From the Director

With this Newsletter, I send greetings to you at the midpoint of our academic year. I will post on our website a fuller annual report at the end of this calendar year. For now, I would like to give you a glimpse of some of the activities of the past months.

First, I am pleased to announce that the Center’s Vice-Director, Professor John Ohnesorge, has been named Co-Director of the University’s new China Initiative, promoted by the UW’s Division of International Studies. The Initiative has brought together “an exceptional group of faculty, alumni, and leaders in business and government to bolster research and teaching about China, to create new partnerships between Chinese higher education institutions and the UW-Madison, and to develop plans for strategic engagements between China and the State of Wisconsin.” (See http://www.international.wisc.edu/china/about.html.) Given Professor Ohnesorge’s extensive teaching and research in and about China, it is appropriate that he take a leadership role in expanding the University’s involvement in China.

Speaking of China, the 6th Annual Judicial Skills Training Program (the “Shanghai judges program”), ran from October 19 through November 6, 2008. With active participation by Law School faculty, the federal judiciary, the American Bar Association, and most especially many of the Dane County Circuit Court judges, the Shanghai judges program provided an effective platform for continuing judicial education and cross-cultural interactions. From November 22, 2008, through January 31, 2009, the Madison component of the Seminar and Internship on Municipal Government Administration will be conducted. The Seminar and Internship are joint ventures between the Municipal Government of Shanghai’s Minhang District and this Center, but the close and substantial cooperation of the Wisconsin State Government and the Madison City Government are essential to the success of this program. Again this year, the Center’s Associate Outreach Specialist Wenjie Hu and doctoral student Cindy Whang are coordinating the many details of both programs.

Also, on October 17 and 18, the Center, in cooperation with Nanjing University Law School, presented a conference on intellectual property (IP) management that was held at Nanjing University. The conference was organized jointly between the UW Law School, the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation and Nanjing University, under the guidance of Professor John Ohnesorge, Nanjing University Professor Xu Difeng and Nanjing University alumnus Kening Li. Dr. Li is also an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Law School. In addition to Professor Ohnesorge, participants from the UW Law School included Professors Allison Christians, Shubha Ghosh, and Pilar Ossorio.

We were helped in planning the IP Management program by Professor Xu Difeng, who was a visiting scholar at the Law School last year. Other visitors at the Law School last year included: Seoeun Choi, YongHwan Chung, Sinta Dewi, Paramita Prananiytyas, Li Feng, two doctoral students from East China University of Political Science and Law, Zhu Pengfei and Chen Bing, and Lin Qimin, a doctoral student from University of International Business and Economics.

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. Last year we expanded the MLI program to include spring admission as well as fall entry. We are continuing to modify the MLI program to enhance its program offerings and I hope to have more to announce in the annual report.

Here are highlights of some of the Center’s activities over the past months:

- The Center has worked with alumnus John Davis (JD 1990), attorney at VPKN, Vietnam, to establish internships for UWLS JD students. Reports from these interns appear later in the Newsletter.
- In the spring, there were several of us who traveled to Shanghai to give talks as part of the “Program in U.S. Administrative Law and Regulatory Practices,” our grant funded by the State Department. Participants included Vice-Director John Ohnesorge, the program administrator Jin Cho, Secretary of Wisconsin’s Department of Regulation and Licensing and
UWLS alumna Celia Jackson, and me. I also traveled to several cities during the spring semester and more recently this fall. Expanded information about my visits will be in my annual report.

- In the late spring, Professor Susan Steingass taught Cross-Cultural Negotiations at the Law School to a group of eight JD students while a similar course was taught to law students at Nagoya University by Professors Yoshiharu Matsuura and Ikuo Sugawara. At the beginning of the course, the UWLS JD students traveled to Nagoya with Professor Steingass for simulated negotiations exercises. Later, in June, the Nagoya students came to Madison with Professor Sugawara for the last week of class. Sandwiched in between these visits were a number of joint classes taught by video-conferencing.

- Last summer, four JD students were selected to participate in the UW Law School - Thammasat University summer internship in Bangkok. Story on pages 3-4.

- In September, we welcomed a delegation from Diponegoro University that included the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Dr. Arief Hidayat; the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Dr. Yos Johan Utama; the Vice Dean for Cooperation and Development Affairs, Lapon Tukan Leonard; the Director of the Master Program of Law, Prof. Dr. Paulus Hadi Suprapto; Nur Rochaeti; and Asih Budi Astuti.

- Later in September, a group from Hokkaido University, Professors Yasunori Sugawara and Kazushige Sakaguchi and doctoral students Kenichi Ochiai and Xing Xu, visited the Law School. Mr. Xu gave a presentation on “The Formation of Rules in China: Judicial Interpretation and Guiding Cases” to a receptive audience on September 26 in Lubar Commons at the Law School.

I wish to extend my congratulations to Chih-Ming Liang, the East Asian Legal Studies Center’s Dean’s Scholar chosen from the MLI class of 2007-08 on the basis of his academic achievement and contribution to the Law School community.

In closing, I want to let you know early on that we are expecting the retirement next July of one of the key players in the Center’s operations since its beginning, Ms. Ethel Pellett. Ethel expects to close her chapter of invaluable and unfailing service to the Center and to the Graduate Programs administration at the Law School and focus full-time on her many outside-the-Law-School activities, especially to enjoy being with her many grandchildren! How many students has Ethel assisted over the past almost 20 years? Countless! How many others has Ethel’s work benefited? Again, countless! I know that you join me in feeling regret at not having Ethel in our “Center constellation” and that you also join me in wishing her the best of good wishes in this new chapter of her life.

~ Charles Irish

~~~~ Intellectual Property Management Conference, Nanjing, China ~~~~

"From the Lab to the Market," a two-day conference on Intellectual Property (IP) Management organized by the University of Wisconsin Law School’s East Asian Legal Studies Center in cooperation with Nanjing University and the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF), brought participants to Nanjing University, Nanjing, October 17 and 18, 2008, to assess intellectual property issues in China and elsewhere.

The program featured speakers from Nanjing University, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and others from fields of law and business. Madison participants included Dr. Carl Gulbrandsen, the Managing Director of Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation (WARF), Craig Christianson from WARF; Attorney Rochelle Klaskin of Godfrey & Kahn; Professor John Ohnesorge, Vice-Director, East Asian Legal Studies Center and a chief organizer of the conference; and UW Law School professors Allison Christians, Pilar Ossorio, and Shubha Ghosh.

Professor Ohnesorge, who is Co-Director of the UW-Madison China Initiative, commented on the Nanjing conference, “When our graduate Kening Li, of Pinsent Masons in Shanghai, came to us with the idea for this conference, Chuck Irish [Director of the East Asian Legal Studies Center] and I thought it looked like a great way for the East Asian Legal Studies Center to facilitate contacts among WARF, UW, the UW Law School faculty, Nanjing University, the Bar, the high-tech business community, and relevant Chinese government authorities. It was not the easiest event to coordinate, but we think the results show that it was worth the effort.”

Summer Internship in Bangkok

Four JD students were selected to participate in the 2008 Summer Internship in Bangkok administered by the Thammasat University and the UW Law School. This is the twelfth year of the internship. The Wisconsin students are first introduced to Thai law and culture in an orientation program organized by Professor Jumphot at Thammasat University. The interns then work for six weeks in international law firms in Bangkok: Seri Manop & Doyle, International Legal Counsellers, 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 and Dr. Sutharm of International Legal Counsellors of Thailand (ILCT) for his contributions to the program. Excerpts from the interns’ reports follow:

Annie Trimberger

I had an internship at International Legal Counsellors of Thailand (“ILCT”). The internship started with an orientation with all of the interns from the UW at Thammasat Faculty of Law. There we had an introduction from various law professors and attorneys. As part of the orientation, we went to the Intellectual Property Court and International Arbitration Court. At each of the courts, we spoke with the judges, had a tour, and saw some of the court proceedings in action. It was a great opportunity to compare the differences between the Thai and US legal systems.

I worked for six weeks at ILCT, and had an amazing array of opportunities during that short time. I went to meetings with clients, researched securities law, read contracts, and went to court with an attorney. My boss was also gracious enough to set up meetings at the Chilean and Mexican embassy for my classmates and me to meet with the diplomats.

Everyone at ILCT was very nice and very friendly to me. The work that I received at ILCT was interesting and diverse. I did a lot of international business transactional work. I looked over contracts (written in English) to make sure that all of the necessary information and clauses were included from the model contract and the specifications for the project. I researched Thai SEC laws and construction contract claim disputes.

The internship was also a great opportunity to explore the rest of Thailand using Bangkok as a base. During these short trips, we went to a couple of different beach islands, the ancient capital of Siam, and the city where the King currently has his summer palace. We saw ancient temples and former palaces, hiked through a jungle in the national park, swam in waterfalls, relaxed on island beaches – all during our short weekend trips! I had a great experience both working and living in Bangkok and I hope that others in the future enjoy their time in Thailand as much as I did.

Brendan Hefty

I arrived in Thailand before the internship began and traveled to Southern Thailand. I snorkeled and rock climbed for five days before returning to Bangkok to begin the internship. My impression of the Thai countryside and islands is that it is one of the most beautiful places I have seen.

I interned at the corporate department of Dej-Udom and Associates – one of the ten largest international law firms in Thailand with around 35 full time lawyers and 50 staff. During my internship I reviewed and assisted in the drafting of an international licensing agreement, and I researched and wrote a memorandum on the international dispute regarding the World Heritage Committee’s decision to list the Preah Vihear Temple as a World Heritage Site. I attended an international arbitration hearing at the Thai Arbitration Institute and summarized the key points of the opening arguments for each side. Also, I researched and wrote a memorandum on the new products liability law set to come into force in Thailand next year and its possible effect on the firm’s clients.

In addition to working with the corporate department, I often edited memos or emails in English for attorneys in other departments. I observed a meeting with the litigation department. I attended functions at the American Chamber of Commerce and was able to meet and network with Americans living and doing business in Thailand.

Members on the faculty of law at Thammasat University arranged cultural and academic outings for the other three students from Wisconsin law school and me. For example, we sat in on a murder trial – even though it was all in Thai, the hostility of cross examination came across via the lawyers’ voice and body language. Thammasat also organized an excursion to the tallest building in Bangkok and took us on a day trip to Petchburi.

This program has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I found that the Thai people are very friendly. The lawyers at the firm were very interested in me and concerned that I had interesting things to work on. I would recommend the internship to any law student. I wished that I could have stayed longer and cannot wait to return to Thailand.

Christopher Smithka

I feel very fortunate to have taken part in the UW Law School – Thammasat University Faculty of
Law Summer Internship Program. In addition to enabling me to gain valuable work experience in international law, it also gave me a chance to experience a unique culture first-hand and live in one of the world’s most dynamic cities.

The orientation at Thammasat University was a great introduction to the Thai legal system. I especially enjoyed the visit to the Thai Arbitration Institute, since I am very interested in international commercial arbitration.

During my internship I worked at Seri Manop & Doyle, a medium-size firm that specializes in corporate law and international tax issues. I was able to work on some interesting projects while I was there. I researched and drafted memoranda on a variety of client issues. I also wrote reports associated with doing business in Thailand, including implications of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, recent changes to Thailand's product liability law, tax implications of investing in Thailand, and Thailand's anti-corruption legislation.

The internship gave me the opportunity to deepen my understanding of the Thai culture, including taking several trips on the weekends, including a trip to the Thai-Myanmar border one weekend. The Summer Internship in Bangkok was truly a remarkable experience.

Nicole Kieper

I worked for Satyapon & Partners, LTD for the summer of 2008. The work I did consisted of reviewing contracts and writing memos on changes and suggestions for the contract. The majority of the work was in translating court documents and contracts from Spanish or Italian to English for the Partners. The rest of the time was spent reading books on Thai culture and Thai work culture provided by the firm.

I traveled each weekend, which was fabulous. I was able to make it to Ko Chang, Ko Samet, Ayuththaya, Petchburi, Chanburi, Khao yai National Park, and spent a week on Railey Bay in Krabi after the program was over. I met people everywhere I went that were fun and friendly.

The most valuable lesson from this experience for me was the cultural experience. This is going to be one of the most important things for me to keep in mind in my future.

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 for JD students at the Law School. Two excerpted reports follow:

Emily Yip (Fall 2007)

I spent fall semester of 2007 in Hanoi, Vietnam as a law intern for YKVN Lawyers. My US legal background was primarily in intellectual property but I was interested in gaining some international corporate and commercial law experience. I was not sure what to expect in terms of Vietnamese office culture, firm demographics, or what my intern duties would comprise. All in all, I am so glad I had the opportunity to work in Hanoi.

YKVN is a Vietnamese law firm that advises international clients and the Vietnamese government in areas such as infrastructure investment and transactions. YKVN is comprised of a few partners, of counsels, and many young associates. Everyone was extremely gracious and made me feel like I belonged to the firm.

One of the most amazing things about this internship was the opportunity to see how this socialist country is developing a robust civil law system to increase stability and boost the economy. I got to see how the government, through new laws on investment and labor, is trying to shape Vietnam’s development at a workable pace. It was very exciting for me to see a legal system develop.

About half of my work with YKVN was reviewing English documents. Since business was conducted in both Vietnamese and English, many complex documents had to be translated from one to the other.

One of the most interesting projects I worked on was a power plant project, lead by the World Bank’s International Finance Corporation. I was also involved with some commercial contract litigation.

Living and working in Hanoi was amazing. I would definitely recommend it to other law students. In conclusion, I would not trade my semester in Vietnam for anything. I was immersed in a new culture, I learned bits and pieces of a new language (the Hanoi dialect), and got to know some amazing young Vietnamese people. Since Vietnam is developing and changing so rapidly, I am lucky to have had the opportunity to be in Hanoi at this particular moment in history.

Dai Dao (Summer 2008)

Working in Ho Chi Minh City was a very constructive experience. Because of the high volume of investment transactions, I was exposed to many issues concerning Foreign Direct Investment and M&A, mainly foreign companies
wishing to acquire an interest in state-owned companies.

My internship also showed me the effect that cultural values have in the workplace. In Vietnam, people are very careful not to disrupt the patriarchal order in professional and social settings. Supervisors are given respect and obedience and are expected to be conscientious and fair in their management of their employees. With this harmony comes a high degree of trust; employees trust that management will take care of them and will complete their assigned duties efficiently and without complaint. I had a wonderful time overall in Vietnam. If I had to use one word to describe Ho Chi Minh City, I would say "sunny" - not only the weather, but the people. They are enthusiastic and filled with a joie de vivre. I did not get a chance to go to Hanoi but I traveled all over Southern and Central Vietnam and was impressed by the beauty of the landscape and the friendliness of the people.

~~ TWO SPECIAL AWARDS FOR DIRECTOR CHARLES IRISH ~~

Charles Irish, the Center’s Director, received two honors in the fall of 2008. He was honored by the Shanghai Municipal Government with The Magnolia Award in September. This is the highest award that the Shanghai Municipal Government gives to foreigners. The prize honors those overseas friends who have made great contributions in the advancement of various areas of Shanghai. Professor Irish was nominated for the award by the president of East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL), President He, for the tremendous efforts Professor Irish has made to help the Shanghai judiciary train its judges and to build an accountable and transparent government and for his help to district governments to train the government officials, as well as his efforts to build a friendly and cooperative relationship with ECUPL.

Later in September, Professor Irish was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree by the Far Eastern National University (FENU), Vladivostok, at the time of FENU’s 50th anniversary celebration. The award was presented by First Vice President Sergey Kn yazev and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Igor Soppa. The Mayor of Vladivostok, Deputy Governor of Primorsky Region, the American Consul in Vladivostok, and representatives from Russian and foreign academic institutions, courts and government offices attended the ceremony.

In presenting the award, Vice President Soppa recognized Professor Irish's long and enthusiastic commitment to the establishment of academic cooperation between FENU's Law Institute and the University of Wisconsin Law School. Soppa noted that as part of the cooperation, more than 30 FENU faculty now had visited the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In his acceptance speech, Irish said that the award was less a personal achievement and more a signal of the strong cooperation now existing between the two institutions.

~~~ Alumni Notes ~~~

Please send your news, including updates of your email and/or mailing address, to skatcher@wisc.edu for the Alumni Notes link that we have established on the Center’s website.

Sung-bae Kim (SJD 2007): We are settled down in the Daegu (Taegu) area, which is my hometown. I had an interview at Daegu University, and Daegu University decided to hire me as a tenure track professor in the college of law. From my office, I can see a lake and this lake reminds me of Madison and my time during my study at the UW. sbkimlaw@daegu.ac.kr

Susumu Endo (MLI 1998): I finally came back to Japan after four years in Shanghai. I set-up and operated a new company which manufactures electronics materials there. The company started its operation smoothly at the beginning of 2005 and got into the black within the first three years. Almost all of my assignments at Shanghai had been successfully completed. I left Shanghai just after the headquarters awarded this company as an excellent business model in China. Susumu_Endo@ni.smm.co.jp

Katsumi Hirai (MLI 2003) visited the Law School in July 2008. He later wrote: I completed my study In the MLI program in 2003 and since then have handled various international transactions including M&A, litigation and alliance matters as an in-house legal staff. Now I found that Legal Sources and Legal Writing exclusively designed for the MLI students have helped me a lot. These programs provide practical skills and knowledge necessary for non-US legal staff to handle international transactions. I have never heard that other LLM programs provide such helpful programs for international students. I also enjoyed my student life in Madison and hope to visit Madison again with my wife and son in the near future. katsumi.hirai@gmail.com
PHOTO GALLERY

Left to right, top row: Charles Irish at FENU; SJD candidate Tsung-Sheng Liao presenting his poster at The 14th Annual North American Taiwan Studies Conference, June 27-29, 2008, School of Law (William Gates Hall), University of Washington, Seattle; delegation from Hokkaido University: Prof. Kazushige Sakaguchi, Kenichi Ochiai, Xing Xu, Prof. Yasunori Sugawara. Middle row: Kyoungkyou Choi, SJD; EAST ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES CENTER office; Emily Yip at work in Vietnam. Bottom row: Photos of alumni (see Alumni Notes): Susumu Endo & family; Sung-Bae Kim at his new office; Katsumi Hirai & family; photos of visiting scholars: Charles Irish with visitor scholar Li Feng; Chen Bing; Zhu Pengfei in front of the Red Gym, on campus.
Top photo: Participants in the Thai Internship Program (Back row: Professor Amnaj Wongbandit, Annie Trimberger, Brendan Hefty, Nicole Kieper, and Christopher Smithka. Front row: Professor Jumphot Saisoonthorn; Dr. Sutharm Valaisathien, ILCT; Professor Anan Chantara-opakorn). Middle photo: Participants in the Intellectual Property Management Program at Nanjing University (see pg. 2). Bottom photo: Master of Legal Institutions students at the back of the UW Law School, fall 2008.
New Graduate Program Students

The following students are taking courses in the Master of Legal Institutions program:

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After graduation from Yantai University, I worked as an officer in the Students' Affairs Division of Yantai University and was also a candidate for the LLM, specializing in Civil Law and Commercial Law. I want to be a law school teacher or a lawyer in the future. In addition to teaching, I am also looking forward to being a great “Mom.” I like shopping and swimming and especially American TV series.

**Chongxiang Chen (Chloe)**  
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LLB, LLM, East China University of Political Science and Law

After graduating from East China University of Political Science and Law, I chose to study the LLM degree. In order to experience a different educational environment, I decided to study in the MLI program. I am interested in commercial law and would like to be a lawyer who deals with all kinds of corporate issues. During my free time, I like to travel with friends.

**Yan Cui (Cherry)**  
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LLB, Zhejiang University  
LLM, Nanjing University

I joined the law school here because there is a reciprocal exchange of credits program between the UWLS and Nanjing University. And I like the city (Madison) very much. Before that, I was a post-graduate student in China and passed the Bar Exam. In my free time, I like yoga and swimming. I plan to go back to China after graduation and to build my legal career.

**Diao Fu**  
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LLB, China University of Political Science and Law

I grew up in a nurturing family environment that instilled in me a love for learning. Two years of high school in La Crosse, WI, were a great asset to my academic pursuit. I enjoy history and literature. I was among the outstanding Best Debaters in the Universities-Based Thematic Debates in Beijing, China. My legal interests are international law and administrative/regulatory law as a catalyst for international community advancement.

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After my university studies, I started to work in Carey and Company, the biggest law firm in Chile, as a litigation lawyer. I mainly deal with arbitration cases and ordinary process before the regular courts and Supreme Court. I also teach at Diego Portales University. My interest at the UWLS is to develop my litigation skills. In my free time, I love to run; in fact, I ran in the Chicago marathon in October.

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Licence, Master 1 Université de Paris 10, Nanterre

After high school, I entered the bi-licence in French Law and American and English Law at the Université Paris 10. In this program, I gained knowledge in many areas of law, and in different legal systems. My goal is to become a lawyer in France, with a strong international experience. I like sports, reading, and movies.

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Bachelor of Engineering, LLM, Inha University

My undergraduate major was in semiconductor engineering, but I was attracted to intellectual property so I earned the LLM studying IP and currently have completed the IP coursework in the PhD program, both at Inha University. I worked at the Patent Office and on the Software Copyright Committee. I am interested in reading about IP related to broadcast and communication. I would like to teach in Korea. When I have time, I like to watch movies and do things such as golf and judo.

**Jiaxin Jiang (Lisa)**  
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Bachelor of Law & Economics, Wuhan University  
LLM, East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL)

After graduating from Wuhan University, I pursued a master degree in International Law at ECUPL. My interest is International Economic Law and other legal areas relating to business. Because the MLI program adopts an interdisciplinary method, I believe I will benefit a lot from the one-year course. I am delighted to pursue the MLI degree with other international students. In my spare time, I like traveling, listening to music and taking photographs.

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I have successfully passed an examination of the Lawyers Council of Thailand. At the moment, I am an authorized lawyer in Thailand. I have been preparing to be a legal consultant by completing several training programs after my graduation. I am interested in intellectual property law and commercial law. In my free time, I usually watch movies and surf the internet.

**Jong Woo Kim**  
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After graduating from Yonsei, I worked for six years as a researcher and a manager at a public office and an internet company (portal site). I decided to study abroad at the UW - Madison because I want to be a professor in Korea. When I have time, I like to watch Korean movies and spend time with my wife and my son.

**Chun Li**  
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Qingdao, China  
BA, Jinan University

I was born in Qingdao in Shandong Province, China, but I spent the past five years in Guangzhou for my undergraduate studies. I received my bachelor’s degree...
in Administration Management and Law. I would like to study International Business Law. My goal is to have a career as a legal adviser for a Fortune 500 company, especially in finance. In my spare time, I like watching movies, listening to music, surfing the internet, and swimming. I was a championship swimmer when I was younger.

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I have been a graduate student in the Law School of Nanjing University from September 2006 to the present. My major now is the Science of Economic Law. I passed the China National Judicial Examination in 2006 and got the Professional Qualification Certificate. Through internships at courts of different levels, the local law firm and the Provincial People's Congress, I have accumulated a lot of academic and practical experience. I am interested in Commercial Law and Intellectual Property Law and want to be an attorney. I usually surf the internet in my spare time.

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After getting the bachelor degree at Yantai University, I pursued my further study at the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE). My major is international business law, specializing in Company Law. Now I have finished my first year as an LLM student in UIBE. I hope to be a successful Lawyer. My favorite movies are Forrest Gump and In the Mood For Love. In my spare time, I am fond of jogging and reading.

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I have been selected to participate in the reciprocal exchange of credits program between East China University of Political Science and Law and University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am in the LLM program at East China University of Political Science and Law and expect to receive my degree in 2010. I studied Constitutional and Administrative Law in the first and third year in a Chinese University; I studied abroad in the midterm year. I am interested in Constitutional Law and Commercial Law. My goal is to become a scholar. In my free time, I would like to travel and play football.

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I received the bachelor’s degree from East China University of Political Science and Law and continued studying in its graduate school. After being interviewed by Prof. Irish, I got this opportunity to join the MLI program at the UW Law School. My area of legal interest is commercial law. My career goal is to become a lawyer in the leading law firm. In my spare time, I like to watch movies. My favorite movie is The Pursuit of Happiness.

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Upon completion of my undergraduate education in Law, I pursued a master's program in Education majoring in Adult and Continuing Education. Just one month to go before the completion of my master’s program, I have been serving as Legal Consultant for an Electrical Engineering company. I worked more than four years in that company. In my free time, I like to chat with my friends and watch movies.

Jinyan Li
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It’s been seven years now since I chose law as my major when entering the university. After one year practicing in a law firm, I felt interested in business law, especially securities regulations and corporation laws. I’ve passed the Chinese Bar Exam and would like to be a lawyer after graduation. I like swimming and traveling in my leisure time.

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I am a second year graduate student studying on my master degree in Civil and Commercial law area at ECUPL in Shanghai. I minored in Finance as an
undergraduate. This year, I passed the selection procedure and became an MLI student in the reciprocal exchange of credits program. My hobbies are literature, movies, and especially classical music.

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During my graduate education, I had an internship at the PRC Ministry of Commerce and at an American law firm, O’Melveny & Myers, where I gained a lot and determined my study focus in the MLI program. I am interested in Company Law, especially the antitrust concerns coming out of mergers and acquisitions of corporations. My goal is to become a lawyer in transnational law firms. During my spare time, I love sports, movies, and shopping.

Dongyun Sin  
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LLB, LLM, ChungAng University

I was very interested in my major, labor law, at the University of ChungAng. Especially, in the social welfare field, I am strongly interested in a comparative study of pensions in America and Korea. In addition, I hope to enter LLM and SJT at the UW Law School. After that time, I really want to become a professor at the University of ChungAng in Korea. I like playing sports in my free time. I like soccer best.

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After graduating from Chulalongkorn University, I worked for two and a half years as an Associate Attorney at FBLP Legal Co., Ltd., a law firm in Thailand, in the area of litigation, corporate law, and also immigration law. My areas of legal interest are business and commercial law. I am an outgoing person. In my free time, I love to enjoy outdoor activities and watch movies.

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I had a strong intention to study law, which, I felt, would allow me to have a significant impact on society while, at the same time, satisfying my personal ambitions. Also, I would very much like to have a role in the government organization, which directly deals with taxation policy and its improvement. In my free time, I like cooking. Definitely, I love shopping!

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As an undergraduate student major in Journalism & Communication (with also courses in law), I interned at a public relations firm in the fields of corporate affairs and legal advice. This experience led me here. I am looking forward to learn more about the spirit of the American legal system, rule of law, and different perspectives. During free time, I am a big fan of classical music and social dance, and I enjoy watching movies, reading and swimming.

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After I graduated from Chulalongkorn University, I worked pro bono at the Thai Civil Court. I also passed the Thai Bar exam. I am interested in Business Law because I would like to help a developing country, especially Thailand, do transactions and survive in the globalization age. I plan to work for an international law firm. After I gain a lot of experience, I am going to take a judge exam. My hobby is reading Thai news via internet.

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After graduating, I spent four years working as a legal official at the Office of the Council of State (Foreign Law Division). I was also involved in drafting financial laws and preparing legal opinions for international loan agreements. After that, I passed the Thai bar examination and have been a public prosecutor from 2000 to the present. My duty now is to do civil litigation for state agencies. I am interested in international business law and intellectual property. My career will benefit from my study in this area. In my free time, I usually jog, play badminton, and read.

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My academic background is interdisciplinary. I had a bachelor degree of English Literature and postgraduate experience in the Law School of Nanjing University. Dreaming to become a successful lawyer, I am interested in Business Law, Corporation Law, and Trademark Law. I have enthusiasm in both academic research and legal practice. My favorite thing in my spare time is seeing American TV series and movies.
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After graduating from Nankai University, I worked in an intellectual property firm in Beijing for a year. Then I came to the U.S. with my husband. We lived in Berkeley, California for a year; later moved to Ames, Iowa and finally Madison, Wisconsin. I am interested in intellectual property law and business law. "Oprah" is my favorite talk show.

Center-affiliates who entered the LLM (Research) Program:

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I was born in Seoul, South Korea. Before joining the LLM, program, I was a research assistant at the university and gained a wide range of academic and industry experience in that job. Being inspired by my professor as a role model, I became interested in intellectual property and am pursuing a higher degree in this area. In my free time, I play basketball and watch movies.

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I’m from Korea. My academic interests are mainly related to public law fields, especially in the constitutional law sphere. As an SJD student, I have been doing research concerning the method of accomplishing the function of a government without destroying legal justice. I like to listen to music, mostly classical, a little pop. I also like doing slight outdoor things: strolling, driving and so on.

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I was born and grew up in Taiwan. I graduated from the MLI program in May 2008 and decided to continue my study here in the LLM program. My research area focuses on the constitution, administrative law, and democracy. I hope to be a scholar someday. For me, the UW Law School is an outstanding academic environment. I am so glad to be here for another year, and I really expect to learn and benefit from all my classmates.

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It is nice to get back to Madison, to meet old friends, to discover changes of the city, to experience the winter, and of course to further my study. This time, I will focus on tax laws, not only to obtain knowledge from professors and classes, but to do a lot of research as well. Wish that I could make great progress in that field and enjoy life!

And those who entered the SJD (Research) Program:

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I am interested in international trade law and criminal law. Music and fashionable things are my favorites. With the studying experience here, I hope I can work for promoting the understandings between the US and China in the future.

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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 before I came to the US. Before I came to Wisconsin, I completed the LLM degree at Columbia Law School in New York and passed the NY Bar exam. The thesis I am working on here in the SJD program is the standards of review in WTO dispute resolutions. I am interested in photography and classical music.

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"Studying the jurisprudence in the United States would help a contemporary jurist survive in the trend of globalization." This is the motto I have acquired through years of legal training in Taiwan and the reason why I am here. I believe the days in the SJD program will help broaden my visions and deepen my knowledge of American public law, which is my legal interest. As for leisure activities, Jazz and Rock are both my favorites.

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I was born in Bangkok, Thailand. I was a law lecturer at the Assumption University School of Law. My legal interests are Constitutional Law and Administrative Law. The topic of my dissertation here is “Term Limits: Comparative Study between the United States and Thailand.” I am very proud to be a law student of the UW Law School.

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I was born in Gyeongju, South Korea, but since attending Korea University in 1983, I spent many years as a law student and a lawyer in Seoul. I came to Madison in 2002 for the MLI degree (2003) and the LLM degree (2004). Returning to Korea, I worked as a lawyer in a law firm and taught the Korean Civil Code as an assistant professor at Dankook University in Seoul. Writing articles or teaching laws, I strongly felt that more effort and research are required to enjoy a successful career as a legal scholar. That was why I decided to come back for the SJD program.
I am interested in IP Law and Environmental Law. My dream is to devote my life toward teaching law in China. To achieve this goal, I should be equipped with more knowledge and more research experience. That is why I decided to pursue the SJD degree. In my spare time, I like reading literature, listening to music, playing musical instruments, and swimming.

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I come from the middle of China, but most of the time, I'm away from my hometown. I had been in Beijing for five years and have been here in Madison for three years. I like this place a lot. As to my academic interest, my research is focusing on corporate governance. To be an international legal professional is always my goal. In my free time, I like movies and music.

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Visiting Scholars

Hisashi Aizawa, Associate Professor of Law at Hokkaido University School of Law. Professor Aizawa was in Madison several years ago when he was a participant in the Summer Program in U.S. Law and Legal Institutions. Professor Aizawa’s research at the UW Law School relates to international/transnational law in Constitutional adjudication. His faculty contact is Professor Charles Irish. aizawa.hisashi@gmail.com

Dawit Beraki, from Eritrea, continues the University’s historic connection with his country. Many highly respected ministers and senior government officials are alumni of the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Beraki notes that he is “pleased to be playing a role in sustaining this academic and professional bond between the University of Wisconsin and my country, Eritrea.” He is now conducting a regulatory impact assessment on the Micro-Finance Business and Micro-Finance Institutions, under the guidance of Professor Larry Church.

Kim Sung Ho, Associate Professor, Hanbat National University, Daejeon, South Korea. Professor Kim’s research topic in Madison is “Regulations of Hedge Funds in the Comparative Laws.” shkim24@wisc.edu.

Man Hongjie, PhD candidate, Law School of Fudan University, Shanghai, China; Fulbright Visiting Researcher at the UW Law School. Mr. Man’s research topic is Legal Regulation of Human Subject Experimentation. His faculty contact is Professor Larry Church. man.hongj@gmail.com.

Gyeong-Dae Kim, judge, Daegu (Korea) District Court. Judge Kim’s research goal at the UW Law School is to study the American legal system, bankruptcy law, and intellectual property law. Kimkd63@yahoo.co.kr

Li Jia, doctoral student in international law at the East China University of Political Science and Law (Shanghai); teaches at the Zhejiang University of Technology (Hangzhou, China). She is here to learn about American legal education and to obtain resources and guidance for her doctoral dissertation. lijia@zjut.edu.cn

Itsuko Matsuura, Professor of Law at Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan. Professor Matsuura is doing research on Employers Liability and is sitting in on one class, “Transnational Regulation: Safety of Globally Produced Food.” Professor Larry Church is her faculty contact. matsuura@wisc.edu.

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Rocky Shifeng Shi, PhD candidate, City University of Hong Kong Law School. He has two research goals for his visit at the UW Law School: first, to explore issues about how judicial review and federalism help to make the Constitution function in USA; second, to do some research on the relationship between constitutionalism and Biblical belief. His faculty contact is Professor John Ohnesorge. rocky.s.f.shi@gmail.com.

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