Dear CCLS Alumni,

Welcome to the latest edition of the CCLS Alumni Bulletin. We are very excited as we approach 2020 and the celebration of 40 years of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies. There will be a special 40th anniversary event held at the Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn in summer 2020, to which you are all cordially invited (further details to follow).

Recently I had a wonderful opportunity to meet up with many of our alumni in Seoul, Shanghai and Beijing during a trip to Asia. I was delighted to hear about the range of impressive careers our alumni have embarked on after studying with us, both within and beyond the law. Reunion events like these allow us to keep in touch and hear ideas and suggestions about what else we can do to enhance our relationships, not to mention the good food and drink, as well as the opportunity to catch up with peers, academics and hear the latest news from CCLS. We are organising similar events across the world and welcome you to join us, share your stories and stay connected.

In the Spring 2020 issue of the Alumni Bulletin you will be able to read an interview with Professor Sir Roy Goode, the founder of CCLS and our inspiration.

I am pleased to introduce you to Celia Blakeway-Phillips, who has recently been appointed as External Relations and Development Manager. If you would like to get involved with organising a celebration event more locally to you, please do get in touch with her. Our Alumni and Development Team will be able to promote alumni activities on your behalf to encourage other alumni to join in.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our planned alumni events. Please keep in touch by e-mailing us at ccls-alumni@qmul.ac.uk. With all good wishes,

Professor Ian Walden
Director of Centre for Commercial Law Studies

Celia Blakeway-Phillips

I am thrilled to be working at CCLS as we expand our engagement with alumni and work towards our 40th anniversary celebrations.

We are increasing the number of reunions and events across the globe and also developing Chapters. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can get involved in setting up a Chapter in your country or region, I would very much like to hear from you. We are keen that they are organised by alumni for alumni but we can help publicise planned activities to a wider alumni audience. AFSIA is an example of how this works (read more on page 16).

One of the new Chapters we are setting up is in London and to start our activities in London there will be a reunion on Thursday 21st November 2019. Please visit qmul.ac.uk/ccls/alumni/events for more details.

Thank you to all the contributors to this edition. We always welcome contributions from alumni - we love to hear about your news and achievements, so please continue to submit articles (of any size) for inclusion in future alumni publications and our alumni web pages.

I look forward to talking to or meeting many of you over the coming months and I hope you find this edition of your Alumni Bulletin interesting. I would love to hear your views! For any alumni activities please do contact me, Katherine or Jane at ccls-alumni@qmul.ac.uk.

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Whether you consider yourself a gamer or not, you must be aware of the social and economic importance of games and interactive entertainment. This multibillion dollar creative industry has now surpassed the film and music industry in revenue terms and is profoundly influencing our culture and our approach to entertainment. In the past few years CCLS has become the centre of a growing network of researchers and industry experts in games and interactive entertainment law and it is at the forefront of teaching and research in this new field of law.

We launched the first LLM module in Europe back in 2014: Interactive Entertainment Law, now also taught in the distance learning LLM programme. An increasing number of our alumni now work in-house for AAA publishers, practice in specialist law firms or are pursuing a PhD in this field of law. We are looking to expand our specialist offer with the introduction of two new modules on Interactive Entertainment Transactions and E-sports Law in 2020/21.

In 2015 we started ‘More than Just a Game’ www.mtjg.co.uk, a unique series of academic-led conferences on Games and Interactive Entertainment Law. These events attract an international network of researchers and legal professionals who are passionate about this most successful and fast-growing creative industry. MTJG encourages collaboration among the industry, legal profession, and academics at a time when games and interactive entertainment are facing unprecedented new challenges relating to social issues, industry autonomy, and the regulation of technology. MTJG is now the largest conference series in this field with events in Paris, Madrid, Frankfurt, Maastricht, Milan and Warsaw and new locations added every year (see mtjg.co.uk for dates). Our flagship event is held in London every year on the first Thursday and Friday of April.

MTJG VI will be held on 2nd & 3rd April 2020 at the Old Hall of the Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn. The theme this year will be ‘Legal Constraints on Games and Interactive Entertainment’. According to legend, the video gaming industry was started by software hackers working in garages in a world of uninhibited creative freedom. This makes the reality that games actually inhabit a post regulatory world all that more difficult to understand or accept. Whether or not we choose to acknowledge it, games and interactive entertainment are currently heavily regulated. In-house counsel and video game lawyers constantly have to untangle layer upon layer of un-harmonized legislation and regulations in order that their products and services can reach global audiences. For the most part the legal framework is incapable of regulating videogames, as legislation is rarely designed or implemented with interactive entertainment in mind, and where it is, it is likely to be the reactionary result of a moral panic. This edition of MTJG will focus on the nature and scope of the gaming industry’s legal constraints, with a particular focus on controversial pending legislation and regulation. The full programme and registration will be available at www.mtjg.co.uk/mtjgvi

In 2018 we launched the Interactive Entertainment Law Review published by Edward Elgar. The aim of the publication is to serve as a peer-reviewed hub for legal analysis of interactive entertainment, video games, virtual/augmented/mixed realities, social media, and all related and emergent forms of digital interactive entertainment. The Journal is published twice a year with articles focusing on the legal changes, challenges and controversy in this high profile and increasingly critical area of legal inquiry. The third (and previous) issues are available at www.elgaronline.com/view/journals/ielr/ielr-overview.xml

Games and Interactive Entertainment Law is still a new area of research which we are helping to shape and your help and support is much needed. If you work in the field and/or you are passionate about video games please get in touch. Whether you want to suggest a new location for a MTJG, submit an article for the journal or just be updated on our research, please contact us at ccls-alumni@qmul.ac.uk for the attention of Dr Gaetano Dimita.

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My research focuses on global law and governance: the study of the political and legal aspects of EU-China relations in global governance, as well as the comparative study of the rule of law in Europe and Asia. I am particularly interested in the relationship between international law and Chinese law in the areas of international security and trade governance.

Since I joined Queen Mary University of London in September 2017, the School of Law has provided a fantastic environment to develop my research and teaching in the areas of Global Law and Chinese Law. My interest in China and the interface between international law and politics started a little over ten years ago when I had the chance to experience a variety of academic cultures through my university studies. It is this transnational experience, which led me to understand the importance of interdisciplinary studies, as well as the necessity to adopt a comparative perspective in the study of international law and international politics. Bridges need to be built between China and Europe to enhance mutual understanding and hopefully identify solutions to shared global challenges.

It is against this background that I was awarded a Jean Monnet Network on EU-China Legal and Judicial Cooperation (EUPLANT). EUPLANT investigates the interactions between the Chinese and the European Union legal and judicial systems and promotes excellence in teaching and research on EU-China legal and judicial cooperation. Through a set of research, policy and outreach activities, EUPLANT creates new avenues for enhanced academic and policy cooperation between the EU and China and engenders a better understanding of each other's legal systems. The Network brings together Queen Mary University of London (Coordinator), King's College London, University of Leuven, University of Bologna, Erasmus University Rotterdam, City University of Hong Kong, Tsinghua University, and Beijing Normal University.

Last June, Queen Mary University of London hosted the kick-off conference of the Network on the Internationalisation of EU Law and EU-China Relations. The conference aimed to uncover successes and failures in the internationalisation of European norms, standards, and procedures as well as concrete cases of legal transplants in the interactions between the European and the Chinese legal systems. The conference helped enhance mutual understanding between Europe and China on their respective legal systems in those areas of law that are significant in the context of the EU-China Strategic Partnership. It also addressed, for that purpose, the diffusion and defence of values central to the EU legal order.

Dr Matthieu Burnay, Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Global Law and Chinese Law talks about his research and recent event on Internationalisation of EU Law and EU-China Relations.
Alison Joutsi graduated from Queen Mary University of London’s Senior Status LLB program in 2013. During her time at Queen Mary, she was an active member of the Law Society and in her final year, she led all public relations and social events for the School of Law and student body.

It was this experience, coupled with her interest in defamation law, that provided her with the impetus to pursue a non-traditional legal career in reputation management and public relations after graduating.

Upon returning to Toronto, Canada, she completed her NCA Federation of Law Societies of Canada exams, while simultaneously pursuing a postgraduate certificate in public relations. Having passed her qualifying exams, she followed her passion and completed her MBA back at her alma mater, Wilfrid Laurier University. Combining her love for public relations, business and law, she now works as a Senior Consultant at NATIONAL Capital Markets, a practice group within NATIONAL Public Relations, where she provides full service counsel to corporate clients on everything from reputation management issues to crisis management thought leadership.

She was recently named a “Woman of Cannabis” by Cannabis Prospect Magazine, and has developed a niche and expertise in the rapidly growing cannabis industry. In her role as a consultant, she applies her understanding of The Cannabis Act and provides strategic communications and marketing advice to help position cannabis companies in the marketplace.

As a passionate advocate for female entrepreneurs, she wrote a column in the Bay Street Bull, and in the Globe and Mail magazine, called Women in Charge, and is a contributor to the popular lifestyle e-magazine, Toronto Guardian.

Alison exemplifies that a legal education provides the training, critical thinking and problem solving skills to pursue a variety of different careers outside of the traditional barrister or solicitor practice. Pursuing what you are passionate about and not being afraid to take chances are key to living a vibrant and happy life.


Arias-Barrera, Ligia Catherine “Regulation and Supervision of the OTC Derivatives Market” (Routledge).


Introduction of Bail-in in Korea

By Professor GiJin Yang, School of Law, Jeonbuk Nat’l University, Republic of Korea (CCLS Visiting Scholar in 2017).

The Republic of Korea is a country located between China and Japan. It is Asia’s fourth-largest economy and is ranked 15th out of 140 countries according to the 2018 competitiveness index by the World Economic Forum. As Korea becomes more important in global financial networks, so Korean financial stability also becomes more important.

The Financial Stability Board (FSB) announced ‘Key Attributes of Effective Resolution Regimes for Financial Institutions’ (Key Attributes) in 2011. These Key Attributes track the stability of the financial system as a whole by mitigating against the insolvency risk of large financial companies which might negatively impact the world system. Although Korea doesn’t have any Global Systemically Important Banks (G-SIBs), currently it has designated its four big bank holding companies and one mega bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs), thereby keeping its eyes on their stability. Korea is also working on the introduction of the Key Attributes into its legal system.

Revising Korean law for the introduction of the FSB’s Key Attributes is a task that requires a lot of consideration. For example, Korea has to create legal devices which prompt bail-in to make creditors share the financial burden in the event that a debtor company defaults. In relation to this, Korean bankruptcy law (Debtor Rehabilitation and Bankruptcy Act) aims to efficiently rehabilitate debtors facing distress due to financial difficulties, and to fairly divide the properties of companies in default. However, more importantly for financial companies’ recovery and resolution in Korea, the Act on the Structural Improvement of the Financial Industry (SIFI Act) plays an important role. The SIFI Act supports structural recapitalisation, such as merger, conversion or reorganization, through prompt funding when there is temporarily insufficient liquidity. The SIFI Act is favoured by the financial authorities as it provides a variety of resolution mechanisms, while liquidation or bankruptcy procedures are still available at a later stage. Therefore, if it is appropriately revised to accept some bail-in devices into it, it can aid recovery and resolution plans (RRPs) to work efficiently under the supervision of the relevant authorities.

At the same time, the bankruptcy law is also important in assisting the resolution process without disrupting it. For example, under the single point of entry (SPE) strategy, the host country needs to support the foreign liquidation procedures set by the home country. For liquidation to take place in an orderly manner, an institutional framework should be put in place by the host country that facilitates cooperation with the home country. However, Korea has ring fencing clauses in its financial legal system which force foreign financial companies’ branches or agencies to retain certain assets within Korea. These clauses might deter efficient implementation of bail-in, especially under the SPE strategy, as the clauses would prevent transfer of assets out of Korea. Furthermore, rules regarding the equal treatment of creditors should be refined as they may hinder international cooperation. The difference in the priority of the creditors, that is, the difference in the order of priority for reimbursement, including depositors, and the preferential treatment of domestic creditors could be an impediment to cooperation when working to resolve insolvent companies. For efficient implementation of RRPs, it is essential to have laws which help resolution authorities to cooperate closely with foreign authorities. Many legal aspects should be taken account of as a whole for an efficiently workable bail-in system.

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QM Network

In 2019 Queen Mary University of London launched a new online platform for our alumni. Joining the network will enable you to:

- connect with Queen Mary’s global community
- share your career expertise and knowledge through e-mentoring
- reconnect with your CCLS friends
- update your details simply and easily

We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant global community, providing you with a lifelong link to CCLS and each other. Over 2000 Queen Mary alumni are making use of the network so far and nearly 150 CCLS alumni have joined. Access the Queen Mary Network here and join the CCLS Chapter www.qmul.network

Did you enjoy your time at CCLS?

If you enjoyed your time studying at Queen Mary Centre for Commercial Law Studies and would like to tell others, we want to hear from you! Has your course lead to a brilliant legal career, enhanced your professional qualification, allowed you to fulfill your life-long ambition or allowed you to secure a sought-after job? Do you feel like sharing your achievements with other students? Then please get in touch to volunteer as our Course Ambassador. All we will need from you is a brief case study and a photo for our website.

It is really important to keep in touch with Queen Mary professors and former students”.
Eduardo Vieira de Carvalho Neto (2012)

The reunion was a great initiative and it should be the first of many to come. The LLM time is surely a life changing experience for every alumnus and it was great to have the chance to remember our time at Queen Mary, at the same time as meeting other colleagues.”
Emilio Bugs (2013)

Queen Mary Alumni events are always nice and help us remember the great time we had during our time in London. Every time we have a larger number of participants and the chance of expanding our local network. Always a lovely experience!”
Monica Nogueira (2008)

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Regional Alumni Chapters

Would you like to feel more connected with old friends, fellow alumni and Queen Mary whilst expanding your networks, and developing your skills and expertise? We are actively setting up Chapters (social and networking groups), to help facilitate this. A CCLS Chapter has already been set up for you to join on QM Network. This will allow you as a CCLS alumnus to go directly to the CCLS community. An AFSIA Chapter has also been set up. These chapters will include upcoming events, forums and news and updates.

We are also setting up CCLS Alumni Chapters across the world with one in Switzerland, France Germany, Brazil and London. More information about them and how to join can be found on our website. If you would like to start a chapter in your country, please get in touch.

2020 is CCLS’s 40th Anniversary!

If you would like to celebrate in your region or country, let us know. We can help promote what you are planning. Help share in our celebration!

The official birthday is 20th June 2020. We will be holding our special 40th Anniversary black tie event at the Honourable Society of Lincoln’s Inn near that date, which will be confirmed soon. We are appealing to our community to organise activities across the globe to help celebrate. Get in touch with us! ccls-alumni@qmul.ac.uk

Calling all Alumni and Friends of the School of International Arbitration (AFSIA). Did you know there is a thriving community for you?

Log onto the QM Network at www.qmul.ac.uk/ccls/alumni/queen-mary-network and search for the AFSIA Chapter. You will be updated about upcoming events, forums, news and updates.

Connect with us!

Connect with us on LinkedIn via the CCLS Alumni Group (Queen Mary University of London) - visit www.linkedin.com/groups/3743245

We are on Facebook – Like our page QMUL School of Law @QMSchoolofLaw

Follow us on Twitter @QMSchoolofLaw

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet up with so many alumni in Seoul, Shanghai and Beijing. An impressive range of careers was evident, both within law and (some) outside of law. These events not only allow us to keep in touch, but also to hear ideas and suggestions for further opportunities for engagement and to enable networks to be forged among peers.”

Professor Ian Walden, Director of Centre for Commercial Law Studies

Although I was by far the oldest one (class 1992-93) meeting young alumni and a member of Queen Mary faculty was a pleasant call.”

Maria Mauricio Gomm Santos (1988)
Mentoring and Careers

PG Law Mentoring at CCLS – your time invested well

In the academic year 2018-19, over 80 LLM and MSc Law students were successfully paired up with experienced professionals based in London, the UK and abroad. Many of our successful mentors have been with us since the beginning of the project, providing meaningful support to young aspiring lawyers and giving valuable insight into UK and international job markets. Approaching our fourth consecutive year, Queen Mary’s PG Law Mentoring Programme is opening its doors for the next round.

What the Students Say
Jacqueline Steinmetz, Mentoring and Internship Coordinator, interviewed Graduate Janet Nikova (LLM Intellectual Property Law 2019), who was mentored by José Tizón Mirza (LLM 2014), Privacy and Commercial Legal Counsel at StubHub. Janet says “the mentoring programme exceeded my expectations. My mentor was extremely supportive. He not only helped me by discussing my career plans and setting short and long term goals, but he also helped me prepare for interviews and let me shadow him for a couple of weeks”.

Were there any unexpected areas of learning, for example, the discovery of new career pathways or skill sets?
“I had not considered a career as an in-house lawyer prior to the mentoring programme. Shadowing my mentor for a couple of weeks has made me aware of what such a career could entail and this is another option I am now considering”.

Did mentoring support you in finding short-term work?
“Yes, I found short-term employment at StubHub and Rocket Lawyer”.

Graduate Souzana Georgopoulou (LLM Comparative and International Dispute Resolution 2019)

“I particularly enjoyed my mentoring experience, and I am looking forward to keeping in touch with my mentor. Before the mentorship programme, I expected that a mentor was someone who would introduce me to potential employers and give me a placement opportunity. However, this expectation was challenged. I found that, apart from helping me emphasise specific skills in my cover letters, through discussions and advice, mentorship helped me reflect on my own experiences”.

Were there any unexpected areas of learning, for example, the discovery of new career pathways or skill sets?
“An unexpected area of learning for me was finding out that through being genuine and showcasing one’s originality, one can go forward in their career”.

Souzana was mentored by Laurence Harris, Partner Cooley LLP, Vice Chair of Cooley’s Litigation Department.

What the Mentors say
Mentor Julia Bonder-Le Berre, Senior Privacy Counsel at HP, based in Brussels

“We both thoroughly enjoyed all the meetings and learnt from each other quite a lot. In particular, my insights about soft skills, credibility, client management and public speaking seemed to be very useful for my mentee. He prepared a very good development plan and I am confident he will be successful professionally going forward. We are going to stay in touch and I will meet him later this year in London. By then he will have started his patent attorney training with a law firm”.

Dyann Heward-Mills, (LLM Computer and Communications Law 2001) founder of HewardMills Ltd

“My mentee had an opportunity to meet my team and gain some insights into what my company does. He has also written a few blogs for us! I hope the mentoring relationship has been helpful to him. We have certainly loved having him around.”

Mentoring 2020
Mentoring takes place for a minimum of six months (January – August) starting again with our Launch on Wednesday 22 January 2020, 6.30 – 8.00pm. This event offers a great opportunity for everyone to meet our students and the other mentors involved.

If you would like to contribute and share your experience with our students, please contact us at ccls-alumni@qmul.ac.uk

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It’s not every day you get invited to the House of Commons to meet the Attorney General and Solicitor General. But this is what happened recently to members of the qLegal team who attended the 2019 LawWorks & Attorney General’s Student Pro Bono Awards reception and prize-giving.

Walking through corridors that would not have looked out of place in Hogwarts, the Queen Mary team joined dozens of other hopefuls for afternoon tea and a chance to catch up with their counterparts from other universities.

qLegal is the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, pro bono legal advice clinic. Postgraduate law students, supported by leading external lawyers, provide free legal advice to tech start-ups and entrepreneurs who could not otherwise afford legal support.

Clients receive advice on how best to set up a business, protect intellectual property rights, comply with data protection regulations, and ensure that essential commercial agreements are sound. Giving fledgling businesses a sure footing is also qLegal’s way of supporting community development, with the aim of redressing economic inequalities.

The motives are not wholly altruistic. qLegal students who interview clients, conduct research and draft client advice letters gain practical skills underpinned by professional ethics, complementing their academic study and putting them in a stronger position when they navigate the job market.

From its inception 5 years ago, qLegal has developed new programmes to respond to the increase in student participants and shifts within the legal sector. The LawTech Externships programme opens students to new ways of delivering legal services, and in the Teach Tech Law programme, qLegal students deliver classes on entrepreneurialism and business law to school pupils who then pitch their own business ideas to an expert panel of judges. It’s a positive experience all round. Supervising lawyer and Partner in international firm, Ropes & Gray, Phil Sanderson notes, “I have been judging the Teach Tech Law Pitch It competition for 3 years now. I am delighted to play a part…”

The positive impact on the wider community was recognised at the House of Commons when qLegal, along with its sister organisation, Queen Mary’s Legal Advice Centre in Mile End, won the Best Contribution by a Law School Award, the most highly fought category.

But there’s no resting on our laurels. As we look towards the next 5 years, qLegal is keen to keep on top of shifts in legal practice and client need. Legal design, multi-disciplinary advice, and international initiatives are some of the areas being developed for next year.

There’s a special bond between all who are involved with qLegal. If you are interested in joining the family, whether as a supervising lawyer, an externship provider or international partner, we’d love to hear from you. And if you are part of the qLegal alumni community, what are you doing now? Let’s stay in touch!

Contact: qlegal@qmul.ac.uk or call +44 (0) 207 882 5023. For more info: qlegal.qmul.ac.uk
CCLS in Paris

It’s that time of year again, when we’re pleased to welcome a whole new cohort of students to the LLM in Paris programme. With the usual mix of nationalities, backgrounds and reasons for studying with us, we are excited to explore opportunities for bringing together current students and alumni.

As well as putting together a programme of events in Paris to which students and alumni are invited, we hope that the students’ skills and interests might match those of alumni looking for interns or recruiting new colleagues.

Should you know of opportunities which might be of interest to current students or recent alumni, please let us know and we can post the information to QMPlus – cclsparis@qmul.ac.uk

Artificial Intelligence and Corporate Governance.

Our annual September Opening Lecture this year was on the subject of Artificial Intelligence and Corporate Governance. Kindly hosted by the Paris office of McDermott Will and Emery, Queen Mary’s Professor Alan Dignam kicked off the evening by presenting the potential for a regulatory model that places public rather than private interest at the heart of AI regulation. With commentaries from Bruno Massot of IBM France and MWE’s Romain Perray, the topic sparked an interesting discussion, which continued over networking drinks.

It was also a pleasure to see recognition of the 2019 CCLS-MWE-AFJE scholarship, awarded to British student Kirstie Adjei. We are grateful to the sponsors, McDermott, Will and Emery LLP and the AFJE (Association Française des Juristes d’Entreprise) for their continued support of this precious opportunity. It was great to see a good turnout of CCLS alumni at the event, and we hope to count on former students’ continued participation in CCLS activities in Paris.

Le Comptoir-Générale – a great choice for Paris Summer Alumni Drinks.

Thanks to Doranne Lim (LLM in Paris 2017) for choosing the venue and helping with the logistics of bringing alumni together for drinks in Paris last June. It was a great evening and lovely to meet alumni from both the London and Paris programmes, and various different specialisms, who are now based in and around Paris.

It was exciting to discover new faces and learn of enthusiasm and ideas for growing informal and formal exchange and networking opportunities for CCLS Alumni in France, as well as interest in the idea of coming to Paris specifically to catch up with old friends and meet new ones, all through the CCLS network. We are holding informal drinks on 22nd November. Please get in touch if you didn’t receive the last Paris drinks invitation and you would like to be invited in future or if your contact details have changed. Contact ccls-alumni@qmul.ac.uk

Perspectives on pro-bono work in France and the UK – thanks to alumna Clémentine Carlet (LLM 2015) for joining the panel.

CCLS in Paris hosted its first joint event with the British Council in Paris last May. We are grateful to Clémentine Carlet for agreeing to contribute to the panel discussion regarding pro-bono work, bringing forth her experience with Le Bus Barreau de Paris Solidarité, through which avocats provide voluntary advice to the public, and explaining how this has contributed to her decision to undertake work (alongside her commercial IP practice) in representing asylum seekers in front of the French courts. The evening offered students and friends of both CCLS and the British Council an informative experience and networking opportunities, which we intend to repeat in November this year.
Update on the Project to Create Ukraine’s new IP Court

For the last year and a half, CCLS has been assisting Ukraine in setting up its new IP Court. The effort is being funded by the UK government through its DFID/FCO Good Governance Fund.

As well as developing best practice recommendations for the operation of the IP Court, the Project will also deliver a training programme to the judges of the new Court. The establishment of a world class IP Court will underpin the growth of Ukraine’s dynamic innovation sectors. Ukraine’s IT sector is one of the fastest growing IT markets in Europe with over $4 billion in exports and 184,000 IT professionals. However, Ukraine is lagging behind in terms of its IP protection, wide-spread copyright theft and counterfeits. As a result, Ukraine is currently listed on the USTR 301 “priority watch list”.

Current low standards of IP protection prevent businesses from developing new and innovative products. The creation of the IP Court together with other complex measures to strengthen IP protection will allow Ukraine to improve the quality of IP adjudication through the specialisation of judges, developing coherent court practice and creating more confidence in the protection for IP rights for businesses.

Following the recent elections and political changes in Ukraine, which now has a new President and Government, the CCLS team is working closely with all the relevant stakeholders.

“The Ukraine IP Court Project provides a good example of how CCLS is able to convert its expertise in areas of commercial law, such as intellectual property, into advisory services that help countries develop their legal, regulatory and judicial systems, as well as facilitate economic activity, entrepreneurship and innovation.”

Ian Walden, Director of Centre of Commercial Law Studies.

President Zelenskyy has expressed his strong support for the development of Ukraine’s IT Sector. His flagship project, the so-called “State in Smartphone”, is aiming at full digitalisation of state services.

The position of the new administration raises the hope that the issue of intellectual property protection will be taken seriously and conditions will be created in which innovative businesses are able to enforce their IP rights with confidence. The establishment of the IP Court will signal to the international community that Ukraine is ready and open for serious investment.
Alumni News and Events

Giulio Ronzino, (LLM Banking and Finance 2019) has acquired a prestigious traineeship in the Legal Department of the European Central Bank. Giulio began his career working for a bank in Italy. He studied law at the University of Turin where he wrote his dissertation on banking law. He says, “I have always dreamed of studying abroad and I chose CCLS at Queen Mary because of its reputation in the field of law, and specifically in banking and finance law. It was the best decision I ever made. CCLS is really the place to study if you want to excel in the field of banking and finance law. The range of modules is varied and up-to-date and is relevant to any career you might want to pursue. You can rely not only on the knowledge of the professors, but also on the expertise of the professionals that are invited to run classes, providing insights from practice. The Queen Mary online library gives you access to outstanding pieces of research, useful not only for your studies but also for your future professional career. The professors are experts in their field and are always keen to involve the students in research. The opportunity to attend conferences organised by Queen Mary on the most relevant and high-profile topics is unique for networking and expanding your connections. Moreover, Queen Mary guides students through every stage of their professional development, from courses on improving CVs to providing commercial experience and awareness via the mentoring programme. Queen Mary helped me not only in developing my knowledge but also in my professional life. Indeed, the LLM at CCLS was considered a great asset when I applied for my traineeship in the Legal Department of the European Central Bank.”

Cristina Salas Trejos (LLM Corporate and Commercial Law 2018) from Costa Rica is now working as a lawyer at Foresight Group, a leading independent infrastructure and private equity investment manager, based in the Shard in London. This company also sponsored her for a working visa. Reflecting on her experience at CCLS Cristina says, “It was great from start to finish. From the very start of the LLM, I participated in academic seminars and social activities that allowed me to grow both personally and academically. I enjoyed every discussion in the class, where I was allowed to give my opinion and learn from the experience of my colleagues. The international environment motivated me to learn about new jurisdictions. With only two weeks left to deliver my dissertation, I had the pleasure of finding a job that I was passionate about in London. Day-to-day I advise on commercial law issues for business transactions regarding renewable energy matters. I feel very proud to be able to represent Queen Mary, my country Costa Rica and my second home, England.”

Dr Ligia Catherine Arias-Barrera (LLM Commercial and Corporate Law 2011) was sponsored by the Central Bank of Colombia to prepare her PhD in Law (2016) at the University of Warwick. Her doctoral research led to the publication of her first book: Regulation and Supervision of the OTC Derivatives Market (Routledge, 2018). It is currently ranked 16th in the BookAuthority’s list of “64 Best Banking Law Books of All Time”. Ligia Catherine is currently an associate professor of the School of Law at Externado de Colombia University.

Maria Rowena Espiritu (PG Dip Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law 2019), was recently recognised in the “The Legal 500 GC Powerlist 2019: Southeast Asia” and in “The Legal 500 GC Powerlist 2018: Southeast Asia Teams”, in addition to various citations at Huawei. Maria has 18 years of experience as an in-house lawyer for multinational and domestic companies based in the Philippines, including 4½ years at Huawei Technologies Phils. Inc. as the Head of the Legal Department. Self-described as ‘Ever hungry for learning’, after law school, Maria earned her MBA degree from Ateneo de Manila University (Graduate School of Business) and various certifications from the World Intellectual Property Organisation Academy (WIPO Academy).

Yunus Ernazarov (LLM Banking and Finance 2018) has become an associate at the Office of the General Council of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), a multilateral development bank with headquarters in London. He says, “I was able to secure my job at the EBRD during (and thanks to) my LLM. Prior to that I worked in a law firm in Tajikistan where I made my way from intern to senior associate. It is worth mentioning that I am the first Tajik citizen working at the OGC, EBRD.”

Chun-Chi Hung (2019) successfully completed her PhD viva and passed unconditionally, with no corrections. Her PhD investigated TCE protection in Taiwan and is titled “A Postcolonial Perspective on the State’s Registration of Traditional Cultural Expressions.”

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Welcome to the Class of 2019!

Congratulations and welcome to the CCLS alumni community.

Many of you will have received the first School of Law Yearbook, which we hope you will enjoy and be able to look back on your time at Queen Mary with fondness.

Do join the Queen Mary Network and see how you can get involved as an alumnus. www.qmul.network

If you would like to buy a Queen Mary keepsake to remember your time with us, please go to the Queen Mary shop. www.qmsu.org/onlineshop/accessories/

Please do get in touch if you have any questions about how you can get involved as an alumnus.

Alumni Reunion in Ghana: An alumni drinks and networking reception was hosted at the Kempinski Hotel in Accra on 28th April. Seven alumni attended from year groups ranging from the 1990s to 2018. Many were already friends who were re-united during the evening. As well as networking with one another, they also met fifteen prospective students, some of whom had already worked closely with each other in the field of law. The two hour evening was most enjoyable and those who attended hope the group will expand and plan future get-togethers. Law Marketing Manager Petra Lewis said, “It was a really great event and I was thrilled that Irene Chiaki Korley-Ayerteye (LLM 2018) and Cornelis Otoo (LLM 2017) supported the offer holder presentation by advocating their experiences and Queen Mary”. If you live in Ghana and weren’t invited to the event, please let the CCLS Alumni team know so that we can update our information and you can be included in future events.

Alumni Reunions in China and Korea. This Spring CCLS held alumni reunions in Beijing, Shanghai and Seoul. Professor Walden and Christine Zhou met with many alumni, who were happy to remember and share their experience of studying at CCLS in London. On his return to CCLS, Professor Walden said, “It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet up with so many alumni in Seoul, Shanghai and Beijing. An impressive range of careers were evident, both within law and (some) outside of law. These events not only allow us to keep in touch, but also to hear ideas and suggestions for further opportunities for engagement and to enable networks to be forged among peers”.

Alumni Reunion in Sao Paulo. Professor Duncan Matthews, Chair of Intellectual Property Law and Director of the Queen Mary Intellectual Property Research Institute, was invited to speak at the University of São Paulo Law School in June 2019 on the relationship between competition law, patents and pharmaceutical innovation. Whilst he was there, he hosted an alumni dinner reception for 17 alumni. Professor Matthews commented: “It was noticeable how impressive the legal careers of our alumni have been in Brazil. It was amazing to bring so many successful students from different years of our LLM programme at CCLS together, particularly as many hadn’t met each other before. I had taught half of the group so it was a great opportunity to see them again. The event showed the strength of our LLM across a range of specialisms as we had alumni present from arbitration, banking, insurance, taxation and IP. It was striking and notable that we have a strong presence of different sectors of commercial law in São Paulo which is the legal centre of Brazil”.

Alumni Reunion in Uruguay. Dr Gabriel Gari, Reader in International Economic Law, met with eight CCLS alumni in Montevideo, Uruguay. Everyone had great fun at Brujona Beer Station, an English style pub with tasty locally brewed ales. Gabriel said “It was very good to catch up with our Uruguay LLM graduates. They are all doing extremely well, working for top law firms. I was pleased to see how our graduates flourish all over the world, confirming our international reputation as a centre of excellence in commercial law and being wonderful QM ambassadors. Well done to all!”

Dr Leandro Secco Blanc (LLM 2017), summed up the evening by saying “We had a fantastic evening with colleagues and Dr Gari. He shared interesting insights on Queen Mary’s story and teaching, and also compelling perspectives on issues of general interest like Brexit and Uruguayan politics.”

Alumni Reunion in Ukraine. The details of our Alumni Reunion in Kiev on 27th October 2019 will be published in the next edition.

Upcoming Alumni Reunions

• Bangkok Alumni Reunion – 2nd December 2019.
• Singapore Alumni Reunion - 7th December 2019.

To see the latest events listing, please visit www.qmul.ac.uk/ccls/alumni/events

If you would like to organise a reunion or alumni activity in your region, we would love to hear from you. We can help promote it to other alumni in your country. Contact ccls-alumni@qmul.ac.uk

Have a look at our Flickr album for your latest event photos: www.flickr.com/photos/qmul-law/albums

Brexit Conference. On 1st April a number of CCLS alumni were invited to attend a conference on Brexit hosted by the Financial Markets Group of the London School of Economics and Political Science, CCLS, the European Banking Institute and the European Shadow Financial Regulatory Committee. London has been the financial hub of the European Union, providing corporate, banking and financial services to the European Union. Following the 23 June 2016 referendum vote, the British government clarified that in leaving the EU, the United Kingdom would also leave the Single Market. This conference, which took place after the initially scheduled Brexit Day (29 March 2019), addressed key issues on where the UK and EU stand in the field of cross-border provision of financial services.

6th Annual Sino-UK conference on Commercial Law and Economics. On 7th June, CCLS and the School of Business and Management at Queen Mary, Tsinghua University Law School and Renmin University Law School organised the 6th Annual Sino-UK conference on Commercial Law and Economics under the auspices of the Sino-UK Centre on Commercial Law, Economics and Business. The Centre aims to constitute a forum for stimulating and conducting interdisciplinary research and disseminating knowledge on the areas of law, economics and business with a comparative and contextual focus on the UK, EU and China. The theme this year was ‘UK and China after Brexit. Will anything change?’ If you would like to be kept up to date with CCLS news and be invited to our events, please make sure we have your up to date e-mail address.

AFSIA
The Alumni and Friends of the School of International Arbitration Association (AFSIA) was founded in June 2008 to create an invaluable network of people involved in the field of arbitration at every level and across the world. On 14 June 2019, AFSIA organised, together with law firm Reed Smith LLP, its 5th Annual Conference which focused on recent trends in construction and energy arbitration. Organised every year in London, the Conference provides a formidable opportunity for alumni and friends of the School to connect and network. AFSIA also hosts monthly informal drinks for alumni and friends to stay in touch with one another on a more frequent basis.

AFSIA Membership is free. To join our network and be informed of our future events and initiatives, contact: ccls-alumni@qmul.ac.uk or join the AFSIA Chapter on Queen Mary Network: www.qmul.network/groups/AFSIA

Announcements
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Marriages, Births, Departures
Dr Maria Ioannidou, Senior Lecturer in Competition Law has been appointed to the Greek Competition Commission. This is a very prestigious appointment. As such she will be taking a sabbatical from Queen Mary during this period and will return to us in due course.

Retirements
Professor Philip Rawlings, Roy Goode Professor of Commercial Law, is retiring from his job at CCLS: “After eight very happy years, I am retiring from CCLS. Working here has fulfilled a long-held ambition and represents what I consider the peak of my career. I want to thank my wonderful colleagues and equally wonderful students. In my opinion, none of the various universities in which I have worked over the past 40 years matches CCLS in the quality of its students, teaching and research. I am, therefore, grateful to the university for granting me emeritus status which will allow me to continue writing and to maintain my contact with CCLS through the rest of my life. I view this not as retirement but as a long – I hope, a very long – sabbatical.”

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