

# USD SCHOOL OF LAW EXPANDS GLOBAL PROGRAMS

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# **USD INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

To complement the longstanding exchange agreement with the University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law, USD School of Law has established seven new international exchange programs since 2012. USD law students can now spend a semester studying law at the following law schools and universities worldwide:

- Universidad Torcuato di Tella School of Law (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- Peking University School of Transnational Law (Shenzhen, China)
- The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London (England)
- University of Copenhagen Faculty of Law (Denmark)
- EBS Law School (Wiesbaden, Germany)
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Law (Israel)
- Singapore Management University (Singapore)
- ESADE Law School, Ramon Llull University (Barcelona, Spain)

The institutions give our students access to leading international law professors and a broad array of courses in such areas as Chinese law, European Union law, comparative law, human rights and intellectual property.

#### **USD SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**

Established in 1973, USD School of Law's summer study abroad programs enhance the regular curriculum by offering courses specifically targeted to areas of law associated with each program location: Barcelona, Florence, London and Paris. The programs introduce American students to the legal institutions of other countries and provide the opportunity to interact with international law students – and future colleagues – from around the world.

- The Barcelona program focuses on European Union law and comparative law.
- In Florence, coursework emphasizes art, technology and intellectual property law.
- The London program offers courses in international business law.
- The Paris program focuses on public international law and human rights.

# PRICE FAMILY GRANT FOR INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS AND TRAVEL SEMINARS

USD School of Law established the Price Family International Fellows Program in 2012. The program provides financial support to USD law students participating in international exchange and study abroad programs. The Price Family Grant also funds the Price Family Travel Seminars, allowing USD law faculty and students to travel abroad for more specialized educational opportunities and training.

Price Family Grants are providing new opportunities for USD students to engage in international legal education, practice and service in Africa, Asia, Central America, and Europe. Recent recipients have used the grants to participate in USD's summer study abroad or international exchange programs or to complete legal internships at firms, agencies and non-profit organizations.

# **USD INTERNATIONAL LAW INTERNSHIPS**

Through USD School of Law summer study abroad and international externship programs, students receive practical legal training in both public and private law settings.

#### **Recent International Law Placements:**

- United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands
- United Nations Advocacy Forums in Kathmandu, Nepal
- United Nations Working Group on Human Rights in New Delhi, India
- · U.S. Department of State in Guangzhou, China
- Baker & McKenzie in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- SK Telecom Strategic Legal Team in Seoul, South Korea
- U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) in Wiesbaden, Germany
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre in Hong Kong, S.A.R.
- · Human Rights Project on Female Mutilation in Cairo, Egypt
- Lawyers Centre for Legal Assistance in Freetown, Sierra Leone

# Spotlight: 2013 International Internships

#### Law and Development Associates, Accra, Ghana

Law and Development Associates is a multi-disciplinary consulting company that specializes in improving the fundamental human rights of Ghanaians through legal reform. Student interns contribute to projects that review the 1992 Constitution of Ghana and draft solutions for the Office of the President, Ministry of Justice, and the Attorney-General's Department; research the forestry and wildlife policies and laws of Ghana to ensure compliance with environmental commitments

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#### Office of the United States Trade Representative, Beijing, China

The Office of the United States Trade Representative is responsible for developing and coordinating U.S. international trade, commodity and direct investment policy, and overseeing negotiation with other countries. Working under the Minister Counselor for Trade Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, student interns research, analyze, and write briefing materials and reports, plan logistics for senior official visits, and draft official correspondence.



#### Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, Seoul, Korea

The Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB) is an internationally recognized non-profit arbitration institution that works to assist international parties in resolving disputes encountered in the course of their commercial activities. Student interns work in the International Arbitration department and the Promotion and Planning department at KCAB where they conduct research on arbitration related issues, organize and plan seminars and conferences, and assist with the planning of the Foreign Direct Investment Moot Asia-Pacific Regional Rounds hosted by KCAB.



#### Reprieve UK, London, England, United Kingdom

Working with prisoners' families, NGOs, government officials, individual lawyers and human rights defenders, Reprieve UK assists prisoners facing the death penalty and prisoners held beyond the rule of law or rendered to secret prisons. Student interns conduct factual and legal research, draft correspondence and legal documents, and work with lawyers and investigators to find, develop and drive forward cases involving secret prisons, extraordinary rendition, and extrajudicial killings and assassinations.



# **USD LLM IN COMPARATIVE LAW PROGRAM**

For 35 years, USD School of Law has educated practitioners and scholars who received law degrees outside of the United States. LLM in Comparative Law candidates study side-by-side with JD and LLM students from across the United States and around the world. Being immersed into USD's contemporary and dynamic JD curriculum prepares LLM in Comparative Law candidates to deal effectively with American attorneys on questions of common interest, aids lawyers serving foreign governments and international organizations in understanding issues involving U.S. law, and offers foreign law professors a broader view of legal concepts and equips them to deal with comparative aspects of their subjects.

# OTHER INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR USD LAW STUDENTS

#### **Immigration Clinic**

Students in USD School of Law's immigration clinic provide legal assistance to low-income members of the San Diego/Tijuana region with immigration-related problems such as asylum, immigrating family members, naturalization and deportation.

#### Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (VICAM)

USD's VICAM team competes in the area of international commercial law and arbitration, to foster the development of international legal writing, arbitration and oral advocacy skills. Competitions involving more than 275 law schools from more than 70 countries are held each spring in Vienna, Austria and Hong Kong.

#### San Diego International Law Journal

Published semiannually, the San Diego International Law Journal is a student-run academic journal devoted entirely to articles addressing pertinent and pressing issues of international and comparative law. The journal was started in 1999 to provide a forum for international, comparative, and foreign legal scholarship.

#### International Law Society

The International Law Society is a student-run organization that seeks to enrich USD's international law curriculum with lectures, brown bag lunches, issue-specific discussion groups, and career and academic panels. ILS events provide interested students, faculty, and practicing lawyers a forum to discuss issues and opportunities within international law.

# **INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI**

Hundreds of USD School of Law alumni live and work outside the United States. They include private practitioners, judges and other public officials, and leaders in international law and business. Through this expanding alumni network, USD School of Law is developing new opportunities for students to gain international legal experience and global fluency. International alumni reconnect with USD School of Law each year at events held in cities around the world, including in Asia, the Americas, and Europe.

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"Our graduates will be entering a legal market that is increasingly globalized, with international issues impacting the full spectrum of practice areas and internationally trained foreign attorneys competing for clients, cases and transactions."

– Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo

Highlights for the 2013-14 academic year include appointment of international law scholar Horacio Spector to the USD faculty, new semester abroad programs, expanded international internship opportunities, and increased recognition of the important role international alumni play as mentors to our graduates.

# **NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENT**



#### **Horacio Spector**

Horacio Spector is the founding dean of the law school at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Spector has been a visiting professor at USD School of Law regularly since 2008. He has been a visiting scholar at the universities of Oxford, Heidelberg and Mannheim and a visiting professor at Louisiana State, Toronto, and Alicante. Spector received his law degree and doctorate in legal philosophy from the University of Buenos Aires. He is the author of Autonomy and Rights, The Moral Foundations of Liberalism (Oxford University Press, 2008). His current scholarship focuses on concepts of freedom, theories of rights, and causation in morality and law. Professor Spector will be teaching courses on Latin American Law and Institutions and Ethics, Law and International Affairs.

