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From the Director

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This will be my last posting as Director of the East Asian Legal Studies Center. On January 1, 2010, Professor John Ohnesorge will become the Center's new Director. At this time, my title will change to Senior Director and I intend to play a continuing, albeit limited, role in the Center's future. The major policy decisions will then rest with the Director, Professor Ohnesorge, and the Center's Board of Directors.

From April 1990 when Dean Cliff Thompson authorized the creation of the Center and appointed me as Director, it has been a steady course of successes and a rewarding personal journey. At the heart of the Center from its beginning until July of this year was Ethel Pellett, the Center's secretary, and Susan Katcher, first as the assistant and then associate director. The two of them contributed greatly to the growth and successes of the Center during the first 19 years of its existence and I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work with them. Ms. Pellett's retirement in July 2009 ended our joint venture and now I am following her with my retirement from the directorship at the end of this year. Ms. Katcher is staying on to provide much needed continuity to Professor Ohnesorge and the Center's new program associate, Amy Arntsen.

Since its creation in 1990, the Center has prospered in large part because of the strong support from the Law School administration. Deans Cliff Thompson, Dan Bernstine, and Ken Davis have been unwavering in their commitments to the establishment of a significant presence in East and Southeast Asia. Each of them has shared the Center's vision that over the next 25 to 50 years, the East and Southeast Asian region will be the source of both the greatest opportunities and the greatest competition for professionals from Wisconsin and other parts of the upper Midwest. Greater knowledge of and engagement with the region have been the core missions of the Center. The support of Deans Thompson, Bernstine, and Davis has been absolutely indispensable.

I take delight in knowing that through the Center's active engagement in East and Southeast Asia, the University of Wisconsin Law School is now very well known in the region. Many of the alumni of the graduate legal education programs are teaching in law schools in Korea, Japan, China, Taiwan, Thailand, and Indonesia. Others are judges, lawyers, politicians, and business people. A few of our alumni have remained in the US where they have done very well as

lawyers and business people. At the same time, many students in the JD program who came to the Law School with little or no understanding of East and Southeast Asia have come to know and respect the region. A few of the JD students have become actively engaged in the region, including my son, Rob (UW JD, MBA, 1999), who now lives and works in Shanghai.

While I'm comfortable with what we have accomplished in the past, I'm very excited about the Center's future under Professor Ohnesorge. He will bring new energy and new initiatives to the Center. I anticipate that the Center and the Law School will benefit greatly under his direction. While I would describe myself as a fascinated spectator of events in East and Southeast Asia, Professor Ohnesorge is a true scholar of the region. He has a deep understanding of the cultures, languages, laws, and institutions in the region which will serve him well as an effective representative of the Law School, the University, and the State as he continues the Center's work in East and Southeast Asia.

With the acquiescence of Professor Ohnesorge and the Center's Board of Directors, I am planning to stay involved with the Center. I will continue with student advisory work, present lectures in Asia and Madison, and supervise both continuing professional education programs and the Asian course offerings in our graduate law programs. I am looking forward to less time in the office and fewer weekends on trans-Pacific flights. This change in my lifestyle will have an impact on some of my goals which will now also involve lowering my golf handicap; spending more time on lakes, rivers, and oceans with my family; and pursuing woodworking projects.

My professional life over the last 19 years has often been challenging, but it always has been rewarding. I am especially grateful for the opportunities to be associated with the many different faces of the East and Southeast Asian region and I look forward to a continuing involvement in the region, but at a less intense level.

Thank you,

Charles Irish

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Graduate Program Students

The following students are taking courses in the LL.M.-Legal Institutions program:

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I am from Sao Paulo, Brazil where I got my bachelor's degree and practiced law for almost four years. In 2005, I got an LL.M. degree from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada. I moved to the U.S. in 2007 and I decided to enter the Legal Institutions master's program so I could familiarize myself with the American Legal System. My goal is to be able to work with international and comparative law in the U.S. and to contribute to the study of these fields in Brazil. I live in Sun Prairie with my husband and my son. My other interests are as diverse as my legal interests: I like reading, studying foreign languages, painting, watching independent and foreign movies and cooking.

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After four years' study in the Foreign Language School English Department in Zhengzhou University, I became interested in law and decided to pursue an LL.M. degree at Nanjing University. I already passed the national judicial examination in China and the test of Shanghai English Interpreter Position Certificate. My areas of legal interest are commercial law and intellectual law. In my free time, I like to watch movies and read books. My favorite movie is *The Lord of Rings*.

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I am an LL.M. candidate at Nanjing University. My academic career is as common as most students who receive Chinese standard education. My legal interest lies in the field of commercial law and maybe the American unique legal system attracts me more. In my free time, I like many kinds of sports, like tennis, badminton and swimming, and watching movies. *The Shawshank Redemption* and *Life is Beautiful* are my favorites. Going to Madison is my first experience of going abroad; I cherish it.

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I have worked for the Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Korean Government) which deals with the affairs concerning economic and fiscal policies. I will return to my work after finishing the LL.M course. I believe an economic bureaucrat needs a legal mind and knowledge as well as economic ones. It is the reason for me to study law.

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My favorite course is Corporation Law. One day I wish that I could become an international lawyer who could debate with American lawyer in the court. In addition, I want to be a university teacher to share my

knowledge with my students. I like sports, such as soccer, volleyball and pingpong. I am happy to study in Madison.

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Since 2005, I've been working as part of the legal department of the Securities Area in the Chilean Securities and Insurance Supervisor. In this job, I am involved in the registration processes of stocks, bonds, national and foreign mutual and investment funds, securitizations and Public Offering Acquisition (OPAs). Since 2004, I have worked as an assistant professor in Commercial Law. I like to watch TV shows and soccer games.

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I'm a graduate student pursuing the LL.M. degree at East China University of Political Science and Law, in my second year. I decided to spend the year at the UW because I'd like to learn the law in a different system. My interest is Civil Commercial Law, and I want to learn more in this area. I like music and painting, also I like watching movies in my leisure time.

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I graduated from Yunnan University. I accumulated a lot of invaluable social experience and got acquainted with legal practice by interning in Intermediate People's Court in Hangzhou City and big law firms. My areas of

legal interest are commercial law and civil law, and I aim to be a law practitioner to provide legal security to foreign corporations investing in China. In my spare time, I enjoy reading sci-fi. One of my favorite movies is *The Shawshank Redemption*.

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I was born in a small town that has a beautiful environment and friendly atmosphere. When I was twelve years old, I was hit by my classmate and became blind after an operation on my eyes. Therefore, I have difficulties studying but I don't give up. I worked in a law firm plus I earned an insurance broker certificate. I am interested in insurance law, business law and administrative law. My personality is quiet but I hope to make friends and hear about your experiences. I like to go swimming and listen to music such as opera. I have a dream that I can travel around the world.

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I worked in Shook Lin & Bok L.L.P. in Singapore for two years after graduating with an LL.M. degree. There I developed my interest in legal practices in finance and taxation. My goal of study is to be acquainted with the American legal system. In my free time, I enjoy reading and photography.

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I was born and grew up in Shanghai, China. After graduating from ECUPL with a focus on economic law, I applied for the LL.M.-L.I. program at the UW Law School, in order to have a better understanding of the common law system and help myself achieve the goal of being a lawyer. Also, I passed the national judicial examination in China. My legal interest is anti-monopoly law. During my spare time, I like to play bridge and do sports.

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I was born in Seoul, South Korea. I've studied law since I entered the university. After studying at the graduate school of law, I worked as a research assistant at the university. During my time at the university, I became interested in the fields of corporation law and economic law. As a result, I wish to further my education

in this area. In my free time, I enjoy a wide range of activities including playing sports, watching movies and participating in numerous community-centered activities.

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I was concerned with copyright law while at the university, so I entered Yonsei University graduate school. After graduating, I worked for six years as a researcher and a manager at a public office and an internet company like Google. I decided to study abroad at the University of Wisconsin - Madison because I want to be a professor in Korea. When I have time, I like to watch Korean movies.

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In 2008, I entered the Graduate School of ECUPL, having

waived the entrance examination. In my spare time, I involve myself in the activities of Tennis Club, Yoga Club and Legal Aid Center of ECUPL. I passed the bar exam in China on my first try. I am interested in International Investment Law and International Financial Law. My goal is to practice law within a corporation or bank.

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I majored in International Economic Law during my LL.B study and I spent one semester in City University of Hong Kong as an exchange student, bringing me into contact with common law closely for the first time. My internship at a law firm inspired my interest in commercial law and made me realize that further study abroad was indispensable. I like American TV series and old movies. Swimming and Latin dancing are also my hobbies.

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I passed the Chinese Bar Association Examination after I got my LL.B. degree and worked as an intern lawyer in a Chinese law firm before joining the LL.M.-L.I. program. My career goal is to be a copyright lawyer at the international level. But career is just one part of my life; music, dancing, movies and other art things also attract me a lot.

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I am currently a graduate student in Shanghai Jiao Tong University Law School. I joined the LL.M.-L.I. program as an exchange student. My areas of legal interest are commercial law and legal sociology. My goal is to become a lawyer working on international issues. In my free time, I play soccer and watch movies.

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During my university time, I worked as an intern in the local Prosecution Office and law firms. These experiences gave me the opportunity to realize my great interests in international law and commercial law. My dream career is to be a judge so that I can help people through legal methods. I would like to make friends from all over the world. My hobbies include watching movies, swimming and playing badminton.



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I was born and grew in Beijing, China. In 2008, I went to United States for an internship at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. The internship gave me a lot of international experience and enhanced my problem-solving ability. I'm interested in financial law and company law and I want to take the bar exam after I graduate from the UW. In my spare time, I like reading books and swimming.

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I am a graduate student of Nanjing University in the LL.M. program. I joined the LL.M.-L.I program to learn something about the American law. My interest in law is in American civil procedure law. I am also very keen on the faith of Americans which was mentioned in President Obama's speech: democracy, liberty, opportunity, and unyielding hope. I believe these are the cornerstones of American law. In my spare time, I like to play soccer and watch movies.

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I was born in Sierra Leone, West Africa. I have taught English and postcolonial theory in the U.S. since 1995. My main interest is in human rights law and peace

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During my third year at Hanoi Law University, I had an opportunity to practice at an international law firm. After that time, I became interested in international trade law and commerce law and want to pursue a higher degree in this area. In my free time, I play football and watch movies.

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I am an LL.M. candidate at Nanjing University. My major is Criminal Law of China and Comparative Criminal Law and, of course, my area of legal interest is Criminal Law. Encouraged by my director, I am pursuing every possible chance to learn more about this area. In my spare time I like jogging, swimming and watching movies.

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After graduating from my law school in April 2008, I received a scholarship from the Academy of American and International Law to attend the six week International and Comparative Law Course in Dallas, Texas, from May to June 2008. I have passed the Indonesian Bar examination. My legal interests are international trade and finance, foreign direct investments, international arbitration, and corporate law and governance.

I am interested in these areas of the law because each of them is directly relevant to the economic development of my country. When I have free time, I like spending my time with my son playing golf, badminton, and chess.

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I am currently a second year graduate student studying for my Master degree in Civil and Business law at East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai. My legal interest is commercial law, especially the area of corporate law. I passed the Chinese Bar Examination last year, and my career goal is to become a lawyer at a foreign law firm in China. In my spare time, I like to watch movies, make tours and take photos of beautiful things.

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Learning more about the Anglo-American law is my main purpose of studying abroad in the U.S. I worked as a research assistant for my professor. I need to know more about the American law. In my spare time, I love pop music, watching movies, and reading a lot of books. I like to hang out with my friends too. My favorite movie is *The Truman Show*.

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After I graduated, I had a good opportunity to be a legal trainee at HNP Legal Counselors Ltd, Thailand. Being in this law firm, I gained a lot of new experiences that I could not study from school. Through this work, I

realized that to be a successful legal counselor in business area, I should study further. In my free time, I love to watch movies and have coffee or tea with my friends.

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After I graduated from Thammasat University, I passed the Thai bar exam. I have been practicing law for two years in a law office. Before I came to the U.S., I was thinking about what I want to be, a judge, prosecutor, or lawyer? Upon attending Case Western Reserve University, I got the answer that I do not want to be a regular judge or prosecutor; I want to be a judge in the Intellectual Property Court or an intellectual property lawyer. I like intellectual property and commercial areas. I do not have to take another master's degree, but I think one is not enough for me, and that is the reason why I applied to the UW Law School.

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Upon graduating from Atma Jaya University and getting a bachelor degree in Education, I became an Indonesian language teacher at Atma Jaya University. One year after that, I got a scholarship from Fulbright and came to the UW-Madison where I took classes at the Law School. This experience inspired me to apply to the LL.M.-L.I. program. I want to focus my study in International Law and Business Law. In my free time, I like to watch movies and hang out with my friends.

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I was born in Hunan Province of China but have spent nearly five years studying in Shanghai. I am an LL.M. candidate in the KoGuan Law School of SJTU. I interned in several domestic and international law firms and have passed the Chinese Bar Exam. My areas of legal interest are contract law, company law, and bankruptcy law, as well as international law and dispute resolution. In my free time, I like to swim, play basketball and badminton.

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I am an LL.M. candidate at ECUPSL. I was born in Shanghai, the biggest business city in China, even in the East Asia. We always feel pressure since so many talents pour into this business center to gain their deserving salary and reputation. We have to perfect ourselves from the start with professional skills and knowledge, or we might lag behind. My legal interests concentrate on Corporate Governance, Securities Regulation. I'm extroverted and easy-going, and in my spare time I like to play soccer and I enjoy rap music a lot. The favorite movie that I have ever seen is *The Pursuit of Happyness*, starring Will Smith.

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I choose to go further on my study in the U.S. since my ideal job is to work in a transnational company as a law counselor. Studying in the U.S. will make me more competitive. I'm interested in international trade law. I love watching movies in my spare time and my favorite movie is *The Shawshank Redemption*.

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I am interested in contract law, corporate law and bankruptcy law. Following the completion of my graduate law studies at the UWLS, my wish is to find a leading law firm in China to lead a successful career as a lawyer who has a strong influence on the society. I hope one day I can apply my acquired knowledge to the reform of the economic system in China. But I am not a bookworm; my favorite hobbies can be generalized into three aspects: music, talking and writing.

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I am an LL.M. candidate at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Based on my undergraduate grades, I was admitted to the graduate school waiving examination. After my five years' study, I became interested in human rights law and criminal law. I want to be a public servant such as judge or procurator. I like shopping and watching basketball in my free time.

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I spent four years at East China University of Political Science and Law pursuing my LL.B. Within the broad scope of my legal studies, the field of maritime law has interested me most. My goal is to become a lawyer. In my leisure time, I like watching dramas and traveling.

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I am a government official of Korea. Before joining the Legal Institutions program, I worked for the Korea Fair Trade Commission, a counterpart of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and Antitrust Division of DOJ for 12 years. During those times, I handled lots of antitrust and consumer protection cases. I am very pleased to get an opportunity to study these areas in Madison.

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I've been worked as a Korean lawyer for seven years. I'm interested in corporate and business law, but I don't want to restrict my legal interest to those areas. I want to know American law, especially the constitution of the U.S. because I consider it a shortcut to know the U.S. society. In my free time, I enjoy playing with my son who is 3 years old and traveling with my family.

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I am an LL.M. candidate at Nanjing University. Inspired by the

social research that I have taken part in, I decided to pursue legal knowledge after receiving my bachelor's degree in English. I would like to focus my interest on constitutional and administrative law. Other than academic study, I enjoy travelling, visiting museums, dancing and playing basketball.

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I, an optimistic Scorpio girl, born and grown up in Shanghai, China, am now an LL.M candidate of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, majoring in procedural law. I've passed the Chinese National Judicial Examination and had internship experiences in local court, notary office and law firms. And I list three major features of my profile as follows: a peace believer, a book lover and a hamster keeper.

Center-affiliated students in the research programs will be featured in the Center's Spring 2010 Newsletter.

Summer Internship in Bangkok

Four JD students were selected to participate in the 2009 Summer Internship in Bangkok administered by Thammasat University and the UW Law School. This was the thirteenth year of the internship. The Wisconsin students were introduced to Thai law and culture in an orientation program organized by Professor Jumphot at Thammasat University and then worked for six weeks at international law firms in Bangkok: Seri Manop & Doyle, International Legal Counsellors, Satyapon & Partners, and Dej-Udom & Associates. The Center thanks Professor Jumphot of Thammasat University for coordinating the internship placements, overseeing the internship program, and for providing hospitality to the UW interns. The Center also thanks the law firms for their invaluable contributions to the program. Pictured below are the interns at the Central Intellectual Property Court in Bangkok with Jayin Sunthornsingkarn, Judge and Secretary of the Court, Thannarak Naowarat, Chief Judge of the Court, and Thammasat representatives, Ms. Suttiluk and Prof. Dr. Annat Wongbandit Excerpts from the interns' reports follow:

Charlotte Bernard

I had an incredible summer experience working in Thailand. Through the Summer Internship Program in Bangkok program, I worked in an intellectual property law environment and had the opportunity to travel around Thailand. Overall, it was a remarkable and unforgettable experience.

I was placed at Satyapon & Partners in Downtown Bangkok for 6 weeks. The firm specializes in intellectual property, patents, copyright infringement and enforcement of rights. During my time there, I was able to help draft memos and correspondence with English speaking clients, research US and Thai Laws, and research Thailand's copyright, trademark, and anti-counterfeiting issues. I was also fortunate to do some non-legal work. On one occasion, I was asked to perform undercover investigations on businesses that were suspected of counterfeiting. The in-house and field experience I had at Satyapon & Partners provided me with a stronger and more comprehensive understanding of Thailand's system of laws, court system, and the many intellectual property issues that international corporations face when doing business in Thailand. Working at the firm also gave me a clearer understanding of the types of work an American lawyer can do in Thailand.

The people at the firm were very friendly and welcoming. From the



feel so fortunate to have been a part this program.

Matthew Surridge

My internship was at International Legal Counsellors Thailand ("ILCT"). I arrived in Bangkok on a Friday night and started working there

the next Monday morning. After three days of work and getting to know my colleagues, there were two days of orientation with the other interns from UW-Law School at Thammasat Faculty of Law. We were introduced to various law professors and attorneys from the four firms hosting interns. They spoke about the Thai legal system and gave us some advice on how to make the most of our summer.

We also took field trips as part of orientation. On the first day we went to the Intellectual Property Court. It was a brand new building – very impressive. We toured several courtrooms, and they demonstrated their video conference system for witnesses who cannot appear in the courtroom itself. We also met some important Thai judges. On the second day, we visited the International Arbitration Court. There we were given an overview of arbitration in Thailand.

As for my work routine, getting to work was easy for me since the office manager was kind enough to give me a ride every morning. My work consisted mostly of interna-

start, many members of the firm were eager to talk with me about anything from Thai law to their families. Because of their hospitality, my Thailand experience will always remain memorable.

When I wasn't working, I was touring the city and traveling around the country. I had a chance to experience Bangkok's culture through the Buddhist temples, museums, high rise shopping malls, organized tours, streets of Chinatown, markets, and food vendors.

I also had a chance to travel outside of the city to the island of Ko Samui with some friends. The island is popular for having the best snorkeling and diving areas in Thailand. It was also a nice, tranquil escape from the excitement of Bangkok.

Overall, I could not have had a better location and experience. It was great to have the opportunity to work at an Intellectual Property firm where I could research many areas and get hands-on experience with warm, welcoming people. I

tional business transactional work: reading and drafting contracts as well as other agreements (all in English). I happened to be there at a propitious time for ILCT, in that they were working on the 11th edition of their Thai Business Legal Handbook. Taking advantage of having a native English speaker around, they had me edit the entire thing over the course of the summer. Consequently, I got a broad overview of Thailand's legal system and laws. Everyone at ILCT was very friendly and helpful.

K.J. Lee

I worked for Seri Manop & Doyle ("SMD") for the summer of 2009. I truly feel fortunate to have had this opportunity to work in Bangkok.

The internship began with a two-day orientation at the Thammasat University Faculty of Law. There we learned about the basic framework of the Thai judiciary system. As part of the orientation, we went to the Intellectual Property Court and the International Arbitration Court and met the judges. The judges at each court kindly explained court procedures and gave us a tour of the court buildings. They also gave us booklets introducing each court and pertinent statutes, which I later found to be useful resources for my work.

At SMD, I was able to work on interesting projects. I researched and co-authored an article about the Thai immigration law for the Thailand Board of Investment's monthly newsletter. I also researched and wrote legal memoranda associated with doing business in Thailand, including the Thai alternative dispute resolution system and the possible exit strategies foreign companies may take under the Thai business law and bankruptcy law. In addition, I wrote a due diligence report for a merger and acquisition case between foreign companies.

I was also given the opportunity to sit in on various client meetings, thanks to Michael Doyle, who is a U.S. attorney and a partner of the firm. At these meetings, I was able to learn about the kind of legal issues business people face when investing in emerging markets, and how to interact with clients to quickly spot the legal issues. The internship not only gave me the opportunity to further develop my practical legal skills but also made me think about the importance of my work as an attorney.

In addition to my interesting assignments, the kindness of Thai people made my internship even more memorable. Everyone at SMD was very friendly to me and always found ways to incorporate me into the firm activities. SMD staff invited me to many social gatherings regardless of the language barrier that existed between us. People were also eager to answer my questions about Thai culture as well as Thai law. I am very grateful to everyone at SMD for everything they have offered to me.

During the weekends we explored Bangkok and outskirts of the city. I also went to Damnoen Saduak, the floating market near Bangkok. It was the kind of market I have never seen before. It was another lively Thai market selling everything from fruit, food, clothes to souvenirs, except that the individual vendors were floating on the water.

This internship program has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had. I had an opportunity to apply what I have learned from school in an international market. Moreover, I was able to see my strengths and areas to work on for my future career. What I gained in Bangkok (except for the weight I gained from irresistible Thai dishes) will stay with me for the rest of my legal career. I am grateful to the East Asian Legal Studies Center, Thammasat University Faculty of

Law, and SMD for giving me this invaluable opportunity.

Dan Brutlag

Interning with an international law firm in Bangkok was the perfect way to spend my 1L summer. I arrived three weeks before orientation to take an Intensive Thai language course in Chiang Mai, a city in northern Thailand. You can't learn much Thai in three weeks, but what I did learn came in handy throughout my stay. I also visited friends near the Thai-Burma border and took motorcycle trips on some beautiful jungle and mountain roads outside Chiang Mai.

In late June, I traveled to Bangkok to begin my internship at Dej-Udom & Associates—one of the ten largest law firms in Thailand, with an office in the central business district. Most of the firm's clients are multinational companies with Thai business partners, branches, or subsidiaries. I received a diverse range of assignments, including research for clients who wanted to establish a business in Thailand, advertise in Bangkok taxis, sell a factory, and do AIDS relief work with the Thai government. It was fascinating to learn how companies accomplish these things in a foreign country.

My experience in the program was extremely positive. From the senior partners to the Thai interns who had just finished law school, everybody at the firm was friendly and competent. The lawyers went out of their way to make sure I enjoyed the experience, and one even arranged for me to meet with a former U.S. Ambassador to discuss my career goals. In addition, most of the work I received directly related to my interests in international business and economic law. To anyone who shares these interests, I would very highly recommend the program.

Internship in Vietnam

UW Law School alumnus John Davis, attorney at YKVN Lawyers, Vietnam, has worked with Charles Irish at the Center to provide internships at YKVN Lawyers for JD students at the Law School. Excerpted reports follow:

Greg Lockwood

As far as professional experience is concerned, when we had independent assignments they were interesting and valuable experiences. Early on I was involved in learning about the law on oil and investment to assist in drafting a memo relating to the sale of an important piece of a tract of land used for oil exploration. Later, I researched the laws on insurance and foreign investment to advise a client about the legality of a fully foreign owned and operated insurance brokerage scheme. My final large assignment was researching emerging European Union importation standards relating to food source tracing and labor standards. These were high level assignments on par or better than what I would have received with other firms and organizations. I appreciated the opportunity to work on these and they have given me valuable material for interviews.

I also spent significant time checking English on documents that were mostly boilerplate recitations. Even though these were less interesting assignments, they also helped me gain a perspective on the legal and business systems in Vietnam. In conjunction with the other assignments, this made for an overall very interesting summer job.

Terry Bruhn

Looking back on my internship in Vietnam this past summer, I feel very fortunate to have taken part in this program. Working in the offices of a top tier law firm in one of the fastest growing economies in the world was a very rewarding experience. I gained exposure to a large range of international legal issues and was delegated some really fascinating projects. In addition, I picked up a lot of cultural knowledge about the people of Vietnam and made some good friends in the process.

Arriving in Hanoi at the beginning of June, I was quickly made to feel like a part of the team. Everyone at YKVN was very friendly and outgoing and some of the associates even spent time after work hours helping me find an apartment for the summer. I was very happy with the work itself since almost every issue or project I was involved in had some sort of international flavor to it. Despite the global downturn in the economy, Vietnam has sustained growth and I had the opportunity to assist in researching and reviewing a variety of legal documents and memoranda for numerous large Western multinationals. I also reviewed a number of different contracts

and legal documents including a bond offering, a container rental agreement, and a master franchise agreement. In addition, I analyzed and summarized the validity and soundness of two foreign arbitration awards.

Not all my time was spent in the office though. Vietnam is a really beautiful country and the other summer associate and I took several weekend trips to explore nearby areas. Climbing up to the top of large ancient temples in Siem Reap or buzzing around Bangkok in a tuk tuk are experiences I will look back upon fondly for the rest of my life.

All in all, I had a great summer and I would highly recommend the program to anyone who has an interest in international law. I feel grateful to the University for setting up this program for and I encourage others to apply.

Delanie Breuer

The first day at the office was exciting. The associates and administrators were very friendly. The first few weeks were spent solely on proof reading documents that had been translated from Vietnamese to English by associates in the office. This was

interesting initially because I was exposed to many legal documents in areas I had not previously been exposed to, such as mergers and acquisitions. I received a short research memo on seditious conspiracy in the US and UK. Over my three months in Vietnam, I became very familiar with the culture and people. I was very excited to gain international experience.

Gary Bennett

I secured interesting research assignments, visited government ministries with associates, and attended client meetings. I became familiar with Vietnam's revised Labor Code by drafting a memo on how a foreign owned employer could terminate a Vietnamese citizen's definite term-labor contract early without creating liability for a wrongful termination and/or inadequate severance claim. I learned about employment-related immigration and I worked with an associate and a partner in determining a foreign executive's tax liability for work he did in Vietnam. I evaluated documents and attended tax ministry meetings. These research and meeting experiences were professionally and culturally rewarding as I gained the unique insight into "law-in-action" in Vietnam. Vietnamese people are incredibly generous and gracious. I cannot imagine a more productive and rewarding 1L summer.

