, will keep us informed of any information or updates you would like to share. You can do so by emailing Alane De Luca, Office of Graduate and International Programs at [adeluca@suffolk.edu](mailto:adeluca@suffolk.edu). Thank you and we hope you enjoy hearing from us.

#### *Selected highlights from the Office of Graduate and International Programs*

This has been a busy and exciting year for us; one filled with welcoming new faces, administering new programs, student-centered teaching, student counseling and reflection.

- ✚ We have a new Dean, Alfred “Fred” Aman, A.B. from the University of Rochester in Political Science, J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.
- ✚ A generous gift of \$5 million has enabled the law school to create the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy, built around the existing Rappaport fellows

program in Law and Public Policy, a highly competitive program established in 2000.

- ✚ Professor Stephen Hicks, Academic Director and Bridgett Halay, Administrative Director were charged with visiting Universidad Panamericana, Guadalajara (UPG), Mexico in March to continue positive discussions regarding our Exchange Program.
- ✚ This year, the LL.M. in Global Law and Technology program enrolled 42 LL.M. students and 11 Exchange Students during the 2007-08 academic year. Approximately 73% of our applicants are foreign students adding to the richness of our international community.
- ✚ Instituted this year is a new Lecture Series, called “The LL.M. in Global Law and Technology and LexisNexis Lecture Series in Intellectual Property”. This will provide a forum for the discussion of intellectual property issues.
- ✚ The LL.M. in U.S. Law for International Business Lawyers in cooperation with Eotvos Lorand University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary completed its third year in July; the program continues to attract international business lawyers from around the world. The program is designed to allow candidates to complete an LL.M. degree over a period of summers, rather than full-time in the

United States over a period of one year. This format allows greater flexibility and allows candidates to participate who may not be able to do so otherwise due to work and family obligations.

- ✚ The International Internship Program is entering its fifth summer in placing J.D., LL.M. and post-graduate students in law firms and international organizations around the globe.

For those of us in the Office of Graduate and International Programs, we look forward to continuing the momentum of growth and development that we have enjoyed these past six years.

### *2007 Spring Graduation*

It is hard to believe our LL.M in Global Law and Technology has completed its 6<sup>th</sup> successful year! We are proud of all of the LL.M alumni and look forward to sharing with you highlights from each graduation. This year produced many accomplishments! We enjoyed sharing proud moments with students and their families.



### *Spring 2007 Graduation*

Back Row: Bridgett Halay, Andrea Johansson (Sweden), Sigrídur Rafnar Petursdóttir (Iceland), Andrew J. Goldberg (US), Silja Adam (Germany), Natalia Skoromnykh (Russia), Rene Quinonez (Mexico), Leni Mailaini (Indonesia), Suthasinee Sonswan (Thailand), Stephen Hicks, Amy Kavanah (US), Cejana de Souza, Rasna Mehta (India)  
 First Row: Elsa Passer (France), John K. Wonsheleay (Liberia), Rodrigo Macias Aguilar (Mexico), Claudia Victoria Garza Gallo (Mexico)  
 Missing from Photo: Claudia Andrea Baeza (US), Conor Brendan Boyle (Ireland), Haithan Osta (Saudi Arabia), Svetlana Peikates (Russia)

### *Welcome to the incoming LL.M Fall 2007 Class*

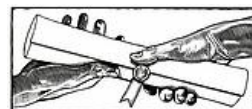
It is encouraging how many inquiries we receive about our LL.M. in Global Law and Technology Program. Lawyers from around the world come to SULLS each semester in pursuit of an LL.M. degree or as an Exchange Student, drawn to the international curriculum and our four areas of specialization.

Seventy-seven percent of our incoming students in Fall 2007 hailed from a country other than the U.S. and seventy-two percent of our total LL.M. student body (held an F-1 visa) is a foreign student. This diversity makes for invaluable exchange among students in and out of the classroom. We hope that our students take this opportunity to forge new friendships that will take them through their careers beyond the borders of the U.S.



### *Welcome Reception*

First Row: Yemane Weldemicael (Eritrea), Christine Hayes (US), Maria Christina Fernandez (Guatemala), Linan Yao (China), Mariza de Melo (Brazil), Jonna Siden (Sweden), Ana Favila (Mexico), Nancy Leon (Mexico), Elena Rosete Urquijo (Mexico), Johanna Stervik (Sweden), Bridgett Halay Second Row: Kevin Freitas (US), Julie Bennett (US), Christine Njau (Kenya), Erika Cavalcante (Brazil), Andrea Rogefors (Sweden), Gilda Martinez Altamirano (Mexico), Ida Christensson (Sweden), Ida Forss (Sweden), Victoria Benis (France), Cejana de Souza. Last Row: Philip Krueger (Germany), Johan Hakansson (Sweden), Carlos Daniel Hermosillo Resendiz (Mexico), Jose Pablo Ramos Castillo (Mexico), Benjamin Temmesfeld (Germany), Martin Agren (Sweden).  
 Missing from Photo: Flavia Baldwin (Romania), Paul Caruso (US), Prudence Kantengwa (Rwanda), Frank Omorogbe (Nigeria), Cynthia O'Neill (US)



## *Exchange Programs*



### **Lund, Sweden**

The week of October 9, 2007, we hosted visitors from Lund, Sweden. Karin Berter, Study Counselor; Marie Brink, Study Counselor and our contact for the Lund Exchange Program; along with Louise Hultqvist, Study Counselor enjoyed their stay in Boston touring the law school, meeting with faculty members and administrators, and attending a workshop offered by Dr. Ken Garni, Director of the Counseling Center at Suffolk University on "How to Deal with Distressed Students". They were very impressed with our J.D. and LL.M programs and will have the opportunity to share with their Lund students what to expect on a semester or year abroad in Boston.

### **Guadalajara, Mexico**

An agreement was made between Suffolk University Law School and Panamericana Universidad Guadalajara (UPG) last year and, as a result, we hosted 4 students from UP Guadalajara as part of our new exchange program in Mexico. Gilda Martinez Altamirano, Elena Rosete Urquijo, Carlos Hermosillo Resendiz, and Jose Ramos Castillo joined us in Boston this Fall. Gilda and Elena remained with us for the spring semester, while Carlos and Jose returned home this December. Two of the students are in the midst of their law degree program at UPG and will have up to 3 more years before completion of their law program. We have been honored to host this dynamic first group and look forward to the continuation of this Exchange Program.

As such, Professor Hicks and Director Halay had the opportunity during a recent visit to make several presentations about SULS, meet with their new Dean and converse with university administrators, students and alumni. Professor Hicks and Director Halay very much enjoyed their stay in Mexico. We look forward to having more UPG students participate in our LL.M. program as developments within the legal profession in Mexico shift, potentially allowing UPG graduates to complete an LL.M. degree at Suffolk Law, in lieu of completing a thesis.

### *Suffolk University Law School Profiled in German LL.M. Guide*

Sebastian Boesing, from Germany, made Suffolk Law School one of his stops on his tour to the United States. The purpose of his visit was to compile data to include in his German Guide to U.S. LL.M. Programs. During his visit, he met with Associate Deans John Deliso and Marc Perlin, toured the law school and met with four of our German LL.M. students: Gunda Meinecke, Annette Greulich, Benjamin Temmesfeld, and Philipp Krueger. His trip also included visits to Harvard, Yale, UConn, and Boston University. Feedback from Mr. Boesing was extremely positive about his visit to SULS, as was his impression of the students, our LL.M. program and our beautiful state-of-the-art facility.



## *LL.M. Students Intern in Boston*

The City of Boston, Pegasystems Inc., and The Metro are just a few of the organizations who hosted our students as interns for the Spring 2008 semester. Yemane Weldemicael '08 worked at the City of Boston. Yemane has extraordinary experience in Eritrea, but was eager to learn U.S. law and was excited to combine his practical experience at the City of Boston with his course work during the semester. Nancy Leon from Mexico interned at The Metro with SULS alumnus, Greg Moscatel. Ana Favila, from Mexico, expressed interest in working at a corporation. She was offered an internship at Pegasystems, Inc. where she was working under the Director and Senior Counsel of the legal department on business and software contracts.

Judge Maria Fernandez from Guatemala and Erika Sette from Brazil, both had the opportunity to participate in the Federal District Court Judicial Observation Program. Our students were hosted by The Honorable Judge Nancy Gertner at the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. This is a unique opportunity for our international students to learn more about U.S. law first hand.

We have already started working on internship placements for the fall 2008 semester. Paola Checo, who participated in SULS' international internship program in Santiago, Chile for the summer, will also be interning at the Dominican Republic Consulate in Boston this fall.

Any local alumni who are interested in hosting an LL.M. intern for a semester or for a summer should please contact Alane De Luca at [adeluca@suffolk.edu](mailto:adeluca@suffolk.edu).

### *International Internship Program and Center for International Legal Studies (CILS)*

Director Dennis Campbell, CILS, visited Suffolk in October and conducted a lecture to current J.D. students at Suffolk and area law schools

about International Internship Opportunities. There is an increased interest among students in international law careers as was indicated by our well attended program. During Mr. Campbell's lecture, he provided three methods which students can pursue to achieve their ambition to be an international lawyer: the "Inside-Out Approach", the "Outside-In Approach" and a combination of both.

- ✓ "Inside-Out Approach" being the longer avenue. Begin at a leading U.S. law firm and working your way up from Associate to Senior Associate, eventually *hoping* to be transferred to the firm's coveted overseas office. Process taking as long as 7 years.
- ✓ "Outside-In Approach", Director Campbell explained as first accepting a job with a foreign law firm and spending a couple of years abroad. Then spring-board back to the U.S. targeting top U.S. law firms, who otherwise might not have considered you, but who highly value the international exposure. Process taking up to 3 years.
- ✓ "Combination of Both", Director Campbell recommended to students to begin while they are still in law school. Doing well in law school and obtaining international experience during a summer prior to graduation. Suffolk's International Internship Program arranges legal internships in foreign law firms and company organizations.

In other news, we had over 150 inquiries from students around the U.S. who were interested in working overseas this summer. For further information about the Suffolk University Law School International Internship Program, please visit:

<http://www.law.suffolk.edu/academic/clinical/internship/intl/> .

International alumni who are interested in hosting a J.D. or LL.M. student intern during the summer months should please contact Alane De Luca at [adeluca@suffolk.edu](mailto:adeluca@suffolk.edu).

## *LL.M. Initiates LexisNexis Lecture Series*

The Office of Graduate and International Programs kicked off its first year of the “LL.M. in Global Law and Technology and LexisNexis Intellectual Property Lecture Series”. To date, we have hosted three guest speakers: Paul Goldstein, Ralph Oman, and Paul Bender; all of whom are nationally recognized for their achievements in Intellectual Property Law.



*Professor Paul Goldstein* is the Lillick Professor of Law at Stanford Law School and is widely-recognized as one of the country’s leading authorities on intellectual property law. He is the author of a four-volume treatise on U.S. copyright law and a one-volume treatise on international intellectual property. He has been regularly included in Best Lawyers in America.



*Attorney Ralph Oman* is of counsel in the intellectual property group of the law firm Dechert, LLP. He has three decades of international experience in patent, copyright, and trademark law. Before entering private practice, Mr. Oman was Register of Copyrights of the United States. He also served in several government positions including Chief Counsel of the Subcommittee on Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks and senior lawyer on the Senate Judiciary Committee.



*Professor Paul Bender* is Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law of Arizona State University. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1957. He was appointed Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States from 1993-96 and spoke on “Copyright and the Constitution”.

## *Directors travel off campus*



*Bridgett Halay, Administrative Director and Professor Stephen Hicks, Academic Director (JIA Career Fair, Lund, Sweden)*



*Last Row: David Acebo, Professor Stephen Hicks, Front: Joakim Falkner, Director Bridgett Halay, Jenny Paulsson, Hanna Hjalmarsson, Andrea Johansson, Moa Ostberg, Kristian Hermanrud (Networking Dinner, Stockholm, Sweden)*



*Ida Leander, Professor Stephen Hicks, Director Bridgett Halay (Networking Dinner, Stockholm, Sweden)*

## *Farewell Reception, December 2007*

Our students who departed Boston this December not only left with New England-picturesque winter scenes, but also hopefully with fond memories of their time at Suffolk Law School. Dean Alfred Aman gave the welcome address to 13 students representing Sweden, Germany, Mexico, Turkey, India, Thailand, Nigeria, Venezuela and the U.S.



Left to Right: Bridgett Halay, Alane De Luca, Ida Christensson (Sweden), Jose Ramos Castillo (Mexico), Sumy Vasan (India), Keradit Dumrongcheep (Thailand), Gunda Meinecke (Germany), Dean Alfred Aman, Carlos Hermosillo Resendiz (Mexico), Sena Uz (Turkey), Annette Greulich (Germany), Stephen Hicks, Katharina Meseck (Germany), Cejana de Souza  
Missing from Photo: Vanessa Okonkwo (Nigeria), Kitty Pongratz (US), Alejandra Romero (Venezuela)

## Alumni News

### -2008-

**Victoria Benis** accepted a job offer in Luxembourg at Arendt and Medernach. Arendt and Medernach also has an office in New York, where Victoria hopes to have an opportunity to work in the future. Victoria sat for the NY bar in July. **Darren Braham** sat for the MA Bar Exam also in July. Darren continues to work for Ropes & Gray as a legal specialist. **Christine Njau** is utilizing her intellectual property specialization in her new position at Anaqua, which provides intellectual asset management and services. **Mariza de Melo** employed her networking skills to secure a position in the immigration law firm of Barker, Epstein, and Loscocco. She writes that she has been very busy, but that the experience has been wonderful. Mariza is also busy preparing for her wedding later this month - congratulations, Mariza! **Ana Favila** recently started a position in the law firm of **Cammarano & Associates**, where she is working on immigration issues and utilizing her language skills on a regular basis. **Keradit Dumrongcheep** is completing another LL.M. at Benjamin Cardoza in New York City. **Linan Yao** is starting Suffolk's J.D. program in fall 2008.

### -2007-

Congratulations to **Conor Boyle**, who passed the NY Bar and participated in the Foreign Lawyer's Program with Holland & Knight. He has recently returned to Ireland and will be moving to London to pursue other career opportunities. **Suthasinee Sonsuwan** is pursuing her MBA at Cambridge College. **Elsa Passer** is completing her

second LL.M. in Taxation at BU, just sat for the NY Bar exam, and remains busy with her family. **Silja Adam** worked at Stull PLC, Detroit, MI. In February, Silja started her legal clerkship in Germany. **Victoria (Vicky) Garza Gallo** wrote in that she is settled and working at Banamex, in Mexico City drafting and reviewing contracts. She writes that her IP Rights class has come in handy. **Claudia Baeza** recently passed the MA Bar-Congrats Claudia! **Haitham Osta** has been a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School and was accepted into its LL.M. Program Fall 2008. **Rasna Mehta** was at Sullivan & Wooster and accepted a job offer at Ernst & Young as an Associate. **Natalia Skoromykh** visited us in early spring with her new baby girl, Ulyana. She also returned to Boston for the summer with her family.

### -2006-

**Marcus Hall**, LL.M. alumnus started the SULLS J.D. program in fall 2007. Marcus continues to work full-time in the Intellectual Property Department for Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research. **Carmen Maria Arce-Osuna Bowen** graduated from Tufts University Fletcher School, with her MA in Law & Diplomacy. She graduated in May 08! **Funke Lakanu** had a baby girl in December - congratulations Funke! **Maria Blomstrand** was in Boston for a short visit after sitting for the NY Bar Exam this July. **February 2006 Graduates** - **Aukse Usaite** is working in Boston at Barker, Epstein and Loscocco; she was recently at the law school for an ALS Seminar on Immigration and is expecting her first baby this summer. **Neill MacLeod-Hunter** writes that he has been enjoying working at Osborne Clarke in Reading, England, which has been interesting, challenging and engaging, despite the longer hours he puts in. Keep up the great work Neill!

We want to hear from you!



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