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From the Director

With this Newsletter, I welcome the new and continuing Graduate Programs Students, many of whom are from East and Southeast Asia, to the Law School for the new school year. A fuller annual Director's Report will be issued at the end of this calendar year and posted on our webpage. For this newsletter, I provide an overview of the prominent events of the spring and summer that have just past and our plans for this fall.

As many of you know, the East Asian Legal Studies Center has as one of its missions to provide high quality legal education in the Masters of Legal Institutions (MLI) program at the Law School. The fall classes have been designed to assist the international students in the transition from civil law systems and an education dominated by a lecture format to the American common law and the interactive classroom that is an important part of American legal education. During the 17 years of the Center's existence, we have monitored the fall classes and adjusted them in order to maintain quality and relevance for the MLI students. In the fall 2007, for example, we have streamlined the MLI required courses to two, *Introduction to American Law* and *Legal Sources*, to allow the MLI students opportunity to take more JD courses in the fall.

The Center has been instrumental in designing courses specifically for MLI students as well as those of interest to both MLI and JD students. This fall, we are underwriting two new courses for MLI and JD students. These are a *Japanese Law Seminar*, taught by SJD student **Naoki Kanaboshi** (MLI; LLM), and *World Trade Organization (WTO)/Free Trade Agreements (FTA) Negotiations*, taught by visiting professor and alumnus **Won Seog Park** (MLI; LLM; SJD). Information about both of these courses is available on the Center's website, www.law.wisc.edu/ealsc. In addition, **John Ohnesorge**, Associate Professor of Law and the Center's Vice Director, will again be offering his seminar in *Chinese Law* in the spring. All three of these courses support the Center's role in adding greater international and comparative elements to the Law School's regular curriculum.

Last spring, the Center funded an oral communication skills course, taught by Adjunct Professor Christina Plum. This non-credit course was designed to improve participants' English speaking abilities in settings commonly encountered in the legal profession. This course was well-received and we plan to have it again in spring 2008. Also in the spring, we were pleased to offer a short workshop on International Contract Drafting for the MLI students. The workshop was taught by Visiting Professor Craig Ehrlich, who has taught this course on an almost annual basis for the MLI program.

In the spring of 2007, the Center hosted two judges from Shanghai, Judges **Zhang Fengxiang** and **Lin Xiaonie**, as part of its Advanced Judicial Training Seminar. The judges took classes and did research during their stay. The Center applied for and received another grant from the U.S.-China Legal Cooperation Fund that supports a continuation of the Seminar for the fall 2007 semester. The participants in the fall seminar are Judges **Wang Guojun** and **Xue Wencheng**.



Alumnus Futoshi Iwata, his mother, Shigeko Iwata, and son, Gaku, visiting with Center Director, Professor Charles Irish, in late August

In the spring, we were pleased to welcome several visitors to the Law School. These included alumnus **Phong Cao** (MLI 1995) from Hanoi, who was a visiting scholar from April through July; and a delegation from Hanoi Law University: **Ngoc Hoa Nguyen**, **Van Dong**

Nguyen, Trung Tap Phung, Thi Hoc Pham, and Thi Hien Duong, who visited in early May. In late April, the Center was one of the hosts for a delegation from the Land Tenure and Environmental Management (LATEM) Unit at the International Islamic University in Malaysia. The delegation included Associate Professor Dr. **Zaleha Kamarudin**, Dean of the Faculty of Law; Dr. **Azmi Harun**, Director of the Law Centre; Dr. **Hunud Abia Kadouf**, Coordinator of LATEM; and Dr. **Sharifah Zubaidah**, Secretary of LATEM. The Terra Institute (www.terrainstitute.org) coordinated the delegation's visit at the University. The delegation joined Professor **John Ohnesorge**, Vice Director of East Asian Legal Studies Center, and Professors **Art McEvoy**, **Stephanie Tai**, and **Asifah Quraishi** for lunch to discuss issues of international environmental law and some of the activities of the East Asian Legal Studies Center.

In early August, we hosted two visitors from Thammasat University Faculty of Law, Professor **Pinai Nanathorn**, Associate Dean for International Affairs, and Professor **Tipchanok Ratanosoth**. Later in August, Professors **Yoshiharu Matsuura** and **Ikuo Sugawara** from Nagoya University visited, followed by Professor **Futoshi Iwata** (MLI 1992; LLM 1994) of Sophia University, Tokyo, who enjoyed showing Madison to members of his family who accompanied him.

Here are highlights of the Center's spring activities:

- January: Professor Ralph Cagle led a group of UW law students to Bangkok for a short course in cross-cultural negotiations held at Chulalongkorn University with Chula law students.
- January: Professor Allison Christians taught a short course in International Tax to a group of eight UW law students and a comparable number of Thammasat University law students in Bangkok, Thailand.
- February – June: I traveled to several cities during the spring semester to give talks and meet with colleagues. Expanded information about my visits will be in my annual report.
- May: Professor Stephanie Tai taught a short course on Water Law at Hanoi Law University. Students from the UW Law School and Hanoi Law University made up the class.
- May-June: Associate Director Susan Katcher visited several cities in Japan where she met with alumni/ae and colleagues and talked about the Graduate Programs at the Law School.
- June: As part of our new State Department grant, the Center's vice director, Associate

Professor John Ohnesorge, and I taught in the Shanghai component of the Municipal Workers Seminar. See p. 4 of this Newsletter.

- Summer: The Center, with extensive assistance from the state and federal judiciaries, again hosted the Seminar on Judicial Skills Development for judges from Shanghai, China. See p. 3 of this Newsletter.



(pictured above, John Tortorice, Emiko Ohnuki-Tierney, John Ohnesorge, Yoshiharu Matsuura, Ikuo Sugawara at the University Club on campus, August 2007; photo S. Katcher)

- July and August: Four JD students were selected to participate in the UW Law School - Thammasat University summer internship in Bangkok. Story on pages 4-5.
- August: The Center welcomed 20 municipal workers from the Minhang District of Shanghai for a 10 week training seminar. See p. 4.
- September 27-28: The Center looks forward to a conference in Taipei presented by the Wisconsin International Corporate Governance Initiative and Yuanta Holding Company. More information is at www.law.wisc.edu/wicgi.

I wish to extend my congratulations to the East Asian Legal Studies Center's Dean's Scholars who have been chosen from the MLI class of 2006-07 on the basis of academic achievement and contribution to the Law School community. They are Ming-Hui Huang, Nisit Intamano, and Xiaolin Teng. Congratulations to all three.

Last, I note with sorrow the demise of Emeritus Professor Sam Mermin, who recently passed away. Sam was a long-standing member of our Law School's faculty and even after his retirement, he worked regularly at the Law School for many years. He made frequent trips to Japan and was an early supporter of the Center. The Center joins Professor Mermin's wide network of friends and colleagues in extending condolences to his family.

~ Charles Irish

Judicial Skills Training Seminar



Pictured above, the judges in Minneapolis at the Federal Center with Judge Paul Magnuson from the Federal (U.S.) District Court of Minnesota, Justice Paul H. Anderson from the Minnesota Supreme Court, and Judge Michael Mihm from the Federal Court, Central District of Illinois. Below, the judges in Madison at the federal courthouse, with Chief Judge of the Western District of Wisconsin, Judge Barbara B. Crabb

During the summer of 2007, the Center, in cooperation with the Shanghai High People's Court, conducted the Judicial Skills Training Seminar ("Shanghai Judges Program"). This was the fifth annual seminar in what is increasingly recognized as the most substantial and substantive interaction between the Chinese and American judiciaries. The Center's Vice Director, Associate Professor John Ohnesorge, taught in Shanghai in June as part of the seminar along with four judges from the Dane County Circuit Court, Judges Michael Nowakowski, Sarah O'Brien, John Albert, and Angela Bartell. In late July, twenty of the judges from Shanghai came to Madison for the remaining three weeks of the program. The judges are pictured above in Minneapolis and to the right in Madison.



A full report is available on the Center's website.

Municipal Government Administration Seminar

As part of the "Seminar on Municipal Government Administration," fifty government officials from the Minhang District of Shanghai participated in a two-week seminar, June 9-23, 2007 in Shanghai. The Shanghai segment of the seminar is financially supported with grant money awarded by the U.S. Department of State. Center Director Charles Irish, the Center's Vice Director, John Ohnesorge, the grant's Program Administrator, Jin Cho, Dane County Circuit Court Judge Maryann Sumi, and Attorney Carl Sinderbrand taught in Shanghai. Then twenty of the fifty were selected to attend the seminar in the U.S. Twenty of the municipal workers arrived in Madison on August 18, 2007, to begin a ten-week training program, August 20-October 27, 2007 in Madison, Wisconsin, and other cities in the U.S. They are pictured below at the welcome dinner at the home of Professor Irish. Associate Outreach Specialist Wenjie Hu and SJD student Cindy Whang are the coordinators of the many details of the U.S. part of the seminar. A fuller report is on the Center's website, www.law.wisc.edu/ealsc/outreach.htm.



Summer Internship in Bangkok

Four JD students were selected to participate in the 2007 Summer Internship in Bangkok administered by the Thammasat University and the UW Law School. The Wisconsin students are first introduced to Thai law and culture in an orientation program organized by Professor Tipchanok at Thammasat University. The interns then work for six weeks in international law firms in Bangkok: Seri Manop & Doyle, International Legal Counsellors, Satyapon & Partners, and Dej-Udom & Associates. The Center thanks Professor Tipchanok of Thammasat University for coordinating the internship placements, overseeing the internship program, and for providing hospitality to the UW interns. Excerpts from the interns report follow:

John Buczynski Carlson

The Thai internship was a wonderful experience for me. I was very engaged at my firm, Seri Manop & Doyle, and was given many opportunities to learn and to work. Michael Doyle is the American partner at the firm I worked at. The employees and other partners at the firm were all great, and Michael especially

ensured that I had a good legal experience.

Of course, the quality of the experience will fluctuate depending on what projects the firm has going at any given time. The work I was given was varied and interesting. I took part in ongoing negotiations regarding a M & A (merger and acquisition) that went on all

summer, wrote several simple contracts, proofread a book a partner was writing on IP law, proofread several contracts and letters that needed to be in English, and went to numerous client meetings.

All told, it was a great experience and I'm very grateful for the opportunity.

David Nook

My placement at International Legal Counsellors, Thailand, (ILCT) was very good. I was given interesting work such as drafting contracts and client letters, writing a research memo on a U.S. gift/income tax issue, reviewing shareholder's and agency agreements, as well as researching the rights of shareholders under Thai law to help with a speech one of the partners was giving. For the most part I was pretty busy.

As for the orientation program (two days), on the first day, we were at Thammasat University and speakers from the various firms told us about the work they do. This was interesting and informative. The second day was an excursion to the IP/International Trade Court and the Thai Arbitration Institute. The lunch on the second day was memorable -- we ate in the tallest building in Bangkok with a view out over the city!

As for traveling, I went to Ayutthaya with John Carlson, one of the other interns, by train on one of the weekends. There is a lot to see in Bangkok itself and the surrounding area so I spent most of my weekends in the city.

Overall, I really enjoyed my time in Bangkok and the internship. It was a great experience and I am glad that I had the opportunity to participate.

Miles Gerson

My time spent in Bangkok was eye opening and irreplaceable. The city itself has so many different experiences to offer, while travel outside Bangkok is equally accessible and amazing. I was extremely fortunate to also travel to Japan, China, and Singapore, as well as many other parts of Thailand. The Thai people I encountered were quick to welcome me and share everything from food to traditions and customs. The people at my firm, Satyapon & Partners, were very welcoming and

everyone in the office extremely nice. Working within a Thai firm exposed me to an entirely new office environment that functioned via culturally different management styles. By attempting to acclimate to this new work setting, I learned how I could be a more effective communicator within an American context while also developing skills that will help me adapt to future, culturally different work settings.

I walk away from this summer with many new friends and an immeasurable amount of cultural experience and understanding, far beyond what I could have expected. My summer was enjoyable and unforgettable. I am grateful to the East Asian Legal Studies Center for generously facilitating this experience and helping me to grow as both a person and a professional.

Elizabeth Constable

The Thailand internship was an enriching and unique experience. In addition to getting the chance to work in a law firm, it was an excellent opportunity to learn about working in an international law firm, the Thai legal system and Thai culture. Dej-Udom & Associates, the law firm where I worked is staffed with competent and hard-working attorneys, secretaries, and

others, yet there was never the feeling that competition was the underlying motivation for high performance. I enjoyed the casual and friendly manner which people employed in their interactions. People respected each other and me, despite my lack of knowledge of the Thai language or the Thai legal system. We taught each other in a balanced relationship. I assisted with drafting documents in English and translating documents from Hindi and French. They taught me about the Thai regulations for immigration, work permits, marriage laws, and real estate transactions.

I would highly recommend this internship to any student who expresses interest and demonstrates the ability to work and live independently in a foreign country.

(Pictured below at Thammasat University: front row, left to right: Suttiluk Jongudomsuk, Elizabeth Constable, Prof. Dr. Somkit Lertpaithoon (Dean), Asst. Prof. Dr. Pinai Nanakorn (Associate Dean for International Affairs), Assoc. Prof. Tipchanok Ratanosoth (Director, International Law and Business Training Institute), Dr. Sutharm Valaisathien (ILCT.); back row, left to right: Miles Gerson, John Buczynski Carlson, David Nook, Jumpol Daengsakul (Lecturer), Prof. Dr. Jumphot Saisoonthorn, Thammasat Law student, Mr. Michael Doyle (Seri Manop & Doyle Law Firm), Thammasat Law student)



Research Travel Grants

The Center offers JD students travel research grants for students who design a research project that involves short-term field work in a country in East Asia or Southeast Asia. In 2007, Bryan Steil was awarded a travel research grant by the Center based on his proposal to do a research project in China. Here is an excerpt of his impressions.

My research trip to China was informative, interesting and productive. I researched the effect that disclosure laws have on China's securities market. My research concluded that interest groups, in particular institutional investors, must apply pressure on the state for China's disclosure laws to have effect.

My background research was critical to the success of the trip. In addition to taking a directed reading on securities law, I also took Chinese Law [taught by Associate Professor John Ohnesorge]. These two classes provided me critical background information that was necessary for my trip. However, the insight gained from speaking with securities experts in China proved critical to my research.

I was successful in organizing meetings in China through the limited number of contacts I had. What I did not realize when I was setting up my interviews was that I had structured a large number of my interviews with attorneys on one side of the debate. Further, most of these interviews were scheduled first. The position I took in my paper, that disclosure is good for both the individual investor and the economy in general, was not the position that most of my interviewees held. Most of the experts I spoke with represented the corporations and the individuals that benefited from a system that lacked disclosure. The most interesting lesson I learned from this experience was how unwilling some attorneys were to discuss legal theories that were opposed to the general position of their clients. Many experts were not willing to provide information that would be seen as opposed to the position of their client. As a result, during many of my early interviews, rather than engaging in an academic discussion regarding the role of disclosure in China, I was often told by an expert that he could not discuss the negative effects of the current disclosure system.

During interviews later in the research process, I began to learn how to ask better questions. I discovered that by framing the question in a manner that was favorable to their clients I could get them to engage in a dialog with me regarding the current state of disclosure in China. Thus, I was able to obtain very helpful information while not appearing to support a position counter to their current clients.

One of the most interesting aspects of my research came by happenstance. I was eating dinner at a small restaurant in Beijing when I was seated next to a man who turned out to be a former director of the stock exchange in Hong Kong. He was in Beijing to discuss with government officials amongst other things how they could improve disclosure in the markets. He was more than willing to discuss with me the different theories for improving disclosure in China. He was also very interested in my research. I learned a great deal regarding how the theories regarding disclosure that I had read in my pre-trip research play out in China. Speaking to him helped provided me with a law in action viewpoint that could not have been gained simply through traditional research techniques. And my occasion to be seated with him was directly a result of my travel grant to China.



New Graduate Program Students

The following students are entering the Master of Legal Institutions program for 2007-08:

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After I graduated from my university and passed Thai Bar Association examination, I worked as a compliance specialist at a commercial bank. Throughout my work experience, I found myself interested in business and commercial law. I am certain that pursuing the MLI program at the UW Law School will enable me to deepen my legal knowledge and become better prepared for international casework. After obtaining my master's degree, I plan to return to Thailand and practice law in an international law firm.

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LLB, University of International Business and Economics (UIBE)

I come from Jilin, a beautiful city in the northeast of China. I just graduated from UIBE in Beijing and am very happy to be one of the MLI students at the Law School. Commercial Law is my area of interest and I am planning to take courses related to it. In my spare time, I enjoy swimming, reading and hanging out with my friends.

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I was born and grew up in Purwokerto, Central Java,

Indonesia. Before joining the MLI program at the UW Law School, I gained a wide range of academic and apprentice experience as a research-project assistant in the Intellectual Property Rights department. Being inspired by my professor as a role model, I became interested in IP and am pursuing a higher degree in this area. In my free time, I read books and watch movies.

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I have studied for four years in Paris and I am particularly interested in public international law. I would like to work for international organizations, particularly in the humanitarian or human rights areas, or for non-governmental organizations. I love music, traveling, horseriding and watching tennis.

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I was born and raised in a little town near Italy's capital. After graduating from the Catholic University of Lumsa in Rome, I spent two years in the United States studying Criminal Justice, as a second degree, and also studying in an intensive English program. My legal interests lie in the field of International Law and Common Law analysis. My personal ambition is to become an active player in the global community.

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As my dream is to become an international business lawyer, I decided to pursue a master degree abroad after I got my LLB degree from ECUPL. In this one-year MLI program, I'd like to focus on business law. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, listening to music, playing basketball or hanging out with friends. In addition, I travel a lot during vacations because I like the feeling of exploring new things.

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Inspired by my advisor in the university, UW alumnus Dzuoh-Bin Jou (MLI, LLM, SJD), who teaches intellectual property law, I decided to pursue advanced studies here and plan to be a practitioner in the IP area. I am looking forward to my legal study and the contact with people from different countries. In my spare time, I like to swim and watch movies.

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I was born in a small town in South Korea, but have lived most of my time in Seoul. Before joining the MLI program at the UW Law School, I have worked for Korean Government as investigator, deputy director for seven years. As investigator, I am very interested in the American criminal law and procedures. Therefore, I would like to focus on these areas. If I were given a chance, I would try to

challenge the Ironman Wisconsin (triathlon).

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I was born and grew up in Santiago, Chile. I studied Law at Diego Portales University Law School, and was admitted to the Chilean Bar, Santiago in 2001. Before joining the MLI program, I worked for almost seven years as an associate attorney in two important law firms, with special focus on the litigation area. Also, I taught Civil Procedure at Diego Portales University. My goal is to become an excellent litigator. I spend my free time with my wife and two sons. I enjoy playing tennis and guitar.

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I am from Beijing, China. I graduated from Xiamen University in 2005, and then I worked in the copyright management department of CCTV, which is the national TV station in China. I became interested in IP law, and I am also interested in environmental law. I want to be a lawyer in those areas. In leisure time, I like play basketball and I love the NBA. My favorite NBA player is Allen Iverson.

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I am from Taiwan, a country that has undergone a rapid democratic transition in

the past two decades. This background triggered my research interest in constitutionalism and democracy. In order to further explore these areas, I served as a research assistant in National Taiwan University for two years after I graduated from the same university. I expect to continue my study here and hope one day to go back and become a good scholar in Taiwan.

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I checked on the Internet and found the UW Law School and the MLI program. I think the program here is very interesting and challenging. My interest in law is in the area of IP law. In my leisure time, I like playing tennis and badminton.

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I was born and grew up in Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia. I graduated from Diponegoro University in April 2006. Then I got a scholarship to continue my master degree at Diponegoro University, majoring in Intellectual Property Law. I am interested in IP law and business law. My goal is to teach law in my university. My hobbies are singing, listening to music, reading novels, and playing basketball.

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I was born and grew up in Central Java, Indonesia. I am interest in intellectual property law and commercial

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I was born and grew up in Semarang, Indonesia. After graduating from Diponegoro University, I worked for almost six month as a junior legal staff at Niaga Internusa Company, in the contract unit. I also got a scholarship to continue my master degree in Diponegoro University. My areas of legal interest are intellectual property and commercial law. My goal is to become a legal contract drafter. In my free time, I paint and listen to music.

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I was born and grew up in Shanghai, China. During my school's study period, I've learned knowledge of exhibition management and design, the basic law courses as well. My areas of legal interest are commercial law and intellectual property law. I am pursuing a higher degree in this area.

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I was born in He'nan province in China and then moved to Shanghai where I spent 10 years. Since I came to the UW-Madison directly after my graduation of ECUPSL, I don't have as much legal experiences as many other students do. But I am eager to learn and am ready to experience the life here. During my leisure time, I play badminton, listen to music (all kinds of music), and travel.

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I served as a criminal investigator for the Military Police Corp during my obligatory military service. To be an investigator made me know the importance of practicing law. My interests are corporate law and intellectual property law. After finishing MLI program, I want to pursue a higher degree if I have this opportunity. My favorite hobbies are reading, hiking and listening to music.

Center-affiliates entering the LLM (Research) Program:

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After graduating from the university in Taiwan, I worked for a quasi-governmental trade promotion organization and developed strong interests in the international trade areas. I focused on WTO law in my graduate study in Taiwan. I worked as an international trade lawyer for a short period of time before I came to the US. I am a quiet and friendly person.

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I graduated from National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan. I also have had a passion for journalism since high school. My dream is to be a news reporter with a background of international law.

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Lecturing on constitutional

and administrative law in Taiwan for many years inspired me to go abroad to further my knowledge in American public laws. The abundant and pleasant learning experiences here are conducive to my legal research from a global perspective. I look forward to jurisprudential exchanges between Taiwan and the U.S. As for my leisure activities, Jazz and Rock are both my favorites.

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Sawasdee krab! [Hello in Thai] I am a lawyer from Thailand. I spent a few years working as an international business lawyer in Bangkok as well as studying for the master's degree at Chulalongkorn University before I got a scholarship from my university to study in the MLI program. One year in Madison is another great cornerstone of my life. I learned a lot not only from lecture room and law library but also from my classmates and American friends. After graduating from the MLI with flying colors last year, I am proud to be an LLM student this year.

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After completing the MLI program in 2005, I was a visiting scholar at the Law School. I am now entering the LLM program and am interested in the relationship of the constitutional human rights and the press. In Korea, I was in charge of investigating economic, white collar and various corporate

crimes as a special investigator at the Ministry of Justice in Korea for more than ten years. I am now president of the Korean Students and Scholars Association at the UW. My hobbies are playing golf and saxophone.

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After studying in the MLI program at UW Law School for almost one year, my perspectives toward constitutional law and its related areas of law have been dramatically changed. Many changes caused an enthusiasm to learn beyond what is written in text books and to research in more depth. This is the focus of my LLM research. Through m research, I hope to enhance my legal perspectives on Constitutional Law.

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This is my second year in the U.S. and at the University of Wisconsin. I learned a lot in the MLI program and I am very glad to study in the LLM program here. I am interested in international trade law and real estate law. I really like Madison and the people here.

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After I graduated from Chulalongkorn University, I was awarded a scholarship from the Royal Thai Government to study in the field of international trade law.

This area of law is my major interest, particularly the issue of GATT/WTO. Aside from the legal study, basketball and snowboarding are my favorite sports.

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I work for the Ministry of Justice, Korea, as a national attorney (public prosecutor). I am interested in white crime, especially international tax evasion crime. This is my second time to join the graduate program at the Law School. The first time was 2004 fall semester. I appreciate the help from my government and Prof. Irish (my advisor) to allow me to continue my research. I hope that my research will help to solve the legal problem in the field of international tax evasion and tax crime.

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I am interested in international business law, intellectual property, and environmental law. My dream is to devote my life toward teaching law in China. To achieve this goal, I need more knowledge and more research experience. That is why I decided to stay here and to pursue the LLM degree, which will help me acquire more research skills. Reading literature, listening to music, playing musical instruments and swimming are just a few of my hobbies.

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Overwhelmed by international law, I am devoted to the scenario of international trade law. In particular I hope to develop a career dealing with WTO-related issues. I am interested in WTO's Dispute Settlement System, as well as trade and environmental issues connected to the WTO.

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I was born and raised in Taiwan. Since I graduated from high school, I have immersed myself in law. The principal areas of law that I study are business and commercial law. After earning the MLI degree, I continued studying in the Law School's LLM program and now am in the SJD program. I greatly enjoy my study and life experience at the UW-Madison as well as the United States.

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I am particularly interested in electronic commerce, intellectual property, and international trade law. Only when I have acquired the necessary skills will I be able to return to Korea to help my country better represent itself in the international arena. Another compelling reason for pursuing such studies is to be able to teach future law students in a Korean university with the knowledge necessary to enter this same field. Currently, I am a member of the New York bar.

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I am now entering the Law School's SJD program having completed my LLM research. My research topic is "free speech theories in America, Germany and Japan." I am also interested in the history of ACLU and its activities. I collect small rubber animals, each of which is contained in a cake of soap. (I am currently hoping to add a pig to the collection.) I like movies and books that have detailed portrayals of persons in a certain place and era such as *Death in Venice* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

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After graduating from National Central Police University, I had worked as Teaching Assistant at the university for seven years. During that period, I tried to learn what a good teacher and what a good university should be. I hope that will help me to pursue my teaching job in the future. My legal interests are international trade law, international environmental law, law and development, and IP. In leisure time, I enjoy jogging, gardening, tasting craft beers as well as writing legal documents for friends for free.

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I was born in Seoul but I spent most of my adolescence in Jeju State, the biggest island in Korea. In Korea, I was a research assistant in my graduate school for two years. My legal field is corporation law. I completed research in the Law School's LLM program and am very happy to enter the SJD program this semester. Ultimately, I want to be a law school professor in my country.

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I'm interested in meeting people from around the world and gaining unique knowledge from them. It's always enlightening to find similarities and differences in our legal systems and gain new understanding on issues I have never considered before. My academic goal for SJD is to research and understand more on technology export control. My non-academic goal during my stay in the United States is to take a cross-country road trip and drive into the sunset with the Rocky Mountains in front of me.

My Failure as a Student of Japanese

from the Associate Director

As I begin my 18th year working at the Center, I thought I might as well admit my lack of success at learning Japanese. In the early days of the Center, Professor Irish asked me to begin studying Japanese, so in the summer of 1993, I began seriously studying at Beloit (Wisconsin) College's Summer Language Institute. This was an intensive eight-week program that followed the curriculum of first and second semester Japanese that is taught at the UW-Madison. Following that, I took classes at the UW-Madison with Professors Akira Miura, Naomi Hanaoka McGloin, and Peter Hendriks, and then studied in Kyoto during the summers of 1996 and 1997 in language schools there. Over the years, I have had a number of different tutors, including some of our own alumni, such as Hiroshi Sarumida (MLI 1992; LLM 1994), Futoshi Iwata (MLI 1992; LLM 1994), and, most recently, SJD student Naoki Kanaboshi (MLI 2001; LLM 2002). (And when I studied in Kyoto, I had the great fortune of having Law Professor Koichiro Fujikura as my tutor, who most kindly helped me understand homework assignments on several occasions!)

Now you might think after all of this time that I should be fluent in Japanese, and you are probably right – I *should* be fluent. However, the truth is that I have not been successful at fluency. Yet, although one might say that I have failed as a student of Japanese, studying Japanese has opened up a wonderful world of unexpected new understandings. I thought I was going to learn a language. Instead, I came to realize that learning a language actually meant learning about the history, culture, politics, social structure, art, and other aspects that lie behind the language. In making small stabs at learning Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese, I have had similar realizations. My attempts at learning the languages that we hear around the Center on a daily basis have broadened my understanding and my appreciation of the cultural underpinnings of the ways that people see the world. My failure in becoming fluent in Japanese, a personal disappointment, reminds me of something I once read, although I now can no longer remember the source (I forgot to write it down!!). It went something like this:

"Success is not the opposite of failure. Success is the achievement of a known goal. Failure is the achievement of a goal that has not been determined and still is being discovered."

I wonder what undiscovered goal I am achieving as I fail in my efforts to become fluent in Japanese....

Alumni Notes

Please send your news, including updates of your email and/or mailing address to skatcher@wisc.edu for a special Alumni Notes link that we hope to have on the Law School's Graduate Programs website.

Shintaro Araki (MLI 1995) saraki@fragomen.com I joined Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP in January 2007 as a result of the merger of my former law firm. I brought my 10 colleagues with me and established the Japanese Practice Group. Fragomen is an immigration firm with offices both in the US and abroad. Although I continue to practice business immigration, I have assumed a more managerial role for team management, client relationship and business development. My new contact information is:

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Personally, our three children continue to keep my wife and me occupied. The oldest (7 years old) spent one week in a summer camp in upstate New York, the first time that he was away from us, and had a very good time. His 5-year old brother just started local kindergarten. Our 2-year old daughter likes to boss her brothers!



Areeya Asvanund (LLM 2001; SJD 2003) areeya1@hotmail.com I got married to Mr. Prin Tieworn on October 16, 2006. (See photo at left.) That's all I have for an update now.

Eunhae Bae (MLI 2001) enhae1@yahoo.com Eunhae is practicing law in New York City.

Jung Wei Chi (MLI 1997) jwei@chinghai.com.tw I was married July 8, 2007 in Taiwan to Selene Chen. You can see my wife and me in the photo that was published in a newspaper. It shows that my marriage was witnessed by Kuomintang (KMT) presidential candidate, Ma Ying Jeou.



Kunfeng (Marris) Hsieh (MLI 2006) kfhsieh1974@gmail.com It is great to work at Baker & McKenzie Taipei since it is one of the best law firms in Taiwan. I am proud and I think such achievement is due to the training of the teachers in UW Madison.

Thanutr Isarankura (B) (MLI 1999) <thanutr@hotmail.com> I'm working with Huntons & Williams, a US law firm that initially developed their practice in Thailand focusing on power project. To date, our practices are broader than before covering almost every key practice area, giving me a good opportunity to get involved in areas ranging from financing, debt restructuring, amalgamation and arbitration. I am doing okay and spend my free time with my friends at our small pub that has been opened for almost three years. Hope everybody is doing well too.

Hiroshi Iwao (MLI 1997) 3mk4z8@bma.biglobe.ne.jp I am working for Japan Bank for International Cooperation, as before. I am dealing with project finance in the area of oil & gas, petrochemical, asset acquisition on worldwide basis and also Latin American independent power producing projects. Our work requires heavy volume of legal documentation, so what I learned in the MLI program at the UW Law School still helps me a lot.

I have two daughters, a seven year old and a three year old. The elder daughter entered an elementary school last year's spring. Although I am always busy and have many business trips, I enjoy my life with my family.

Ba Le (MLI 2001) ledinhba@yahoo.com I'm in the Master of Public Management Program (MPM) at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (National University of Singapore), which is designed for senior officials working in the public sector. The MPM program began in January 2007 and will end in January 2008. As part of the program I will spend the fall semester at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Before joining the MPM program, I was working as Deputy Director of Legal Department, Ministry of Industry of Vietnam. My plan after completion of the training program is to go back to my country to resume my work in the government. My personal news is that I got married in 2002. My wife and I have two kids, one boy (4 years old) and a girl (8 months old).

Sumitr (Mint) Potranandana (MLI 2003) mintini@hotmail.com After receiving the MLI degree, Mint did a second master's at the University of Illinois. He then worked as the head of an international law department at Siam University and is currently a judge trainee at the Central Criminal Court of Thailand. He wants to pursue his doctoral degree and hopes he won't get too busy to follow his dream. Last, he still loves Madison!

Apsornsopha (Nong) Sariman (MLI 1992; LLM 1994) apornsopha.sariman@gmail.com After nine years with Herbert Smith LLP, I am now working as an in-house counsel for my husband's company.

Koichi Setoyama (MLI 1999; LL.M. 2002; SJD candidate) setoyama@law.osaka-u.ac.jp Since I returned to Japan from Madison in spring 2004, I have been teaching at the Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University.. My courses are "Bioethics and the Law" for Law School students, "Legal Issues Concerning Biotechnology and Medicine" for Medical School students, "Japanese Legal/Political System and Culture" and "Japanese Legal System" for international undergraduate students, "Comprehensive Seminar Work on Japanese Law" for international graduate students, and "Constitutional Law" for undergraduates. At the same time, I have served as Foreign Student Advisor at Osaka University and have taken care of international students from a variety of countries.

In December 2006, I was one of the organizers of an international symposium at Osaka Law School, *Legal Education and Ethical Issues in Science and Technology: Exploring New Approaches*. In the first session of the symposium, "How to Implement Ethical Issues in Science and Technology in Educating Legal Professionals: Two Models", Dr. Suzanne Lee, from the UW Law School's Center for Patient Partnerships spoke on the practice of Patient Advocacy at the Center. Professor Futoshi Iwata (MLI 1992; LLM 1994), Sophia University, Tokyo, and I commented at the Symposium.



Masahiro Sogabe (MLI 2001) Msogabe@aol.com I am still working in New York. I was assigned to the position of Corporate Counsel in our company's North American headquarters (ITOCHU International Inc.) from Tokyo headquarters (ITOCHU Corporation) in July 2003 and after then four years have passed here. Time really flies so fast. We have two daughters; they were both born here and thus have U.S. citizenship! I am enjoying the beautiful summer with my lovely family in a suburb of New York. Needless to say, I will enjoy watching football games of Badgers and Packers in the coming fall and winter seasons.

Hitoshi Ushijima (LLM 1993) hitoshi@tamacc.chuo-u.ac.jp Hitoshi writes that he and his wife are now the parents of three children, including twins born in 2005. Hitoshi is a professor of law at Chuo University, Tokyo. He hopes to visit Madison in October to attend the memorial service for Professor Mermin.

Ming-Hsing Yang (Sam) (MLI 2003; SJD 2006) writes: "I miss all the good life at the Law School, the Center, and Madison. After returning to Taiwan, I moved down to Hsinchu. I work as an in-house counsel for ProMOS Technologies Inc., which is located in Hsinchu Science Park. This working experience is quite different from the life in a law firm or in the school. I enjoy it very much, although it's tough and full of new challenges.

Yonghong Ying (Jenny) (MLI 2002; LLM 2004) yingyonghong@yahoo.com I am working as a general manager of GCGDS, a company sells health supplement products to China. I married an attorney from Chicago, Edward McElroy, and we now have two children, a two year old daughter and a 6-month old son. (Photo at left.) We live in San Diego, California.



Li Emma Zhang (MLI 2001) In June, 2007, Emma wrote "I just joined Hudson Global as its Legal Consultant based in Shanghai. My business email is emma.zhang@hudson.com."

Jian "Joe" Zhou (MLI 1998; LLM 1999; SJD 2004) jzhou@hooyou.com My family relocated to New York City in the summer of 2006. I am operating our firm's New York branch office (Zhang & Associates, P.C.), while traveling from time to time to work with an outsourcing office in Beijing. Our son is three and an half years old, and our daughter is a little more than two. We enjoy the change of seasons in New York and my son enjoys riding the Long Island railroad train. We are living on the border of Queens and Long Island, and you are welcome to stop by when you visit NYC.

Associate Director Susan Katcher reports: In late May 2007, my husband, (Dr.) Murray Katcher, and I went to Japan where we both gave talks at various law schools, I mostly on the Graduate Programs at the Law School and Murray on medical-legal issues. We were also able to meet with several alumni in Tokyo and also in Nagoya. Shown in the photos are **Kyoko Ueno** (MLI 2003) and in the group photo Attorney **Akito Takahashi** (MLI 2004), Attorney **Yukimasa Ozaki** (MLI 1992), Professor **Futoshi Iwata**, Attorney **Yuriko Katayama** (Takahashi)(MLI 2004), **Chifume Ibe** (MLI 1997), Professor **Masayuki Tamaruya** (Summer Program; Visiting Scholar), Professor **Keisuke Abe** (Summer Program), and Attorney **Masanori Katogi** (MLI 1995). It was wonderful seeing all the alumni/ae and talking about their days in Wisconsin!

