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## CENTER BEGINS SECOND YEAR

Visiting scholars from Europe and Japan, a new Master of Laws (LLM) class of foreign law graduates, and a line up of exciting lectures and other programs



Ronald A. Brand

are planned for the University of Pittsburgh Center for International Legal Education's (CILE) second year.

First opened in August 1995, the CILE coordinates and enhances the

many international and comparative law programs and activities of Pitt Law School. Ronald A. Brand, a widely published scholar on international trade law, is the founder and director of the Center and of its one-year LLM program for foreign law graduates. Jody Hoberek is the Center's administrative secretary.

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## OPENING CELEBRATION FEATURES MARKS LECTURE

The Center for International Legal Education officially celebrated its creation last February with an inaugural address by the



Leonard Marks ('38)

Hon. Leonard Marks ('38), former director of the U.S. Information Agency. His lecture, "Can the First Amendment be Exported?" explored the value of developing mass communication to the existence of democracy throughout the world.

marks was appointed by President John F. Kennedy as incorporator of the Communications Satellite Corporation (COMSAT), and served as director of the U.S. Information Agency during the

Johnson Administration, when he was also appointed to the U.S. Delegation to the International Conference on Communications Satellites (INTELSAT). Marks served in various ambassadorial positions, chairing U.S. delegations to international conferences in Geneva, Paris, and London. He led the London Information Forum's Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe in 1989, the U.S. Reform Observation Panel for UNESCO from 1985 to 1988, the U.S. delegation to the International Telecommunication Union Conference on High Frequency Broadcasting in 1983-84 and 1986-87, and the President's Advisory Commission on International Education and Cultural Affairs. He is chairman of the Department of State's Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. □

## THREE-YEAR ALCOA GRANT FUNDS FELLOWSHIPS

Daniela Ernlund of Brazil and Min Zhou of China have been named ALCOA Fellows for the LLM class of 1996-97. Both received full-tuition fellowships as part of a generous gift from the ALCOA Foundation.

The foundation last year awarded the CILE a three-year grant totaling \$150,000 to recognize outstanding LLM students. In the LLM program's inaugural year, ALCOA Fellow Katrin Kuehnle of Germany completed her studies *magna cum laude*, and ALCOA Fellow Alessandra Michelini of Italy graduated *cum laude*.

The Center for International Legal Education has also received financial and program support from the University Center for International Studies (UCIS). UCIS provides both support for international initiatives and an umbrella under which regional and global studies programs are created, sustained, and coordinated at Pitt. "One of the many benefits of UCIS is its support of interdisciplinary cooperation," says Ronald A. Brand, CILE director. Within the UCIS framework, the Center for Latin American Studies provided support for the work of Pitt law student David Pawlak, a May graduate whose research in Santiago, Chile, earned him the North Central Council of Latin Americanists' 1995 Professional Research Award for best paper. (Read more about Pawlak's experiences on page 6.) □

## CENTER HOSTS FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Pitt law students are getting an insider's view of European Union law from the school's Fulbright scholar-in-residence, Kurt Riechenberg, senior assistant to Judge Rafael Garcia-Valdecasas of the European Community's (EC) Court of First Instance.

Pitt is one of only five universities to host Fulbright scholars for the 1996-97 year. Berkeley, Columbia, Georgetown, and New York universities were also selected.

In addition to courses on European Union law, Riechenberg will teach a class in the University's Honors College, and provide lectures for Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, the Center for West European Studies, and the Katz Graduate School of Business. He will also be available to provide programs for other colleges and universities in western Pennsylvania.

Riechenberg taught a course in EC law as a visitor to the Law School in the fall of 1993. He returned last spring to lecture on "Reforming the Institutions of the European Union: Political Pressure and Judicial Challenges from Member States," and to participate in an informal discussion with students. □

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## DIVERSITY MARKS NEW LLM CLASS

Nine students from countries as diverse in culture, politics, and business as France, Brazil, and China are building a solid background in American law through Pitt's LLM program for foreign law graduates. The two-semester program, now in its second year, equips graduates of foreign law schools to return to their home countries and effectively advise American clients and work with American lawyers. The class of 1997 includes:

- Sylvie Combes, who earned her first law degree from the University of Poitiers, France, and graduate law degrees in private law and business and tax law from the University of Poitiers and the University of Paris V. Her area of concentration is corporate law, focusing primarily on bankruptcy and other company crises. She has served as a member of the editorial staffs of *SORECA Editions* and *Editions Legislative*, two French law journals.
- Linda Dhondt, who specialized in both criminal and medical law at the University of Ghent, Belgium. Dhondt's dissertation concerned the rights of interpreters in criminal procedures, examining Belgian and Dutch systems for compatibility with the European Treaty on Human Rights.
- Daniela Ernlund, a partner at Anderson Ballao Advocacia in Curitiba, Brazil, a law firm specializing in international and

maritime law. Ernlund received her law degree from the Federal University of Paraná in 1993, and a postgraduate certificate in international law, specializing in MERCOSUR, from Curitiba Law School.

• Mauro Ferraro, a 1993 law graduate of the Universidad Santa Maria in Caracas, Venezuela. As a law student, Ferraro wrote a research paper on "Human Rights in Venezuela," for which he received both an award and a request to present it at the Colombian-Venezuelan Conference of Law Students. He has practiced civil and commercial law at the law firm of Ramirez & Perez, and was selected to work with a team of lawyers at the Venezuelan Ministry of Information, reviewing agreements between the Ministry and international companies.

• Marco Gardini, who studied ancient Roman and comparative law at the University of Parma, researching methods of retrieving legal information. Gardini is the recipient of a competitive scholarship from the University of Parma, which will enable him to study the development of law through computers and case-based reasoning systems at the University of Pittsburgh. He has worked at Studio Legale de Riso, and has assisted law professors at the University of Parma with examinations and the mentoring of law students.

• Maria Fernanda González, who earned her law degree from the Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario, in Bogota, Colombia. González was a member of the board of editors for *Temas Juridicos*, her law school journal, for which she has also

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published several articles on sources of Colombian law, general principles of the law, and exceptions to the Colombian Constitution. She has audited trust implementation as a general attorney for Selfiducia, a trust company, and provided legal advice to the commercial, administrative, and financial areas of the company.

- **Bor-Shan Lin**, a professor of law at the Chinese Culture University in Taiwan, where he obtained both his bachelor of laws and master of arts degrees. Lin has taught Legal Perspectives and Mass Communications Law, and served as director of academic affairs for the evening school division. He also writes a column on juvenile legal issues for the *Mandarin Daily News*. His studies at Pitt are funded through a scholarship from Taiwan's Ministry of Education, awarded on the basis of a highly competitive examination.

- **Masue Nagaoka**, who specialized in compensation law at Kyoto University, Japan, before joining the Takamatsu-Godo Law Office in Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture in 1986. Nagaoka was the first female lawyer to register with the Kagawaken Bar Association. In 1987, she became a partner at the Minami-Osaka Law Office, where she has handled civil, criminal, labor management, and sex discrimination cases.

- **Min Zhou**, an associate professor of law at South Central University in Wuhan, China, where he specializes in comparative constitutional law. Zhou also serves as director for South Central University's Institute for Comparative Law Studies. He earned his master of laws at Central South Institute of Politics and Law and a doctorate of law from Wuhan University. Zhou visited Pitt in October 1995, at which time he spoke about Chinese relationships regarding Taiwan, the 1997 return of Hong Kong from Britain to China, and current tensions regarding the U.S. position on Taiwan. He was a visiting scholar at Case Western Reserve University for the 1995-96 academic year. □

## ARBITRATION CONTEST VALUABLE FOR PITT TEAM

The growing importance of commercial arbitration in the practice of law makes the recent experience of students **James Callaghan** and **Joanne Darkey** particularly valuable. The two traveled to Vienna, Austria, last spring to compete in the Willem Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. The competition was held at the International Arbitral Centre of the Federal Economic Chamber, with 38 schools from 19 countries participating. Pitt law professor **Harry Flechtner** served as faculty adviser for the team, which argued against law students from Maribor, Slovenia; Lapland, Finland; Leuven, Belgium; and Deakin, Australia. Flechtner was also an arbitrator, judging other rounds of the competition.

The problem for the competition focused on the interpretation of provisions of the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, with procedure governed by the American Arbitration Association International Rules. In addition to the excellent experience they gained in drafting and speaking, Callaghan and Darkey benefitted from contact with both practitioners in the area of international commercial transactions and law students from all over the world. □

## First Person

### Pitt's LLM Program: A Student Perspective

by *Alessandra Michelini, LLM '96*

This year has been an extraordinary experience, both personally and professionally. Personally, I came to know many special people. The enrichment gained from the interaction with U.S. and other foreign students in the LLM program, and the full participation in the social and intellectual life of the Law School positively influenced and inspired my views and perceptions of life and the law. Professionally, the University of Pittsburgh School of Law has given me a broad-minded approach to an in-depth understanding of legal systems and institutions, and of the societies they reflect.

Our rigorous academic preparation at Pitt was flavored by important extracurricular activities. Each student was encouraged to take part in various projects and programs. I personally gained from the opportunity to contribute to the *Journal of Law and Commerce*. Under the guidance and supervision of Professor **Harry Flechtner**, my collaboration led to the publication of an Italian court decision and a related commentary. I am very proud of this accomplishment, and of the opportunity to have been a part of the enthusiastic and energetic community at Pitt Law School. I truly consider myself privileged, and hope more students can benefit from the extraordinary experiences that have prepared me for a fulfilling professional career. □

## INAUGURAL LLM CLASS GRADUATES

Pitt Law School graduated its first LLM class this past May. The group of seven students successfully completed at least 24 hours of coursework, and participated in internships with law firms or corporate legal departments in the Pittsburgh area. Internship providers included Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, Jones Day Reavis & Pogue, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, and Reed Smith Shaw & McClay, as well as the legal departments at Elsag Bailey, PPG Industries, and Westinghouse Electric Corp. The students also took a field trip to Washington, D.C. last spring to observe sessions of Congress and of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The inaugural LLM class included:

• **Rajinder Singh Bedi**, an advocate in the Gauhati High Court and the Supreme Court of India. Bedi holds a law degree from Calcutta University and a diploma in journalism from Panjab University. He served in various administrative and judicial positions in the Justice, Law and

Parliamentary Affairs Department of the Government of Nagaland for more than 25 years. He is the honorary director of the Nagaland Computer Centre, and has been a correspondent for the periodical *Software Today* on topics of intellectual property law.

• **Sebastian Bregning**, a 1995 law graduate from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. In addition to his work in the LLM program, Bregning assisted Thomas Schott, professor of sociology at Pitt, in comparing levels of new technology and innovation in various countries.

• **Daniela Canale Brito**, a graduate of the Universidade Santa Úrsula and the Pontifica Universidade Católica de Rio de Janeiro, whose dissertation covered alimony in Brazilian law. Brito worked in the general counsel's office of Vale do Rio Doce Navegancao S.A.-DOCENAVE, a leading Brazilian international shipping company, where she advised management on litigation and arbitration strategy. She has received a Heinz Fellowship to continue her studies at Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

• **Katrin S. Kuehnle**, a native of Stuttgart and law graduate of the University of Augsburg, Germany. Kuehnle, who earned her Pitt LLM degree *magna cum laude*, received a full-tuition fellowship through a grant from the ALCOA Foundation. As a law student in Augsburg, she received the faculty award and was an academic assistant to professor Jürgen Basedow, who has visited at Pitt Law School.

• **Alessandra Michelini** of Milan, Italy, who graduated at the top of her law class at the Università Degli Studi Di Milano in 1994, with a thesis titled "Copyright and Neighboring Rights." Michelini, also an ALCOA Fellow, received her LLM degree *cum laude*.

• **Amit Rai**, Deputy Law Officer at the Centre for Environmental Law of the World Wide Fund for Nature in New Dehli, India. Rai received his bachelor's degree from Ranchi University, and his master's and law degrees from the University of Dehli.

• **Ching-Yu Yen**, a former research assistant at the Sun Yat-Sen Institute for Social Sciences & Philosophy in Taipei, Taiwan. Yen's work in the Institute's computer center sparked her interest in intellectual property law. She received her law degree from Soochow University, where she served as coordinator of the Jessup Moot Court competition. □

## VISITORS PROVIDE GLOBAL VIEW

Visiting professors and scholars are adding international dimensions to the Pitt law faculty this year. In addition to Fulbright scholar-in-residence **Kurt Riechenberg**, **Joachim Herrmann** of the University of Augsburg visited early during the fall 1996 semester, teaching an intensive one-credit course, Introduction to the German Legal System. Professor Herrmann's visit was his third to the Law School.

Professor **Toru Nagaoka** of Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan is spending the 1996-97 academic year as a visiting scholar at Pitt, researching the intersection of constitutional law and religion from the American and Japanese perspectives.

Each year, the CILE hosts several visitors from foreign nations. The following scholars, lecturers, and legal experts visited Pitt Law School last year:

• Professor **Nadezhda Malakhova** of Nizhni Novgorod State University in Russia, as part of the Central and East European Law Initiative (CEELI) of the American Bar Association. During her stay, Malakhova observed courses, visited with local law firms, and did research in the area of private international law. Malakhova's research will culminate with the first-ever course on private international law offered at her school.

• A delegation from the Russian Federation, which included **Valentine Ershov**, president



From left: Ching-Yu Yen, Rajinder Singh Bedi, Jody Hoberek (CILE Administrative Assistant), Alessandra Michelini, Professor Harry Flechtner, Professor Nadezhda Malakhova (of Russia), Daniela Canale Brito, Sebastian Bregning, Katrin Kuehnle, Amit Rai.

of the Academy of Jurisprudence of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Postyshev, vice president of the Academy, and Vladimir Petrov, a prominent Moscow attorney. The visitors contributed to a group discussion of "The New Russian Civil Code and Current Legal Developments in the Russian Federation." Their visit was co-hosted by the CILE and the Pittsburgh law firm of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote.

• **Florian Endros**, adjunct professor at the University of Cergy Pontoise and attorney with Hertslet-Wolfer-Bissinger-Heintz, both in Paris. Endros, who is also editor-in-chief of the international law review *Droit et Affaires*, lectured on "Problems of Harmonization in a United Europe: Product Liability in France and Germany — A Practical Guide for the Industry." His visit was co-sponsored by the CILE, Pitt's Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, and the Center for West European Studies. □

## NUREMBERG PROSECUTORS REFLECT ON 50 YEARS AT MCLEAN LECTURE

Two members of the prosecution team at the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal—**Henry T. King, Jr.**, a professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, and attorney **Benjamin Ferencz**—gave a retrospective to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the trials at the Fifth Annual McLean Law Lecture on September 26. King and Ferencz discussed how they became involved in the trials, their experiences at Nuremberg, and their views on the development of international criminal law over the past half century.

The McLean Law Lecture is co-sponsored each year by Pitt Law School and the Pittsburgh Chapter of the World Federalist Association.

The 1995 McLean lecturer was **Larry D. Johnson**, principal legal adviser at the United Nations. He gave a masterful survey of the development and struggles of the United Nations in his speech, "Reforming, Restructuring and Revitalizing the United Nations After 50 Years."

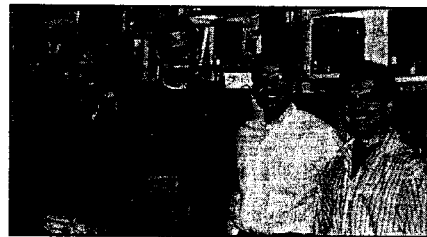
A graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard's JFK School of Government, Johnson spoke of the importance of the United Nations in promoting diplomacy and furthering important global goals. He also noted the uncertain future of the UN resulting from the failure of member nations to meet financial obligations. Johnson has served as the legal counsel's liaison with the International Court of Justice, drafted the UN brief in U.S. federal court in the attempted closure of the PLO observer mission, and participated in drafting the statute for the Yugoslav War Crimes Tribunal. He also served on the International Law Commission, and has undertaken peacekeeping assignments in Cyprus and the former Yugoslavia. □

## LLM GRAD WINS FELLOWSHIP

**Daniela Canale Brito** (LLM '96) has been awarded a 1996-97 Heinz Social and Public Policy Fellowship. This award, which each year provides two Latin American students with full-tuition benefits and a stipend, will enable Brito to pursue a master's degree at Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and continue her work in the area of MERCOSUR legislation. The highly competitive fellowship is sponsored jointly by the Center for Latin American Studies and the Heinz Foundation. □

## STUDENTS CELEBRATE NIAGARA SUCCESS

The Pitt student team of **Robert Gross** and **Todd Weitzmann** won the award for best respondent's memorial at the 1995-96 Niagara International Moot Court Competition, held this past spring at Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland. **Geoff Margolis** and **Dan Shidlovsky** also represented the Law School at the competition. □



From left: Todd Weitzmann, Robert Gross, Dan Shidlovsky, Geoff Margolis.

## BURKOFF VISITS AFRICAN SISTER SCHOOLS

Professor **John Burkoff** took important steps in establishing the foundation for a continuing relationship with two law schools in Kenya last fall. As part of the American Bar Association's African Law Initiative Sister Law School Program, Burkoff traveled to Kenya to meet with the law faculties at Moi University and the University of Nairobi and presented lectures on human rights issues throughout Kenya.

Burkoff's trip followed an earlier visit by Dean **Peter M. Shane**, as part of the delegation of U.S. law school deans who initiated the program. □

## First Person

Law School, University Partnership  
Provides World of Opportunity  
by David A. Pawlak ('96)

*David A. Pawlak was the recipient of the North Central Council of Latin Americanists' 1995 Professional Research Award for Best Paper. A second paper based on his summer research in Chile won an award at the Annual Conference of the Inter-American Bar Association in Quito, Ecuador. He wrote the following essay upon his graduation last May.*

In 1992, I enrolled in Pitt's joint-degree program with the School of Law and the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA). The joint-degree offering, and the strength of Pitt's Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), brought me to the University. On the eve of my graduation, I can say without hesitation that my Pitt experience has surpassed my expectations.

I have benefitted tremendously from my affiliation with the Law School and CLAS. My experience in Santiago, Chile, in the summer of 1995 is a case in point. That spring, I was awarded the first Ivan Santa Cruz Memorial Award, which funded my research project on trade law and policy in the Americas. I had drafted my proposal based on work I had been doing for Professor Ronald Brand's seminar on international trade law.

As I stepped off the plane into the cold Santiago winter, I knew I was a long way from Pitt Law School. I fought through a mob of swarming taxi drivers and headed for an isolated corner, where I huddled with my bags for a few minutes to gather my thoughts and plan my first South American move. Once my grogginess dissipated, I mustered the courage to board a bus, which delivered me to Santiago proper, a city of five million strangers.

In contrast to the inescapable chill of

the winter air, I received a tremendously warm welcome from the Chilean people. Within one week of my arrival, I was able to secure office space and access to the resources at the United Nations' offices in Santiago. Several factors made this possible. First, several years ago, CLAS established an exchange agreement with El Instituto Latinoamericano para Planificación Económica y Social (ILPES), one of the UN units based in Santiago. I carried with me letters of introduction and the copies of the exchange agreement from CLAS. Also, prior to my departure, Susan Santa Cruz, the scholarship sponsor, made it possible for me to speak with Juan Somavia, Chilean ambassador to the United Nations in New York. Somavia recommended contacts at the UN complex. Within an hour after meeting with the director of ILPES, I settled into my work in an office at the UN.

The primary purpose of my trip was to conduct a comparative analysis of the NAFTA rules of origin and rules employed in similar trade arrangements formed by the countries of Latin America. Rules of origin present difficult problems for the implementation of economic integration in the Americas. The December 1994 announcement that national leaders in the hemisphere would seek to establish free trade throughout the Americas by 2005 set the context for my study. Chile's accession to the NAFTA was to be one of the first steps toward realization of that goal. My hope was to identify a workable origin rule that would facilitate economic integration in the hemisphere.

The UN offices proved to be an ideal research base. I interviewed Chilean government officials regarding their perceptions of Chile's accession to the NAFTA. I also obtained documents relating specifically to my research on the rules of origin from ProChile, the export promotion offices of the Ministry of Foreign Relations. With the help of my generous Chilean

hosts, I found the legal texts and policy statements I needed at various libraries and think-tanks around the city. Each interview or contact led to another. By the close of the summer, I had dined with a recent Chilean presidential candidate, interviewed the general counsel at the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Relations, and spoken with members of the Chilean NAFTA negotiating team. I also met with several Santiago businesspeople and attorneys. The coffee bar at the UN provided not only relief from Santiago's chilly winter air, but also fertile ground for identifying research contacts.

My work in Santiago led to other opportunities. In Chile, I had access to resources that are difficult to obtain or unavailable in the United States. I was able to refine the work that I had initiated in Professor Brand's international trade law seminar to produce a piece eventually published in the *University of Miami Inter-American Law Review*, "Learning from Computers: The Future of the Free Trade Area of the Americas," (in issue 27(1) 1996).

I was also invited to present my work at three conferences. The first was the North Central Council of Latin Americanists Annual Conference in Ripon, Wisconsin, at which I received the 1995 Professional Research Award for Best Paper. Last November, I presented a related paper at the Inter-American Bar Association's Annual Conference in Quito, Ecuador. CILE support helped make this tremendous opportunity possible for me. And in late February, I presented my work at the CLAS Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on Social and Public Policy. At this third conference, I received feedback from several fellow Pitt students from other disciplines who are also in the CLAS certificate program.

Combining my legal education with an interdisciplinary affiliation through CLAS gave me the opportunity to do substantive

legal and policy work and present a paper abroad. CLAS also has provided me with substantial financial assistance, including tuition, a stipend, and conference travel support. I have met policymakers from several Latin American countries, hosted important figures from Mexico, studied under top law professors, economists, and political scientists, attended lectures by top academics from around the world, broadened my perspective in legal and policy studies, met with lawyers and businesspeople from Pittsburgh and elsewhere in the U.S. and abroad, and made many interesting friends who have helped me enjoy and diversify my law school experience.

The opportunity to focus my work on Latin America through the excellent system available at Pitt not only led to many wonderful educational experiences, but contributed directly to helping me secure a position in New York with the Department of Justice Honors Program (INS) beginning later this year. I am convinced that many other law students could benefit from similar opportunities offered through the UCIS area studies programs. The CILE is the ideal bridge from the Law School to UCIS and a world of opportunities. While my experience is with Latin American Studies, other regional studies centers under the UCIS umbrella—the Centers for Russian and Eastern European Studies, Asian Studies, and West European Studies—offer wonderful opportunities as well.

*The Santa Cruz Award was established in 1995 and is administered by the Nationality Rooms Scholarship Program. For more information, contact Dr. Billie DeWalt at the Center for Latin American Studies (412) 648-7391 or Maxine Bruhns at the Nationality Rooms (412) 624-6150.* □

## STUDENTS AND FACULTY PROFIT FROM EXCHANGES

Pitt law faculty and colleagues from the Universities of Augsburg and Brussels are creating special courses at all three institutions through an ongoing exchange program.

This semester, University of Augsburg professor Joachim Herrmann is teaching an introductory course on the German legal system. Herrmann also visited Pitt a year ago with colleague Wilfried Bottke. Herrmann lectured on "Peculiar Features of Continental-European Civil Law: How Do European Lawyers Work with Codes?" and Bottke's talk covered "AIDS and the Criminal Law."

Last fall, the Law School hosted Marc Pallemmaerts, one of the leading environmental lawyers in the Belgian government and a professor at the Flemish Free University of Brussels. He taught a course on European environmental law, was a speaker at the Law School's Conference for the Second Century, and gave a special program for the environmental law section of the Allegheny County Bar Association. Last January, fellow Belgian faculty member Tony Joris gave Pitt law students an introduction to European Union law. Joris is associate director of the Program on International Legal Cooperation (PILC) in Brussels, where he holds the Jean Monnet Chair in European Community Law.

Pitt law professor William Luneburg returned the Belgians' visits last fall, lecturing to graduate students in the University of Brussels' Department of Human Ecology and at the PILC. Luneburg also lectured at the French University of Brussels on "Federalism in U.S. Environmental Law," and at the University of Ghent on recent developments

in emission trading programs in the United States.

Pitt law professor Kathryn Heidt visited Augsburg last June, teaching Environmental Law and Bankruptcy with Augsburg professor Reiner Schmidt. Dean Peter M. Shane and law professor Martha Chamallas visited both the University of Brussels and the University of Augsburg during travels in Europe in June 1996. □

## CILE CO-SPONSORS EUROPEAN LAW PROGRAM

Lawyers from firms in five European nations gave more than 90 Pittsburgh-area attorneys tips on how to enter and benefit from European markets after the Treaty of Maastricht at a special program co-sponsored by the Center for International Legal Education last spring.

Belgian, French, German, Italian, and British attorneys were among the workshop faculty, who facilitated a discussion of a case study of a hypothetical attempt by a U.S. corporation to transact business in several European jurisdictions. This approach allowed participants to explore such issues as product distribution, labor relations, and acquisitions, joint ventures, and strategic alliances. The Pittsburgh office of Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay and business organizations from each of the participating countries helped sponsor the event. □

## First Person

### Experiencing Pitt's Global Reach

by Vivian Curran, assistant professor of law

Last October, I was in Paris for a meeting on the first retrospective of the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG).



Vivian Curran

The meeting covered the CISG from every angle—historical, theoretical, and practical. André Tunc, who represented France at numerous Hague conferences after World War II and until 1964, spoke of the CISG as the culmination of the humanitarian

project of facilitating world commerce in an equitable framework. Representatives of organizations dedicated to collecting and disseminating case law decided pursuant to the CISG spoke of their efforts, and of new possibilities to promote knowledge of the CISG through modern technological means. There was also considerable discussion of the challenges to achieving judicial uniformity of interpretation, as well as of particular CISG provisions in light of the drafters' intent, scholarly commentary, and judicial decisions to date. Both the formal presentations and informal conversations confirmed my impression that the University of Pittsburgh's *Journal of Law and Commerce*, which annually publishes English translations of and commentaries on foreign cases on the convention, is a leading force in European CISG circles.

After Paris, I went to Holland for the inaugural address of the new chair of Comparative Legal Cultures at the University of Tilburg. The inaugural ceremony included a stately procession of the entire law faculty, in long black robes, flowing, bib-like white collars, and large black velvet hats, as well as opening and closing Dutch prayers led by the rector. Aside from hearing a beautiful talk on comparative legal theory, I had the pleasure of meeting Professor Franco Ferrari, whose commentary on an Italian GISG case appeared in a recent issue of the *Journal of Law and Commerce*, translated into English by Alessandra Michelini, a member of our 1996 LLM class. I also met law professors in Holland who specialize in law and language, one at The Hague and one at the University of Limburg/Maastricht, and had the opportunity to exchange notes about our respective programs. □



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