



## Georgetown University Law Center

# LL.M. ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome from Associate Dean Wendy Perdue

It is my pleasure to share with you our first LL.M. alumni newsletter. It is our hope that this periodic newsletter will help to keep you informed about interesting developments at the Law Center as well as news about alumni.



Our over 9000 LL.M. alumni are an amazingly diverse and accomplished group that includes elected political leaders in several countries, members of the faculties of the most distinguished law schools around the world, judges, government officials, and of course, lawyers practicing in a wide range of firms' practice areas. One of the great privileges of serving as Associate Dean for Graduate Programs is the opportunity to meet our extraordinary alumni. I look forward to seeing many of you at alumni weekend.

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### Law Center Mourns Death of Professor John Wolff

Georgetown Law Center honored the life of Professor John Wolff at a celebration on April 5, 2006. It would have been his 100th birthday. Professor Wolff had just completed teaching in the fall semester when he died on December 7, 2005. He taught generations of Georgetown University Law Center students, and was the oldest active law professor in the United States. Alumni Alfred Heinzinger M.C.L. '71, and Markus Puder, LL.M.

'91, joined his family and several Georgetown faculty members in offering remarks.

Professor Wolff was a legend to the numerous international students who took his course, Introduction to U.S. Legal Methods, or studied the common law process with him in the summer programs, Orientation in the U.S. Legal System, and Foundations of American Law and Legal



Education. He also taught Comparative Law, International Human Rights, and International Problems in Civil Litigation. In 2004, Georgetown opened the John Wolff International and Comparative Law Library, in the Hotung International Law Center Building.

Born in Montreal, Professor Wolff grew up in Berlin and received an LL.D. from the University of Heidelberg in 1929, and then came to the U.S. for an LL.M. at Columbia University. He was a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army during World War II, served as a deputy to the U.S. representative to the U.N. War Crimes Commission in Nuremberg, and remained in the military reserve for many years. He began teaching at the Law Center in 1961 as an Adjunct Professor while he was a lawyer with the Department of Justice. Professor Wolff also was an accomplished violinist who played with a chamber music group; many students recall that

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he had a special affection for the works of Haydn and Mozart.

His former students never forgot Professor Wolff, often referring to him as “Maestro.” He complimented students with the words, “Your country will be proud of you.” After they graduated, his students continued to communicate with him through letters, emails, phone conversations, and visits when they were in Washington, D.C. Many alumni contributed to a book of tributes that the Law Center compiled and presented to his daughters on April 5, 2006.

A webcast of the April 5, 2006 Memorial Service is available at

<http://www.law.georgetown.edu/webcast/eventDetail.cfm?eventID=123>.

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## Commencement 2006

On May 21, under beautiful, sunny skies, 295 LL.M. graduates received their degrees. This year’s class set a record for its diversity by including

students from over 50 countries. The highlight of the ceremony was the commencement address by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts,



who mixed light hearted advice with more serious reflections. If you would like to listen to his address, it is available at

<http://www.law.georgetown.edu/webcast/eventDetail.cfm?eventID=144>.

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## Law Center Welcomes New LL.M. Class

On August 28, the Law Center welcomed 376 new LL.M. students. As always, this year’s graduate students are an extraordinarily diverse and talented group, coming to the Law Center from six continents and 55 countries around the world. The class includes 13 Fulbright Scholars and over 75 of the students have published at least one article or book. In addition to impressive academic credentials, our students bring varied professional experiences, and come from private practice, international organizations, and the public sector. As a small sampling of these diverse career paths, we have students from the tax administrations in Peru, Japan, Spain, and Pakistan; a former lawyer with the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda; 7 U.S. JAG Corps officers; and representatives from U.S. federal government agencies and departments, including the SEC, IRS, CIA, DHS, EEOC, HUD and FERC.

Our students are accomplished outside the legal arena as well. One third of the class reports involvement in community service and volunteer activities. There are also a number of serious artists and musicians, as well as accomplished athletes in sports ranging from golf, soccer and rowing to karate, hurling and the pentathlon. In all, it looks like another truly outstanding group of students.

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## Dean Hosts LL.M. Reception in Rome

On April 22, Dean Alex Aleinikoff and members of the Law Center Board of Visitors hosted a reception in Rome for LL.M. alumni. Alumni and their guests enjoyed a beautiful evening on the roof of the Raphael Hotel, catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, and watching the sun set over Rome. The event featured a special visit by Ambassador Francis Rooney, the United States

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ambassador to the Vatican, and a graduate of Georgetown (BA, '75; JD, '78).

LL.M. alumni in attendance included: Pascal Chadenet (LLM '88), Jean-Philippe Montfort (LLM '88), Valtteri Niiranen (L.M '00), Carmen Venegas Grau (LLM '01), Simone Caddedu (LLM '05), Illaria Fava (LLM '99), Marzio Ciani (LLM '01), Alessandra Rosati (LLM '04), Sonia Griva (LLM '04), Fabrizio DiGianni (LLM '90), and Alan Morrissey (LLM '86).



Pictured above are Jean-Philippe Montfort, Carmen Venegas Grau, and Simone Caddedu.

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## News from the Tax and Securities Programs

Earlier this year, Dean Aleinikoff appointed Albert Lauber to be the new full-time Director of the Graduate Tax and Securities Programs. Albert came to Georgetown from the highly regarded tax firm of Caplin & Drysdale where he had been a partner. Prior to joining the firm, Albert had been a Deputy Solicitor General in the Justice Department and clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun. Albert is not a complete



newcomer to the Law Center – he was and continues to be active in the Law Center’s Supreme Court Institute, regularly serving as a “Justice” in the Institute’s moot court sessions for lawyers who are preparing to argue their cases in the Supreme Court.

We continue to have one of the broadest curricula in the fields of tax and securities. This year we have added several new courses including: *Comparative International Taxation*; *International Business Planning Workshop*; *Financial Accounting for Taxes, SOX, and Other Issues for Corporate Tax Advisors*; *Political & Lobbying Activities of Tax-Exempt Organizations*; and a fascinating and unusual course entitled *Logic and the Law: Taxation, Rhetoric, and Legal Argumentation*.

In May 2006, the ABA Joint Committee on Employee Benefits Law donated \$5000 for a scholarship to be awarded to a student in the Employee Benefits Law Certificate program. The contribution was in recognition of Georgetown’s outstanding and unique program in this growing area of law. The award will be granted to a student admitted for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Beginning in the 2007-2008 academic year, the Law Center will offer a new Certificate in Estate Planning. The program is designed to offer students not only the necessary technical expertise but also the client-relations skills that are essential to this area of practice. For more information about the Estate Planning Certificate, please go to: <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/graduate/EstatePlanningCert.htm>.

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## **Law Center to Launch New LL.M. in Global Health Law**

Health laws and policies are increasingly transnational in the modern era. Trade, commerce, travel, environment, war, and terrorism transcend boundaries and profoundly impact individual and communal health. Protecting the public's health and improving individual health outcomes increasingly involve national and international innovation and collaboration through legal systems. A comprehensive approach to global health law involves multiple, interrelated fields including health, trade, economics, intellectual property, human rights, ethics, and national security. In response to these issues of growing importance, beginning in 2007, Georgetown will offer an LL.M. in Global Health Law.

The program is under the direction of Associate Dean Larry Gostin, an internationally recognized expert in global health law. Dean Gostin was recently awarded the Distinguished Career Award by the Centers for Disease Control.



Georgetown is home to the Center for Law & the Public's Health which was recently designated by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) as a "WHO/PAHO Collaborating Center on Public Health Law and Human Rights." The new LL.M. program builds on the strength that Georgetown has in the fields of health, human rights, trade, national security, and intellectual property. For more information on the program, go to <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/graduate/globalhealth.htm>.

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## **Join us for Reunion Weekend, October 20-22, 2006**

All alumni are invited to reunion weekend but we want to extend a special invitation to those who graduated in years that end in "1" or "6." Activities will begin on Friday, October 20 and continue through Sunday, October 22. For more information go to:

<http://www.law.georgetown.edu/alumni/events/2006/reunion/index.html>.

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## **Law Reunion in Paris - Save the Date**

The Law Center is planning a reunion in Paris on May 4-6, 2007 for all our European alumni (and others who are looking for an excuse to go to Paris in the spring!). We will be providing more information later, but wanted to get the date on your calendars.

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## **Have You Moved or Changed Your Address?**

Please help us to keep our information current. If you have moved or changed your address, please update your alumni records by going to:

<http://www.law.georgetown.edu/forms/form.cfm?FormID=11>.

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## **Share Your News!**

We would love to hear what you're doing these days.

**Judge John O. Colvin**, J.D. '71, LL.M. (Taxation) '78, was elected Chief Judge of the U.S. Tax Court to serve a 2-year term beginning June 1, 2006. The election of the Chief Judge by the Judges of the Tax Court is undertaken biennially in accordance with statutory requirements.

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Judge Colvin received a B.A. degree from the University of Missouri, and a J.D. and LL.M. (Taxation) from Georgetown. Judge Colvin was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1971 and the District of Columbia Bar in 1974.

Judge Colvin was appointed by President Reagan as a Judge of the United States Tax Court on September 1, 1988, for a term ending August 31, 2003. He served as Senior Judge on recall performing judicial duties until he was reappointed by President George W. Bush on August 12, 2004, for a term ending August 11, 2019.

Judge Colvin was Tax Counsel for Senator Bob Packwood, 1975-84; Chief Counsel, 1985-87, and Chief Minority Counsel, 1987-88, U.S. Senate Finance Committee. He has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center since 1987.

Judge Colvin is married and has one son.

**Dr. Lazaros E. Panourgias**, LL.M. '96, has just had a book published: *Banking Regulation and World Trade Law* (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2006), with a foreword by Lord Brittan of Spennithorne.

Dr. Panourgias (LL.B., Athens; LL.M., Georgetown; M.A., Fletcher; Ph.D., King's College, London) is associate at Herbert Smith LLP (Financial Institutions Group) in London. A member of the Bar in Athens and New York, he has previously been affiliated with the British Institute of International and Comparative Law and worked as legal adviser at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and at the Harvard Law School Program on International Financial Systems. Dr. Panourgias regularly advises financial institutions on financial services issues and is publishing and lecturing on the European and international financial architecture.

**Sandeep Parekh**, LL.M. (Securities & Financial Regulation) '97, will soon head the legal team (in the rank of general counsel) to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). After getting his LL.M. degree, Sandeep worked for the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission and Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP in Washington, D.C. He takes up his position at Sebi after 5 years at P.H. Parekh & Co. in New Delhi.

If you have news you would like to share with us and with your fellow alumni, please contact Anne Cassidy, Associate Director for Communications (Publications) via email at [acc52@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:acc52@law.georgetown.edu).

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## **Please stop by for a Visit**

Next time you are in Washington, be sure to stop by the Alumni Welcome Center in the Eric Hotung International Law Building.

