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Welcome from the Director

Dear CCLS Alumni

Firstly I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to making the first two editions of this alumni magazine a success. It has been heartening to hear of the achievements of a few of the many students that we have had over the last 30 years.

You may be interested to know of two major new appointments at the Centre for Commercial Law. We are delighted to announce that Professor Philip Rawlings has joined us. It is a great honour to welcome such a senior academic to the Centre. Prof Philip Rawlings is the Roy Goode Professor of Commercial Law, having held the post of Professor of the Law of Finance at UCL.

In addition to these two appointments we have appointed Dr Rodrigo Olivares-Caminal, a joint lectureship with the

Queen Mary School of Economics and Finance, Dr Costanza Russo, a Leverhulme lecturer for two years in Banking and Financial Law, and Dr Maxi Scherer - a lecturer for International Arbitration and Energy Law.

You will read from Isabelle Karihangabo and Julia Kronradaska, both recipients of privately funded scholarships which have enabled them to study commercial law at Queen Mary and take their experiences back to Rwanda and the Ukraine to assist their countries and play a part in building their future economic prosperity. We would like to offer more of these scholarships ourselves and are launching our own scholarship fund, the Roy Goode Scholarship Fund, which you can read about in more detail.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this third edition of the CCLS Alumni Bulletin.



With best wishes,

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The Africa Justice Foundation

The Africa Justice Foundation works with African governments and the international business community to support the development of robust justice systems in Africa.

They do this by creating and sustaining partnerships between lawyers, the judiciary, academics, civil society and commercial organisations. Its aims are to strengthen legal systems and benefit commerce, investment and access to justice. The Centre for Commercial Law Studies has been the fortunate recipient of a scholar from Africa Justice Foundation in 2010.

On 10 June 2011, at the office of Freshfields Law Firm, the first Alumni meeting was held for Africa Justice Foundation Scholars. Isabelle Karihangabo, who can be seen in this photo has written the following article on her experiences at Queen Mary.

Cherie Blair, founding member spoke about the work of the Africa Justice Foundation, and the crucial role that law plays in the field of aid and international development:

"What I have learnt from my work with the Africa Justice Foundation is that lawyers cannot effect change without partnership. Good laws are not only in the interest of the governments, but also the corporates looking to expand into the Continent and build sustainable relationships there. We work hand in hand with business."

There is further information on the organisation and the projects that the Africa Justice Foundation runs on their website www.africajusticefoundation.org



Cherie Blair enjoyed the first Alumni meeting, at the offices of Freshfields in the City of London and as they had come to the end of their studies, Cherie discussed with them their experiences of their courses and living in the UK.

From left to right : Aimable Malaala, Ruth Ikiriza, Alain Songa, Cherie Blair, Isabelle Kalihangabo, Froduar Munyangabe and Emile Ntwali

Africa Justice Foundation Scholarship Impact in Rwanda

Assistant Attorney General Isabelle Kalihangabo writes on the impact of her studies on her work in charge of the Legal Advisory Service at Rwanda's Ministry of Justice, LLM in International Business Law, Class 2011

When I heard that I was admitted to Queen Mary University, I could not believe I had been admitted to one of the top five UK universities for Law. It was too good to be true. I was afraid that something would prevent me from going! But finally I found myself at Queen Mary registering for the academic year 2010-2011!!

My name is Isabelle Karihangabo, I am of Rwandese nationality, 40 years old, married and have two wonderful children, a 13 year old boy and a 9 year old girl. I work as an Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Rwandan Government's Legal Advisory Service. I gained my LLB in August 1997 and started working in October. I was married the same year, had my first child the next year and the second in 2002. I therefore had no time to continue my studies even though it was my dream.

However, my opportunity came when my Government planned to implement a large program of capacity building for its staff, by funding LLM scholarships among other programs. This was achieved with the collaboration of the Africa Justice Foundation, a foundation created by Mrs Cherie Blair in order to help African Governments have robust justice systems. I was selected to receive a scholarship to join those who were going for studies. My children were big enough and I was ready to realise my dream.

Most importantly I was going to study what constituted my daily work, International Business Law. In fact as an Assistant Attorney General, my work consists of, among other things drafting, perusing, discussing during negotiations Government contracts, including commercial contracts, service contracts, construction contracts, investment contracts. I, therefore, chose the modules of Company Law, International Business Law and International Comparative and Commercial Arbitration which I believed would help me understand the Government partners and operations in business, and would allow me to be a more efficient Government Advisor.

Queen Mary offers a high level of education which developed my critical thinking. Modules were of a high quality and comprehensive and the lectures were done in a friendly and interactive way. Tutorials provided a framework for more discussions between the teacher and the students. In addition, professors were always available for students.

Going back to school when you are still young is fascinating and exciting. It is another step of your life, an opening for better opportunities. You just have your studies and maybe find some time to have fun, enjoy life with friends, discover the world and this is what many of my younger colleagues did. However, when you leave a family and an important job behind, you have to share your time between your family and your studies. Even when you are far from your family, you are always thinking about it, calling home each and every time you find an occasion, wondering if everything is all right; you are not used to a student life but to a family life and a different living standard.

However, when you take the decision to leave your family for a year you are not allowed to fail... the burden is even heavier when your children want to see whether you are a good student, a good example for them.

Another challenge was the fact that I was going to study a new system. Before 1994, Rwanda was a civil law country and both the education and the judicial system were of a civil law background, like all other former French and Belgian colonies, and it is in that system I did all my studies. After that period the country moved to a hybrid system, introducing the common law system which was new to people who studied in Rwanda or in other civil law countries. One of the reasons I wanted to study in the United Kingdom was to familiarise with and have more exposure to the common law system. Queen Mary offered an ideal framework with its diversity of cultures. Queen Mary receives students from numerous countries, common law

countries as well as civil law countries. Exchanges in class and outside the class with my colleagues offered me a wonderful experience of the common law.

Now I am back at work, in my country. My Queen Mary experience allowed me to view my responsibilities as an Assistant Attorney General more widely. In advising the Government, I now take more account of the international and the common law aspects. I can for example relevantly draft or propose an arbitration agreement taking into account different aspects like the appropriate framework for arbitration for a specific contract. I got to know some International Conventions like the CISG, the COGSA and others that I would recommend my Government to sign in its endeavour to create a favourable climate for business and investment in Rwanda and I have many other projects which would be interesting for my Country.

In conclusion it was not easy for me to leave my family and my job for studies especially at my age even though my husband and my Minister both encouraged and supported me. But I found in London and at Queen Mary University a friendly and encouraging environment and my life and my studies went smoothly. I loved living in London and studying at Queen Mary and now I love applying my new knowledge in my work.



PhD Law Conference at QMUL, School of Law ‘Pushing Legal Knowledge Boundaries’

Georgina Tsagas, current Queen Mary, University of London PhD Candidate, Attorney-at-Law (Greece).

On Tuesday, 7th June 2011, the PhD Community of the School of Law at Queen Mary, University of London successfully hosted the PhD Law Conference entitled Pushing Legal Knowledge Boundaries. The event was held in the heart of London at QMUL’s Charterhouse Square Campus. The theme of the conference being ‘Pushing Legal Knowledge Boundaries’ aimed to be a source of inspiration for all doctoral researchers in law prompting them to be innovative and original in their research and writing. The conference was initiated and organised by QMUL School of Law PhD Student Representatives for the academic year 2010-11, Georgina Tsagas and Kadir Bas and chaired by renowned academics from Queen Mary University and other UK institutions.

The conference proved to be a rewarding experience for both presenters and conference participants. It was the first time that the conference was open to doctoral researchers and postgraduate students from Law Schools across the UK and beyond. It managed to successfully attract over 100 participants, principally law postgraduate students from UK universities, as well as from universities across the US and Asia. In adopting a broad scope the conference facilitated interaction between researchers in similar areas of law and

introduced the value of PhD research to participants considering undertaking doctoral studies in the future.

The conference featured presentations on contemporary legal issues made by doctoral researchers from various universities across the UK and covered a wide range of areas of law. It devoted an individual law session on Intellectual Property, Banking & Finance, Commercial & Corporate Law, Public International Law, Human Rights, Criminal Law, European Union Law and Litigation & Arbitration. The conference was particularly unique insofar as the schedule provided for Exclusive Sessions focusing on the challenges of PhD law research in current times, namely “The PhD in Legal Practice”, “Academic Publishing: Publishing your Thesis and Beyond” and “The Financial Crisis and the Role of Law”. Highlights of the two last planned sessions were Professor Armstrong’s speech on the challenges doctoral researchers and academics may face in their quest to publish their ongoing research, as well as the discussion chaired by Dr. Gabriel Gari that followed the short presentations on the financial crisis.

The main mission of the conference was to encourage all PhD law students to appreciate the value of their research in



The panel of speakers at one of the conference presentations

their specialised area of law, reminding them how policy makers, legislators and publishers can make use of the hard work they have exhibited through their studies. Easy access to many primary and secondary materials, continuous legislative reform recurring, as well as many other disciplines pouring into the legal field makes law research especially challenging in the fast moving circumstances of our days. Such circumstances often compel PhD students to focus exclusively on their research, forgetting how valuable the input of fellow intellectuals may actually be to their ongoing research. We, therefore, aspired to organise a conference that would facilitate interaction amongst fellow colleagues from different institutions, highlight the overall value of PhD research, as well as address the career prospects that a doctorate in law may offer.

Ukrainian Banking System: Slowly but Surely Towards Stabilisation

Julia Kondratska, Partner in Moskalkenko & Partners Law Firm, Kiev, Ukraine. Queen Mary, University of London LLM, Class of 2011

The recent banking crisis of 2008-2009 in the Ukraine was caused mainly by domestic economic and political factors, in particular due to the 60 per cent devaluation of the Ukrainian currency in October 2008. The global financial crisis of 2007-2009 served as an aggravating factor which brought the already vulnerable Ukrainian economy to recession.

In addition to the outstanding issues of the Ukrainian economy, such as boosting the level of public debt and rising inflation, the Ukrainian banking sector is jeopardised by non-transparency and a large number of so called ‘pocket’ banks.

Since the beginning of the crisis, provisional administration has been introduced to 27 banks, 13 banks have been put into liquidation, including one of the largest banks, Ukrprombank. Three banks have been recapitalised by the state and further nationalised (Rodovid Bank, Ukrgasbank and Bank Kyiv), while one systemic bank received substantial financial support from the government (Bank Nadra). However, the Ukrainian banking system is still recovering. Even though the number of unprofitable banks has decreased considerably, six banks remain under provisional administration and 19 banks in the liquidation procedure as of the end of July 2011.

International financial institutions engaged in policy dialogue in the Ukraine identified the following key challenges for the Ukrainian banking sector:

1. resolution of non-performing loans and gradual decrease in their ratio;
2. unlocking the local currency credit market;
3. state exit from the banking sector; and
4. development of the non-bank financial sector.

The Ukrainian banking sector needs reforms to provide crisis management tools and enable the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU)

to react promptly and efficiently in case of a crisis. One of the topical issues on the governmental agenda is reforming the deposit insurance system which would allow the Deposit Guarantee Fund to transform from a paybox to an institution with greater powers to actively participate in the resolution of banks (similar to the US FDIC’s functions). The Parliament of the Ukraine made an attempt to prevent a further credit crunch by passing a law (7351, currently vetoed by the President) which, in particular, prohibits banks from granting consumer loans in foreign currency. According to Moody’s, these changes would allow Ukrainian banks to recover from the shock and eliminate foreign currency risk.

Currently the NBU is lobbying changes to the legislation allowing it to prohibit early withdrawal of deposits in order to prevent bank runs in the future. Arguably, this can be prevented by a number of other tools, such as effective functioning of the explicit deposit insurance scheme or timely crisis management measures, including the lender of last resort role of the NBU. Any restriction of the consumer rights may have a negative effect because of the low credibility of the banking system and high degree of market uncertainty.

After the crisis, in January 2011, the NBU announced its objectives for 2011-2013, namely:

1. Gradually decreasing inflation to 5 percent by 2013;
2. Ensuring effective and stable payment system;
3. Identifying and eliminating threats to the financial system;
4. Enhancing the NBU’s capacity to provide better service;
5. Restoring confidence in the local banking system.

To meet the objectives, the NBU still needs to (i) improve market transparency; (ii) establish effective cooperation with the Government and (iii) update the legislation enacted as the aftermath of the crisis. The NBU should also strengthen its financial stability mandate along with its monetary stability mandate as was done by the majority of the central banks that faced the harsh consequences of the financial crisis all over the world.

Hopefully the abovementioned aims will be implemented in practice and won’t remain just promises of the regulator.



Scholarships for postgraduate study at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies

Rozelyn Bristowe, Alumni and Development Director

At the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, we offer six CCLS scholarships to assist three EU students and three international, non-EU students. There are also three scholarships for the MSc in Management of Intellectual Property donated by Herchel Smith and John Kemp.

There are a few LLM partial scholarships offered to LLB graduates of Queen Mary and a limited number of partial scholarships for applicants from South America, Thailand, India, China and Africa. However, every year we have a considerable number of excellent candidates who are unable to take up their places due to the lack of funding.

Scholarships bring many benefits

Demand far outweighs supply as for every one scholarship offered we receive over 15 applications. Being able to offer further scholarships would ensure that those who deserve a place on merit are not restricted by the ever escalating costs of fees. Scholarship funding can transform the life and career of its recipient as well as the development of their countries, as these quotes testify.

The aim of the Roy Goode Scholarship Fund is to attract the very best students from developing economies, irrespective of their social and economic background. Postgraduate funding for home and international students is scarce and becoming scarcer.

Bespoke scholarships can be tailor-made to suit the interests of the donor i.e. if a particular CCLS specialism is required to suit an individual or law firm's areas of practice, or a particular nationality of student desired, we will be happy to accommodate these wishes.

If you would like further information on the Roy Goode Scholarship Fund or have a link with an organisation that may be interested in supporting the scholarship fund, please let us know at ccls-alumni@qmul.ac.uk.

To support the Roy Goode Scholarship Fund, you can donate on-line at QMUL E-shop: <http://eshop.qmul.ac.uk/>. Please select 'product catalogue', then 'donations', then 'Centre for commercial Law Studies Donation Fund'.



Besides being renowned for its specialised LLM courses CCLS became known in Sri Lanka as "The seat of learning for commercial law". In practical terms what this meant was that CCLS created a fraternity of commercial lawyers, who were able to contribute actively and effectively to the development of their respective countries." Class of 2003, recipient of Chevening Scholarship

I can trace the roots of my thriving career to what I learned at CCLS. The academic environment at CCLS gives a lot of opportunities to participate in discussions and explore particular interests in the area of EU law and integration issues, while outstanding academics taught me to shrewdly analyse particular legal issues and offered me pragmatic advice to later leverage that learning to my professional life and career."

Class of 2008, recipient of a Chevening Scholarship

"The Victor Pinchuk Foundation is the first and the only private project in Ukraine which provides scholarships for young leaders to study at the top universities all over the world. Its importance stands out against a background of absence of state education financing programmes. I am happy to represent the Ukraine in the UK as one of the recipients of the Victor Pinchuk scholarship. CCLS provided a great opportunity to broaden my knowledge of international banking and finance law. It will help me develop my law firm practice and attract foreign clients. As a specialist in banking & finance legal aspects, I can contribute to the adaptation of international best practice in the transitional economy of Ukraine."

Class of 2011, recipient of Victor Pinchuk Scholarship

Alumni Profile

Savino Casamassima is currently the General Counsel in Italy for Santander Consumer Bank Group, the consumer division of Banco Santander Group. He is also member of the Board of Directors of Santander Consumer Finanzia in Italy.

Savino joined the Centre for Commercial Law Studies in 2002, after a few years experience in international law firms. He completed his LLM in 2003, specialising in International Dispute Resolution, International Arbitration and International Trade Law.

Savino was a mature student, having previously acted in the legal profession as a trainee and then a qualified lawyer for six years, latterly for Gianni Origoni Grippo & Partners, in alliance with Linklaters LLP.

After his LLM graduation Savino's career turned from the legal profession to the international banking in-house counsel field. Initially for two years he was Head of Legal and Corporate Affairs of Antonveneta ABN AMRO Bank, Private Bank in Italy of ABN Amro Bank NV Group. Then afterwards he acted as General Counsel of GE Capital Global Banking Italy, the banking division of General Electric group for five years.

Savino has a number of legal publications in the corporate and banking area in Italian legal reviews and was admitted to the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators as a Member (MCI Arb) in 2005. Since obtaining his LLM Savino has kept in close contact with the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, where he continues to have valuable colleagues and good friends.



Did you know...?

CCLS has appointed a number of new academic staff. These are, **Professor Philip Rawlings**, The Roy Goode Professor of Commercial Law (Formerly at UCL); **Dr Rodrigo Olivares-Caminal**, Lecturer in Banking and Finance Law (Formerly at SOAS). This is a joint appointment with School of Economics and Finance.

Dr Costanza Russo, Leverhulme Lecturer in Banking Law (Formerly at University of Trento, Italy); **Mr Noam Shemtov**, Lecturer in Intellectual Property and Computer and Communications Law; **Dr Maxi Scherer**, who is starting in January 2012, Lecturer in International Arbitration and Energy (Currently with Wilmer Hale) and **Dr Andromachi Georgosouli** (starting in January 2012), Lecturer in International Commercial Law (Currently with University of Leicester).

Dr Rafael Leal-Arcas has been awarded a Marie Curie Fellowship to do research on the interface of climate change, trade, and energy law.

Queen Mary LLM students finished ahead of other UK University teams and went through to the final rounds in the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna on 16-21 April 2011. This event is an annual international moot court competition held in Vienna, Austria. It aims to foster study in the areas of international commercial and arbitration laws and encourage the resolution of business disputes by arbitration.

The CCLS also had a number of promotions, congratulations to: **Duncan Matthews**, who became Professor of IP Law; **Guido Westkamp** – Professor of IP and Comparative Law and **Dr Gabriel Gari** – Senior Lecturer in International Economic Law.

For 2011-12, **the School of Law has introduced the "Doctoral Research Seminar Series"** to provide QMUL Law students with a platform to present their topics to academics and external research students. In the future, we hope to welcome presenters from other institutes. The seminars will take place on Monday's from 12-2pm in LIF. For more information, please see <http://www.law.qmul.ac.uk/docs/postgrad/55440.pdf>

Professor Duncan Matthews of Intellectual Property Law in the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, **has been appointed by the United Nations Development Programme** to report on the impact of the World Trade Organisation Doha Declaration on health related millennium development goals and the right to health.

Students who complete our popular MSc Law and Finance course have now been granted an exemption to the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment's Financial Markets module which is the first module of their Masters in Wealth Management programme.

Ask the Professor: Professor Johanna Gibson

By Marc Mimler (LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law, class of 2008) and current CCLS Ph.D student



Professor Johanna Gibson

Last year we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies and Intellectual Property law has been a core subject of the Centre's teaching and research right from the beginning. The Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute (QMIPRI) within CCLS has established its reputation as one of the foremost institution in research in the field over the years. Reflecting on these last 30 years how do you think IP at CCLS will develop in the future?

It's a very important time for intellectual property development, policy and reform in the UK and in Europe. I think this presents an important opportunity for CCLS and QMIPRI to consolidate upon our reputation in IP research and teaching and to ensure that the UK has a leading voice in IP developments not only within Europe but also internationally. This also means greater inter-sectoral collaboration as well as interdisciplinary work, including engagement with industry, government and the public sector. This presents an enormous opportunity for our students to work with a wide range of perspectives, practices and experiences, outside the conventional teaching framework.

We have also launched in 2011 the new peer-reviewed Queen Mary Journal of Intellectual Property. This is a significant collaboration with Edward Elgar and the important culmination of work in the enthusiastic PhD community at Queen Mary.

CCLS offers a wide range of courses in Intellectual Property and is constantly expanding its selection of modules. In your opinion, what are the particular strengths of CCLS in the field of IP?

CCLS offers genuine breadth and depth in IP teaching, with expertise throughout the range of intellectual property specialisms and industries. This also means that CCLS has a commercial edge, understanding the way in which different rights often operate together within the one product, and we can translate that knowledge into our courses, such as the new offerings in fashion, public health and creative industries. This means students are taking away with them a real advantage in the marketplace, and are in a position to bring new expertise with them when they join a firm or in their further academic research.

Before becoming an academic in the United Kingdom you were practising intellectual property law in Australia. How much is your work as an academic still influenced by your work in practice?

My experience in practice is actually a really critical and important part of my academic work. I find my research continues to be informed by commercial realities and expectations. I continue to consult regularly in the private sector as well as public, and I enjoy my ongoing work with the profession and professional education.

Building on the preceding question: what generally can academia gain from practice in the field of IP and vice versa?

Intellectual property is very importantly an area of commercial law, meaning that it is applied in a dynamic commercial setting, with attending consideration for the consumer and responsibilities to the public.

This means the way in which intellectual property is managed and enforced may extend beyond the strict rules of intellectual property to include commercial considerations, client relationships and so on. This very social aspect of intellectual property is also what makes it an incredibly interesting area of commercial law and so research must be similarly informed by that knowledge to be relevant and meaningful for often very divergent perspectives. Academic research in the UK is highly-regarded around the world. Therefore, greater cooperation with the profession and industry, and greater influence on policy development and reform, will only enhance the UK's international reputation and influence.

One of the advantages of being an academic is the diversity of activities that come with the job description. What do you like most about being an academic lawyer?

In particular I like the freedom to explore an idea or an intersection of interdisciplinary perspectives through detailed work. As an academic we are also in a position to enjoy privileged access to wide and varied arenas of discussion, including industry, government and intergovernmental discussions. This is the very exciting frontier of research and the very socio-political dialogue of the development of the law.

As this is an interview for an alumni newsletter, what would you think is a good way for former students to keep in touch and be involved with what is happening at their alma mater?

As well as the CCLS alumni, we have a detailed mailing list for all those interested in intellectual property through QMIPRI. If anyone would like to keep current with events and publications, they should email qmipri@qmul.ac.uk for details. We really enjoy keeping in touch with former students and new friends.

Contribution of QMUL Postgraduate Studies to my Professional Career

Enik Pogace, Deputy Head of Foreign Relations at the Central Bank of Albania Queen Mary, University of London LLM in European Law, Class of 2008

When awarded a Chevening scholarship to study in the UK, one of the few goals I had at the time was to study at Queen Mary, University of London (QMUL). My determination was based on the reputed outstanding quality of education offered there and besides, its Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) had an excellent standing in the area of EU and commercial law.

Whilst at CCLS, I found myself fascinated with both the academics as well as its diverse student body which offered plenty of opportunities to interact with people from different legal and social backgrounds. Indeed, I quickly plunged into graduate life, working hard on studies, signing up for extracurricular activities, as well as enjoying London. Studying at CCLS was definitely an invaluable experience, professionally and personally. The wide-ranging curriculum and intensive coursework expanded my knowledge of EU law dynamics, while the numerous papers and one-on-one advisory sessions with some of the finest professors enhanced my analytical and drafting competencies. Whereas the very inspiring professors challenged and encouraged me to go the extra mile in my academic studies, the enthusiastic and creative environment among the students on campus was an invaluable addition to my London experience. The international make-up of CCLS provided a unique opportunity to learn how to interact in a multicultural setting, to draw a benefit from other perspectives and learn about different parts of the world. CCLS prepared me for my career by providing a strong professional foundation through exposure to new ideas, information, academics and alumni from a variety of backgrounds, which helped me to properly assess the variety of options that existed for me when I left the Centre.

Shortly after leaving the CCLS, I joined the Central Bank of Albania, where I started to apply the analytical legal problem solving techniques I developed at CCLS. I couldn't have asked for a better start to my career after my graduate studies. I began to work as a legal expert for the Bank, in charge of EU



Enik Pogace

legal aspects of banking regulation, which was a good fit for my strengths, i.e., appreciating and analysing the complete legal framework on banking and financial issues at stake. Within a year I became head of the EU integration office and then deputy director of the foreign relations department of the Bank, where I am currently charged with planning and monitoring the EU integration processes, coordination of activities related to EU integration on an institutional basis, preparation of analytical reports on banking legislation as well as providing background information and updates on the banking sector to EU institutions. Implementation of such activities and legal initiatives has been a monumental undertaking as they would have a significant impact on many entities, not to mention our citizens.

While studying at the CCLS I learned that there is no substitute for taking the time to understand specific areas of EU law and how it works in reality. In short, my studies at CCLS prepared me for my career by teaching me to think critically, to stay open minded when analysing a given problem, and to be broad in my outlook on opportunities. While I learned many important theories,

skills, and techniques in my law classes, I believe they prepared me the most for my job by forcing me to analyse and think deeply about a wide range of subjects as well.

My central advice to current QMUL students is to be open to unexpected opportunities that might not be part of the plan that they have set for themselves. Plans may change and it's important to be flexible, since you will most likely not get the dream job right out of school. You may even need to try different lines of work, before discovering what the dream job is. However, the excellent education at QMUL, participation in student groups, as well as seeking to get involved in campus activities, or later through alumni, will surely result in an outstanding preparation for the job market and several friends that you will have for life, in addition to contacts that you may one day call on for business. Indeed we all may help each other at a variety of points in our careers by providing open doors for potential opportunities and by sharing information and advice.

On the Bookshelves

Intellectual Property Archive Librarian, Malcolm Langley, and Queen Mary Academic Liaison Librarian (Law), Nick Holloway recommend the following new book releases.

The modern law of copyright and designs, 4th ed.

By Hugh Laddie, Peter Prescott, Mary Vitoria et al

Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2011

Fully updated in three volumes, the book considers the main aspects of copyright and performers' rights, which are now closely related. It examines literary, dramatic and musical works regarded as original works; sound recordings; broadcasting; infringements and ownership of copyright and performers' rights; licences; and registered and unregistered designs.

The law of passing off: unfair competition by misrepresentation, 4th ed.

By Christopher Wadlow

London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2011

It is the only specialist practitioner's reference work dealing with the common law torts of unfair competition by misrepresentation, namely passing-off and injurious falsehood. Set out in a clear way that follows your thought processes, this book guides you through the elements that make up this area of law. It provides you with a single reliable source of citable authority to help reinforce or defend any action for trademark infringement using passing off or misrepresentation.

Justifying intellectual property

By Robert P Merges

Cambridge, MA: Harvard Univ. Press, 2011

In a wide-ranging and ambitious analysis, Robert P. Merges establishes a sophisticated rationale for the most vital form of modern property: IP rights. His insightful new book answers the many critics who contend that these rights are inefficient, unfair, and theoretically incoherent. But Merges' vigorous defense of IP is also a call for appropriate legal constraints and boundaries: IP rights are real, but they come with real limits.

Intellectual property overlaps: a European perspective

By Estelle Derclaye and Matthias Leistner

Oxford: Hart, 2011

Intellectual property rights, conventionally seen as quite distinct, are increasingly overlapping with one another. This book's aim is to find appropriate rules to regulate overlaps and thereby avoid regime conflicts and undue unstructured expansion of IPRs. The book studies the practical consequences of each overlap at the international, European and national levels (where the laws of France, the UK and Germany are reviewed). It then analyses the reasons for the prohibition or authorisation of overlaps.

Intellectual property, agriculture and global food security: the privatization of crop diversity

By Claudio Chiarolla

Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2011

This book raises important issues about ownership of agricultural resources, the environment and food security. The author's detailed and thorough approach ensures that the book will make a valuable contribution to the debate about sustainable agricultural development and it is highly recommended to anyone interested in intellectual property rights and sustainable agriculture.

An economic perspective on trade mark law

By Andrew Griffiths

Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2011

Law and economics has become a dominant way of thinking about trade mark law in the United States. In this book, Andrew Griffiths applies the methodology of law and economics to European trade mark law in a comprehensive and thoughtful fashion, giving us new insights into the nature of European trade mark legislation and the case law that has developed under it.

Materials on international & EC tax law. Vol. 1 and 2

Selected and edited by Kees van Raad

Leiden : International Tax Center, 2007

This publication in two volumes aims at providing students of international and EC tax law, and those who practice in these areas of law, with the most important basic texts. The first volume focuses on international tax law materials. The second volume contains EC texts.

Principles of corporate insolvency law by Roy Goode.

Sweet & Maxwell 2011

The book provides a clear and concise treatment of the general principles underpinning corporate insolvency law. It was the first textbook to set down the conceptual framework of English corporate insolvency law, and as such is now regularly cited in Court and throughout the field.

Weathering the financial crisis: good policy or good luck?

By Stephen G. Cecchetti, Michael R. King and James Yetman.

BIS, 2011

The macroeconomic performance of individual countries varied markedly during the 2007-09 global financial crisis. While China's growth never dipped below 6% and Australia's worst quarter was no growth, the economies of Japan, Mexico and the United Kingdom suffered annualised GDP contractions of 5-10% per quarter for five to seven quarters in a row. The publication exploits this cross-country variation to examine whether a country's macroeconomic performance over this period was the result of pre-crisis policy decisions or just good luck.

Understanding international business and financial transactions

By Jerold A. Friedland.

LexisNexis, 2005.

This concise, readable Understanding treatise provides an overview of International Business and Financial Transactions. Based on the author's many years of legal experience, teaching, and studying in countries throughout the world, it provides both law students and practitioners with a practical summary of relevant topics.

Blackstone's Guide to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Oxford University Press, 2011

The Blackstone's Guide Series delivers concise and accessible books covering the latest legislative changes and amendments. Published soon after enactment, they offer expert commentary by leading names on the scope, extent and effects of the legislation, plus a full copy of the Act itself. They offer a cost-effective solution to key information needs and are the perfect companion for any practitioner needing to get up to speed with the latest changes.



Events

Conferences, Courses and Events

30 November 2011	QMUL Mile End Campus	Annual Freshfields Lecture
06 December 2011	CCLS 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London	Annual Alumni Drinks Reception
December 2011 Date TBC	CCLS 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London	Media Law Seminar
23 January 2012 12-2pm	CCLS 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London	School of Law Doctoral Seminar Series 2011/12: Information Technology Law "The Rights in Virtual Assets" and "The Chilling Effect"
24-27 January 2012	Address TBC	European Qualifying Examination Preparation Course followed by Drinks Reception for Certificate Alumni Students on 26th
30 January 2012 12-2pm	CCLS 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London	School of Law Doctoral Seminar Series 2011/12: Human Rights "Foreign Jurisprudence in UK Human Rights Cases: How Persuasive is it?" and "Unveiling Ignorance: Redefining Human Rights Discourse Through Communication and Deliberation."
13 February 2012 12-2pm	CCLS 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London	School of Law Doctoral Seminar Series 2011/12: Competition Law "The Dagher Case: The Antitrust Analysis of Conducts of Joint Ventures" and "The Predominance of Competition Rules Over IP Rights: The Astra Zeneca Decision"
20 February 2012 12-2pm	CCLS 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London	School of Law Doctoral Seminar Series 2011/12: Medical Law "Ethics and Regulation of Commercial Biobank Research" and "Can Patient Choice (to a Specific Treatment) be Explained Under Medical Law Principle"
27 February 2012 12-2pm	CCLS 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London	School of Law Doctoral Seminar Series 2011/12: Constitutional Law "The Democratic Value of Parliamentary Constitutional Interpretation" and "Courting trouble? The Queen and the Human Rights Act"
March 2012 6.30pm	Address TBC	Annual Butterworths Lecture on Law and Society Speaker: Sir Ross Cranston
05 March 2012 12-2pm	CCLS 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London	School of Law Doctoral Seminar Series 2011/12: Arbitration Law "International Investment Arbitration - Private and Public International Law Conflated"
12 March 2012 12-3pm	CCLS 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London	School of Law Doctoral Seminar Series 2011/12: Intellectual Property Law "The Protection of Geographical Indications in Pakistan: Implementation of the TRIPS Agreement" and "The Securitisation of IP Assets 3. Copyright Transfers in the EU: a Need to Harmonise?"
04 April 2012	Venue TBC	Professor Uma Suthersanen's Inaugural Lecture
22 May 2012	QMUL Charterhouse Square	Annual PhD Conference
Autumn 2012	Venue TBC	3rd Annual Alumni International Tax Conference
12 October 2012	The Supreme Court, London	CCLS Supreme Court Conference

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Careers & Networking

The Queen Mary Journal of Intellectual Property

The Queen Mary Journal of Intellectual Property (QMJIP) is a quarterly peer-reviewed academic journal by the Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute and is based at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London, United Kingdom. Building upon Queen Mary's already formidable reputation for research in intellectual property, the journal fosters academic discourse of the highest standard. It deals with both domestic and international issues, and covers the full range of substantive IP topics.

QMJIP is overseen by consultant editors, Professor Johanna Gibson (Herchel Smith Professor of Intellectual Property Law and Director of QMIPRI) and Lord Hoffmann (former judge of the House of Lords and Honorary Professor of Intellectual Property Law, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London), who will focus always on providing a journal that assembles significant and timely contributions to this important field of law.

The editors welcome submissions for future editions and are particularly happy to have pieces from former QMUL students. Submissions and editorial queries should be sent to the General Editor - Marc Mimler (m.d.mimler@qmul.ac.uk). Book review submissions should be sent to Marcus Goffe (m.goffe@qmul.ac.uk)



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If you are interested in the e-legal community in Spain, you might find the following website of interest: www.lexconfidential.com. It also includes legal news, job offers, opinion from jurists, as well as advice relating to LLM programmes.

Alumni News

Congratulations to the new CCLS alumni who were awarded our academic prizes for the MSc in Intellectual Property and the Certificate in Intellectual Property.

Deborah Sewagudde was awarded the GlaxoSmithKline Prize for best Patents student in the MSc, Duncan Hobday was awarded the GlaxoSmithKline Prize for best Patents student in the Cert IP and Isobel Barry won the Certificate IP "Bill Caro" prize for best overall student.

Miss Rosemarie Lee (MSc in Pharmacology, graduate of 2004/5), has authored a book in arbitration law, viz, Eric Lee's Dictionary of Arbitration Law & Practice, 2nd, published by Mansfield Law Publishers, Oxford, which is on the market now.

Elisabeth Lees who did an LLM in Public International Law in 2010, and is now practising in Grand Cayman, is one of three joint winners for 2010-2011 of the UoL's Georg Schwarzenburger Prize for the best performance on the LLM in International Law.

Noam Shemtov, CCLS LLM Alumnus in Intellectual Property Law (class of 2002) and current CCLS Lecturer in IP & Computer and Communications Law, sat on the panel of the prestigious 'Mobile World: Information's pace of change' conference that took place in London on 6 July 2011. The Conference was sponsored by major actors in the communication and media industries: BAE Systems; BlackBerry; Vodafone, Channel 4; Edelman and the Financial Times. Noam acted as a panelist in a panel on 'Tweeting, Blogging, Messaging: Mobile Opinions', which is chaired by James Crabree, who is Comment Editor for the Financial Times.

Linklaters has elected **Robert Elliott**, Queen Mary Alumnus, as its new senior partner. Elliott saw off a challenge from litigation chief John Turnbull and European managing partner Jean-Pierre Blumberg. He took over from Cheyne on 1 October for a five-year term.

Emanuele Spina, a CCLS LLM Alumnus, got a job at Banche di Credito Cooperativo in Brussels, which would include providing legal advice on EU banking regulations laws to the Italian Banche di Credito Cooperativo system, liaising with the EU Parliament Members, the Commission and the European Cooperative Banks network.

The Centre for Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary has started collaboration with **Informa plc** to further promote QMUL's distance learning programmes. Initially focussing on the long-running, highly interactive Computer and Communications Law LLM course, it is hoped that Informa's international database of professionals will lead to greater numbers of individuals able to benefit from CCLS' established strength in computer, telecommunications and e-commerce law. For more information, please visit: www.informaglobalevents.com/FKW12222ALUM



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